



# 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.



## Third 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

#### Fr. German Ramos

Parochial Administrator  
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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

#### Shirlee Ohls-Morris

Parish Bookkeeper

#### Mrs. Kelly Floyd

School Principal

#### Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

#### Mrs. Kattie May

School Secretary

[www.oroillecatholic.org](http://www.oroillecatholic.org)

#### Parish Office

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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**

On Fridays during Lent, 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.

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**Coffee Hour**

Sunday, March 3, 2024, coffee hour is hosted by the Guadalupana Society. Please stop by and enjoy fellowship and coffee!

**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](mailto:connieandjim4@gmail.com).

**Penance Service**

In preparation for Holy Week and the Easter celebration, we will have a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00PM. There will be scripture readings and a time of reflection with several priests available to hear confessions.

**Formation Opportunity**

In the gospel we heard Jesus say, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Why did Jesus say this?

Want to know more about Christ and his works? Franciscan Catechetical Institute offers the workshop, Christ: His Person and Works. Due to the diocesan partnership with Franciscan at Home, you can access this course and many others at no cost to you. Visit <https://franciscanathome.com/> search for the Diocese of Sacramento and follow the steps from there. Questions: Contact Lauralyn Solano [LSolano@scd.org](mailto:LSolano@scd.org) (916)733-0123

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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
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**Sunday, March 3**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, March 4**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 6**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, March 7**

8:30 AM

**Friday, March 8**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, March 9**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, March 10**

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



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## Faith Formation Update

God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love. - Saint Augustine

Thank you and congratulations to those families that completed the on-line courses for reception of the Sacraments this year. They will receive Baptism at the Easter Vigil this year, March 30th. First Holy Communion is on May 18th. First Reconciliation, to be announced.

## Eucharistic Camino

The next stop on the Eucharistic Camino is at Our Divine Savior in Chico from 8:30 AM Thursday, March 21 through 7 PM Friday, March 22, 2024. The church will be open for adoration continuously, along with other events, with refreshments, security, and passport stamping provided. Please visit <https://www.ourdivinesavior.org/eucharistic-revival> for more detailed information.

## 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	

## The Pastors Voice

*What Every Catholic Should Know about Lent- Prayer*

Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead to closer relationship with God is prayer. While talking with God is a practice Catholics and all Christians should conduct regularly no matter what point in the year, Lent presents us with an especially meaningful time to connect with our Lord and nurture our bond.

We can strengthen our relationship with God through deeper and more frequent prayer activity, such as Scripture readings before beginning our daily morning routine, or praying at mealtimes, commuting to work or school, or during nature walks and other such exercises.

Lent can also provide us a chance to pray in ways beyond simply asking things from God for ourselves. Praising him for his glory and wonder, acknowledging and thanking him for our many blessings and calling on God to intercede and aid in the lives of others are all examples of how we can appreciate God's presence and works.

**Tips for Praying** -There is no simple formula for praying, but here are a few tips for preparing yourself to enter into prayer.

First, what we do before praying is very important. Usually it's not helpful to rush into prayer. Perhaps spend a few moments quieting down and settling into a prayerful and comfortable position.

Second, finding a good, comfortable space where you are free of distractions can make a real difference. Silence and solitude can help us focus on reading a Scripture passage, or looking back on moments from my day/ life, and then reflect on how God may be speaking to me through them. A quiet place can help with that deeper listening to God's presence, as well as notice our response.

Lastly, let's admit that we might not always be able to set up for a good prayer period. We might not have time to quiet down and find a good, comfortable space. But we can trust that God meets us where we are. That means God can speak to us in the noise and confusion of our day. If you only have time to stop for a moment, call to mind God's presence, and speak a petition...that's prayer. And God delights in it!

So while Lent may seem demanding and perhaps uncomfortable, its purpose is definitely not to cause us pain. During this important season, we are given an opportunity for self-examination in order to better discover both our identity as children of God and the beautiful relationship with the Lord that can flow from that.

Catholic 101: What is prayer? How do I pray? - The Jesuit Post

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

### Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
 Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
*Scrutiny*: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Casimir

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins