



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.



Fifth 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
Wed-Fri: 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

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.

Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 17, 2024, coffee hour is hosted by Knights of Columbus' Pancake Breakfast. Please stop by and enjoy fellowship, pancakes, and coffee!

KC Pancakes

Knights of Columbus to host their monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 17th. Breakfast to include pancakes, eggs, sausage, hashed brown potatoes & drink. Adults \$8, Kids 5-12 \$4. Come and enjoy this meal with your parish family.

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 (916)733-0123

Gracias a la asociación diocesana con Franciscan at Home, puede acceder a este curso y a muchos otros sin costo alguno para usted. Visite <https://franciscanathome.com/> busque la Diócesis de Sacramento y siga los pasos desde allí. ¿Tiene Preguntas? Contacte a Lauralyn Solano LSolano@scd.org (916)733-0123

Easter Lilies for Our Church

Altar society members will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, March 30th. All parishioners are invited to help by donating Easter Lilies. Many folks donate a lily in remembrance of a family member or bring a lily as a gift of love--all are appreciated. The Easter Lilies between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. May our Lord Jesus bless you at Easter and always. Thank you --St Thomas Altar Society may be brought to the Parish Office on Tuesday, March 26th and Wednesday, March 27th between 9:00a.m.and noon. Lilies may also be brought to the church on Saturday March 30th between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. May our Lord Jesus bless you at Easter and always. Thank you --St Thomas Altar Society.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, March 17

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, March 18

8:30 AM

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 PM—Penance Service

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 AM

Thursday, March 21

8:30 AM

Friday, March 22

8:30 AM

Saturday, March 23

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, March 24

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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Worried?
Need Help?**

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Faith Formation

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”
Pope Benedict XVI

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...”
Pope Benedict XVI

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

History of the Catholic Canon—God's Love

We can say with confidence, that the year 397 at the council of Carthage is the official birth year of the Bible as we know it today. Still the question must be asked and answered, “Why did the creator of the universe inspire the writing of Holy Scripture for His creatures?”

THE ANSWER: God who is loving would likely desire relationship, a vehicle through which His love could flow. This desire for relationship is proven by the work of Christ. God sent His son to die so that the broken relationship with mankind would be restored. If God so desires relationship, mankind can assume He has the wisdom to use the tool that nourishes relationship: communication.

When God created humans, He desired to have open fellowship and communication with them. This is part of the “good” design of creation. Unfortunately, when mankind sinned, a communication gap was inevitably formed between them and God. It can be observed in Genesis 3 that God still longed for this open communication when He went searching for Adam and Eve. Yet because of sin, there was a breakdown between Creature and Creator. There is good news, however! God chose to continue to speak to mankind through His written Word. Because of this, there is hope. God has chosen to communicate in the context of human history so people can relate to and learn from these words, the same way the Church has for centuries. Because the Bible accurately records what God said and did, it has the same importance on paper as it did when God said or did it.”

The New Testament writings contain the final, authoritative, and sufficient interpretation of Christ's work of redemption. The apostles and their close companions report Christ's words and deeds and interpret them with absolute divine authority. When they have finished their writing, there is no more to be added with the same absolute divine authority. Thus, once the writings of the New Testament apostles and their authorized companions are completed, we have in written form the final record of everything that God wants us to know about the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and its meaning for the lives of believers for all time. Since this is God's greatest revelation for mankind, no more is to be expected once this is complete. . . The canon is now closed. The Old Testament contains the accounts of the beginning and the revelations of God leading up to the time of Christ. Christ is the completion of the revelation of God, and so the accounts regarding Christ and the clarifying of the Gospel are the completion of the written revelation of God. This is perhaps made most clear by the presence of the Book of Revelations, which stands with Genesis bookending the whole body of scripture. Scripture has its beginning, it has its end, and in the middle is the narrative of God's love.

Having established that God communicates, the next step is to establish our response to it. Simply put, if God is communicating, are humans listening? If the all-knowing, all-loving God puts forth the effort to communicate, we would be wise to position ourselves to receive the communicate which is the Bible.

<https://www.portlandbiblecollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Bibliology-and-Canonization.pdf>

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39