



# 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 of Easter

### 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  
[www.stschool.net](http://www.stschool.net)

#### 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  
[frramosoro@gmail.com](mailto:frramosoro@gmail.com)

#### Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

#### Thomas O'Connell

Deacon

#### Mrs. Kattie May

School Secretary

PARISH INFORMATION / I  
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**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>)."

**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.

**Prayer Requests**

If you need someone added or removed from the prayer list on the bulletin, please email:

[saintthomasbulletin.oroille@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomasbulletin.oroille@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued prayers for those in need.

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour this week is hosted by the Teen Group. Please stop by, say hi, and enjoy some coffee!

**K of C Breakfast Next Week**

Knights of Columbus to host their monthly breakfast on Sunday, April 21st. Breakfast includes French Toast, eggs, sausage, hashed brown potatoes & drink. Adults \$8, Kids 5-12 \$4. Come and enjoy this meal with your parish family.

**Many Thanks**

During this Easter season, the Altar Society wishes to thank those who donated Easter Lilies for our parish celebration of The Resurrection of Our Lord. Your generosity is very much appreciated. May the joy of the Easter season remain with you throughout

**Announcements**

**30th Annual Walk for Life**

The 30th Annual Walk for Life is Saturday, April 27th at 9A.M. We will meet up on the Oroville Dam parking lot, and walk across the Dam and back, you may walk at your convenience.

The walk is a fundraiser for Caring for Woman Pregnancy Resource Center and to bring the Christian Community together in fellowship to support this vital ministry. We need and sincerely appreciate your support. The funds raised for the walk will give us the opportunity to touch lives by surrounding their clients with God's love and truth. If you have any questions, call the parish office at (530)533 0262 or Caring for Women at (530)533-8388. Thank you and God bless you for your support.

**Camp Pendola Work Weekends**

From the Diocese: Join us for one of our two work weekends at Camp Pendola in Camptonville, CA. We have many projects that are needed to get camp ready for the campers! Projects include painting, repairing cabin walls, clearing brush and blackberry bushes from trails. This year we have two weekends for you to choose from May 18 - 19 and May 25 - 27 lodging and meals will be provided to all who join us! Contact Bobbi Miller at [bmiller@scd.org](mailto:bmiller@scd.org) if you have any questions and to RSVP. (Camptonville is one hour from Oroville)

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

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

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
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- Sunday, April 14**  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
- Monday, April 15**  
8:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 16**  
6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 17**  
8:30 AM
- Thursday, April 18**  
8:30 AM
- Friday, April 19**  
8:30 AM
- Saturday, April 20**  
5:30 PM (English)  
7:00 PM (Spanish)
- Sunday, April 21**  
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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## THE PASTORS VOICE

### FAITH – The first Theological Virtue

The theological virtues must be supernaturally infused into the soul, thus, faith is not something that one can simply begin to practice, but something beyond our nature. We can open ourselves to the gift of faith through right action—through, for instance, the practice of the cardinal virtues and the exercise of right reason—but without the action of God, faith will never come to reside in our soul.

The Oxford American Dictionary presents as its first definition on faith, "complete trust or confidence in someone or something," and offers "one's faith in politicians" as an example. Most people understand instinctively that faith in politicians is an entirely different thing from faith in God. But the use of the same word tends to muddy the waters and to reduce the theological virtue of faith in the eyes of nonbelievers to nothing more than a belief that is strong, and in their minds irrationally, held. Thus faith is opposed, in the popular understanding, to reason; the latter, it is said, demands evidence, while the former is characterized by the willing acceptance of things for which there is no rational evidence.

In the Christian understanding, however, faith and reason are not opposed but complementary. Faith, the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, is the virtue "by which the intellect is perfected by a supernatural light," allowing the intellect to assent "firmly to the supernatural truths of Revelation." Faith is, as Saint Paul says in the Letter to the Hebrews, "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). It is, in other words, a form of knowledge that extends beyond the natural limits of our intellect, to help us grasp the truths of divine revelation, truths that we cannot arrive at purely by the aid of natural reason.

While the truths of divine revelation cannot be deduced through natural reason, they are not opposed to reason. As Saint Augustine famously declared, all truth is God's truth, whether revealed through the operation of reason or through divine revelation. The theological virtue of faith allows the person who has it to see how the truths of reason and of revelation flow from the same source.

That does not mean, however, that faith allows us to understand perfectly the truths of divine revelation. The intellect, even when enlightened by the theological virtue of faith, has its limits: In this life, man can never, for instance, fully grasp the nature of the Trinity, of how God can be both One and Three. As the Catholic Encyclopedia explains, "The light of faith, then, illumines the understanding, though the truth still remains obscure, since it is beyond the intellect's grasp; but supernatural grace moves the will, which, having now a supernatural good put before it, moves the intellect to assent to what it does not understand." Or, as a popular translation of the *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum* puts it, "What our senses fail to fathom/let us grasp through faith's consent."

Because faith is a supernatural gift of God, and because man has free will, we can freely reject faith. This can be devastating, because truths that were once grasped through the aid of this theological virtue may now become unfathomable to the unaided intellect.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/faith-a-theological-virtue-542120>

#### Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

THINK OF WHAT IS ABOVE, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.  
COLOSSIANS 3:2