



Saint Thomas the Apostle CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas, the Apostle Parish, Saint Thomas, the Apostle School and Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.



First Sunday in Lent

Parish Mission

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we the church answer the call of Christ to be a visible sign of His presence by participating in: Scripture and Sacraments, Worship and Prayer, Spiritual and Academic Education, Evangelization and Witnessing, Service and Charity, Fellowship and Community. Through our words and actions with our universal community of believers, we strive to share the love of God with the greater Oroville community and throughout the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish)
at St. Thomas in Oroville

Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM at
Saint Thomas in Oroville,
12:30 PM Saint Anthony's
in Challenge

Daily Mass

Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 6:00 PM
Wednesday-Friday:
8:30 AM

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PARISH INFORMATION /
INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Baptisms (Bautizos) Please contact the parish office
Sick Calls or Sacrament of Anointing (Unción de los Enfermos)

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible

Weddings (Matrimonios)

Minimum of six (6) months required for preparation. Please contact the parish office.

Funerals Please contact the parish office, for assistance in arranging a funeral service. We can also arrange a reception after the funeral if desired.

Sick Calls

Father Ramos would like to reach out to those parishioners who are homebound, or otherwise unable to attend Mass. If you, or someone you know, needs to receive a visit, or Sacraments you can find a Sick Call/Home Visit Request form in the Church Vestibule, the Parish Office or an on-line fillable electronic form, in English and Spanish, on the STAP website (<https://orvillecatholic.org>).

Announcements

Mass Intentions:

If you wish to have your intentions offered up at Mass, you may do so by contacting the Parish Office at 530-533-0262.

Soup and Stations

Beginning on Friday, February 16 we will have a simple soup meal in the Community Center at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45 PM. Join us in this annual Lenten tradition as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

With Gratitude

A belated thanks from The Altar Society to those who donated poinsettias. They have remained beautiful through the Christmas Season until the beginning of the Lent. God bless you for your generosity.

Notice to all LOCAL HS Seniors

The applications for the KofC Joseph C. Ghianda Memorial Scholarship are due on March 8, 2024. We will be awarding two \$1,000.00 scholarships

again this year. Contact your school's counseling office and when filling out the application you MUST check the Knights of Columbus box under groups or organizations your parent or grandparent is involved with. They MUST be in good standing with Council 2603. You may contact Jim Bruggeman at 530-534-1544 or e-mail at connieandjim4@gmail.com.

Thank You!

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society would like to thank all parishioners who donated goods to our recent rummage sale and to those of you who supported our mission by shopping our sale. We would also like to thank non-CLRS members who helped us to pack and clean up on Sunday.

40 Days for Life—Sacramento

Feb 14 – Mar 23, 2024

Join Us! We invite all Christians to participate in the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during a 40-day vigil in front of a Planned Parenthood Abortion Business, with other people of good will, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information and if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Deacon Danny Patterson 916-733-0133 or dpatterson@scd.org
Visit our website at: <https://www.scd.org/40DaysForLife>
All are welcome.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, February 18

8:00AM

10:30 AM

12:30 AM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Monday, February 19

8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 20

6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 AM

Thursday, February 22

8:30 AM

Friday, February 23

8:30 AM

Saturday, February 24

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Rosary: *St. Thomas* after the 8:30 AM Mass during weekdays, and after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM Tuesdays

4:00 PM Saturdays

Or by Appointment

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Every Tuesday: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Every Friday: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

3rd Saturday of Every Month, 8:00 PM



**Pregnant?
Worried?
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.
We can help.*

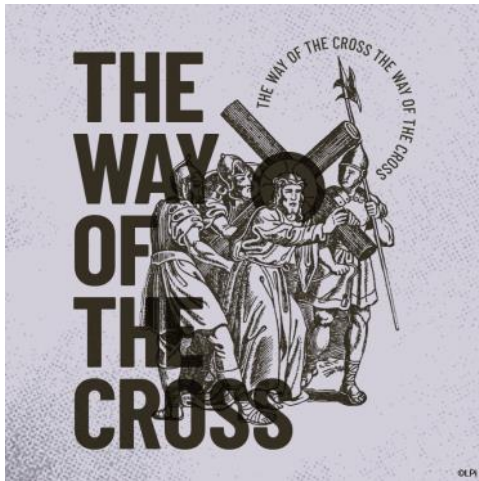
The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

Faith Formation Update

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”

-Matthew 18:10

Certificates of completion for Sacraments due next week 2/25/24. Required to receive Sacraments this year.



The Pastors Voice

What Every Catholic Should Know about Lent– Fasting

The very first fast was ordered by God to Adam in the Garden of Eden, when God instructed Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus abstained from food and water for 40 days and nights in the desert. Like Adam and Eve, Christ was tempted by the devil but instead remained obedient to God the Father. The fast is the weapon of protection against demons. — St. Basil the Great

As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is during this time we can deepen our awareness of his sacrifice on the Cross, as well as Jesus’ daily forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us. It should be noted, however, this personal sacrifice should be difficult but healthy, while respecting responsibilities.

For instance, giving up coffee for Lent takes little to no effort if one rarely or never drinks it. Along the same lines, going without something you enjoy regularly—like Netflix, if you watch it often—may seem like an impossible task, but is a small price to pay for a step closer to eternal salvation. A student electing not to do any homework for the Lenten weeks ignores his or her academic obligations and can suffer harmful ramifications. The decision not to use any illicit drugs only during Lent, and then resume the practice afterwards, contradicts our moral duty to obey civil laws and not participate in criminal activities.

Despite the challenge of fasting, we can take solace in knowing Jesus protects us during our struggle, as St. John Henry Newman reminds us: “Even in our penitential exercises, Christ has gone before us to sanctify them to us. He has blessed fasting as a means of grace, in that He fasted.” Tears of Christ

Following the example of Jesus, Catholics are called to fast.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/02/21/lent-101-what-every-catholic-should-know/>

What’s the point of fasting, anyway? | Catholic News Agency

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton	Ramirez
Thomas Edward	Jose Ignacio
Winter	Ramirez-
Ann Lewis	Gutierrez
(Loseke)	Jodi Williams
Alan Armstrong	Mason Ray
The Monsen	Williams
Family	John Ritter
Victor and Joan	Margaret
Briggs	Carnahan
Jimmy Potestio	Patricia Laird
Patty Webber-	Julie Silveira
Smith	Daniel Briggs
Jane Frericks	Jeffery Spoor
Ray Firpo	
Jose Ignacio	

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Observances for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: Presidents’ Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent