



# 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.



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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**  
8:15 AM & 10:30 AM at  
Saint Thomas in Oroville,  
12:30 PM Saint Anthony's  
in Challenge

**Tuesday-Friday  
Daily Mass**  
8:30 AM

**Fr. Godwin Xavier**  
Parochial Administrator  
**Jesus Venegas**  
Deacon  
**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

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### Reading I Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

**R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from  
the earth.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears  
them,

and from all their distress he rescues  
them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he  
saves.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the troubles of the just one,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers  
him;

he watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### Reading II Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their hus-

bands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

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OR:

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church

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### Alleluia Jn 6:63c, 68c

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

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### Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of an ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me

unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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**Sunday, August 22 | 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, August 23**

There is no Daily Mass today.

**Tuesday, August 24 | St. Bartholomew**

8:30 AM

**Wednesday, August 25**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, August 26**

8:30 AM

**Friday, August 27**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, August 28 | St. Monica**

5:30 (English)

7:00 (Spanish)

**Rosary:** *St. Thomas*; after the 8:30 AM Mass during weekdays, and after the 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

First Fridays, after the 8:30 AM Mass until Noon.

Third Saturdays Following the 7:00 PM Mass, overnight.

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton

Thomas Edward

Winter

Ann Lewis (Loseke)

Alan Armstrong

The Monsen Family

Victor and Joan Briggs

Jimmy Potestio

Mary Becceril

Jon Hoffman

Patty Webber-Smith

PARISH INFORMATION / I  
NFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL  
OFFICE HOURS: TUE—FRI 9:00 AM—  
12:00 PM

**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 con-  
tact the parish office.

### Sick Calls

If any of your family members are ill or  
getting sick, please consider conferring the  
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please  
call our parish office at 533-0262 and leave  
the persons name, physical address and  
the contact number of the caller. The  
priest will call you back at his earliest  
convenience. If you need a Eucharistic  
Minister, please call our office.

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for  
your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord  
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you  
take away the sins of the world, have  
mercy on us; you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at  
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on  
us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone  
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things  
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only  
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father  
before all ages. God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten,  
not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made. For us  
men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became  
man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pon-

tius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance  
with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through  
the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins and I look forward to the resurrection of  
the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### Announcements

#### Food Drive

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society are col-  
lecting non perishable items for the Salva-  
tion Army Food Bank. Please bring your  
boxed or canned food items to share, to  
help those in need, in our community.  
Thanks and God Bless you.

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

2021 - 2022 Retreats

Spanish: November 19-21, 2021

English: February 4-6, 2022

English: August 12-14, 2022

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew,  
rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abor-  
tion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive,  
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ment where women

and men can express, release and reconcile  
painful abortion emotions and begin the  
process of restoration, renewal and healing.

For information

Call 916.733.0161 or email projectra-  
chel@scd.org.

All messages are confidential.

#### Heart - Retreat for Fathers, Father Figures and all Men

Saturday, October 16, 2021 | 9am - 5pm |

\$25 / person (Lunch included) St.

Philomene Church, 2428 Bell St., Sacra-

mento, CA 95825 "Man with the Father's

Heart". We invite all men 18 years and old-

er to come for a day of conversation, prayer

and community, where we will discover

what our Lord is calling us to become: "An

Obedient Father like St. Joseph". Includes

keynotes by Bishop Jaime Soto (virtually),

Rev. Loreto "Bong" Rojas (Holy Spirit Par-

ish), Sean Bryan (the Papal Ninja), and

Deacon Ken Crawford (St. Clare Parish), as

well as opportunities for confessions, par-  
ticipation in Mass and Holy Hour. Regis-  
ter by October 11: <https://tinyurl.com/josephretreat>

For more information, contact Alejandro  
Barraza at 916-733-0134 or abarra-  
za@scd.org

### A Note on Masks

The Diocese of Sacramento issued a new  
letter for Bishop Soto dated 30 July. In this  
letter which Father shared last week at  
mass, the Diocese stated that they are  
encouraging people to wear masks at mass,  
but have not mandated it. The Bishop's  
letter stated: "Wearing masks and follow-  
ing other practical public health protocols  
is an act of charity and respect for one an-  
other." There are also no restrictions at  
this time, regarding numbers of attendees.  
Please pray for an end to this pandemic.

### Tools Needed

Have a bunch of old tools you don't know  
what to do with? St. Thomas could use  
them. The parish is looking for tools to  
help maintain the Church and school  
buildings. Please donate any used hand  
tools for the church maintenance shop. For  
more information call Jim Coffelt 534 9710

### THANK YOU!

"Many hands make light work"...except  
when working a Catholic Ladies rummage  
sale on a hot August weekend! Thank you  
to all the big and small jobs done by so  
many to make our semi-annual sale a won-  
derful success. So many treasures arrived  
on Friday and so many went out the door  
Saturday and Sunday. The cherry on the  
top was literally the cake, cookies, fruit,  
and so much more enjoyed by those who  
joined us for the first coffee hour in  
months. THANK YOU SAINT THOMAS  
FAMILY!!!



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