



# 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.



## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### 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

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

#### Saturday Vigil

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

#### Daily Mass

Monday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday: 6:00 PM  
Wed-Fri: 8:30 AM

#### Shirlee Ohls-Morris

Parish Bookkeeper

#### Parish Office

1330 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
Phone: 530-533-0262  
Fax: 530-533-1148  
Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM  
Fridays | 9AM-12PM, 1-3PM

#### Mrs. Kelly Floyd

School Principal

#### School Office

1380 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
Phone: 530-534-6969  
Fax: 530-534-9374  
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#### Sunday

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

#### Fr. German Ramos

Parochial Administrator  
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#### Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

#### Thomas O'Connell

Deacon

#### Mrs. Kattie May

School Secretary

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 require 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.

**Readings for the week of March 24, 2024**

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

**Observances for the week of March 24, 2024**

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

**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 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.

**Coffee Hour**

Sunday, March 24, 2024, coffee hour is hosted by the Thursday Rosary Group. Please stop by and enjoy fellowship and coffee!

**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.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
CALENDARIO LITURGICO**

**Sunday, March 24-Palm Sunday**  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

**Monday, March 25**  
8:30 AM

**Tuesday, March 26**  
6:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 27**  
8:30 AM

**Thursday, March 28**  
8:30 AM

**Friday, March 29**  
8:30 AM

**Saturday, March 30**  
5:30 PM (English)  
7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Sunday, March 31—Easter**  
8:00AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 AM @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

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” Saint Pope John Paul II

Apr 6, 2024 -Mandatory Practice Session – Confirmation - Year 2 Confirmation class and sponsors/parents - Arrive at church by 2pm - Reconciliation offered from 3pm to 5pm

Apr 13, 2024 Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:00am Confirmation Year 2, sponsors and parents - arrive 30 minutes early for seating - Wear white blouse/shirts and boys dark pants

### NO CLASS MARCH 31ST

## THE MASTER HAS NEED OF IT.

MK 11:3



### Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

## THE PASTORS VOICE

### History of the Catholic Canon – the fracture

REMINDER: A canon is a list of books considered an authority by a group of people, a list to which no more books may be added and from which none may be subtracted. The list is fixed, and so it is in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches since the year AD 397 and was throughout all of Christendom until the 16th century. Again, the question must be asked and answered; “What happened?” “What cleaved Christendom and spawned centuries of acrimony (anger and bitterness) and violence among the followers of Christ.”

The short answer: The Protestant Reformation. A MORE DETAILED ANSWER: a religious and political revolution that swept through Christendom in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Commonly known as “the Reformation,” it can more accurately be defined as “a Revolution”. A reformation operates from within, to correct abuses, to make an organization better, and to restore good habits. (There is no argument that the Church was in serious need of reform at that time in history). A revolution seeks to replace an organization with something new. The movement was not an authentic reform of the Catholic Church, but rather a revolution against what the Church believes, what it teaches, and how it worships. The early Protestant revolutionaries, such as Martin Luther, sought to replace the Catholic Church with what they believed was a return to a pristine manifestation of the Christian faith. It was Martin Luther who formulated the unique heretical teaching of sola fide – “God graciously justified us apart from our works”.

In 1521, Martin Luther began his translation of the Bible into German. What is crucial in the twenty-first century to understand is that Luther’s was not the first vernacular edition of the Bible in Germany. The oldest German Bible was produced in the eighth century at the monastery of Monse. By the fifteenth century, there were 36,000 German manuscript Bibles circulating in Germany, and a complete vernacular German Bible appeared in 1529, five years before Luther’s edition was published. While Luther’s translation was not the first to be translated into German, it did remove books from the Old Testament the same 7-books removed by the Rabbis after the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. It is well to remember that the Protestant myth that the Catholic Church supposedly added seven books to the Canon at the Council of Trent is still around and needs to be corrected by people who take the time and the trouble to examine the historical record.

The fruit of the Protestant Reformation is readily apparent from the thousands of different Christian groups present in the modern world in direct contradiction to the savior’s command for unity. Although not the intention of the early Reformers, their teachings brought division and disharmony among the followers of Jesus. The bedrock Protestant principles of sola fide and sola scriptura center religious authority on the individual, leading to the establishment of new Christian groups when disagreements arise. It is simply easier and more in keeping with individual interpretation of Scripture to found a new church than to submit to authority. The Center for Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, which is evangelical Protestant, estimates that there are currently 47,000 denominations. A far cry from – One, holy, catholic church. (catholic lower case “c” meaning universal)

Taken from – 20 Answers — ‘The Reformation’

- Steve Weidenkopf – Catholic Answers Press

A copy of this publication is in the parish office and available to be checked out.