

# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## Assumption of Our Lady Mission

Father Sampson Abdulai

Oct 27 & 28, 2018

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### MINISTRIES

#### EUCCHARISTIC

##### St. Thomas

Sat Oct 27 Vergie Encalade Sun Oct 28 Roman & Betty Duplessis

Sat Nov 3 Margie Encalade Sun Nov 4 Montika Mims

##### Assumption

Sun Oct 28 Christian Beshel & Jena LaFrance

Sun Nov 4 Lanny & Jean LaFrance

#### LECTORS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Oct 27 Garland Tinson Sun Oct 28 Yvette Griffin

Sat Nov 3 Trent Tinson Sun Nov 4 Francis Isidore

##### Assumption

Sun Oct 28 Joni Beshel

Sun Nov 4 Francis Isidore

#### CLEANERS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 3 Millie Narcisse

Sat Nov 10 Deborah Bartholomew

##### Assumption

Sat Nov 3 Francis & Cheryl Isidore

Sat Nov 10 Lucia Sylvester

#### COUNTERS

Sun Oct 28

St. Thomas— Group 2

Assumption—Group 3

## Sacrificial Giving

Oct 20 & 21, 2018

##### St. Thomas—

1st Collection \$ 806.00

2nd Collection \$ 31.00

Special Collection \$ 179.00

##### Assumption

1st Collection \$ 630.00

2nd Collection \$

Special Collection \$ 106.00

#### READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal-Please refer to page 1069 for the Mass readings. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time - Year B

*In your prayers...*

Emelda Bentley, Irna Blazio, Carolyn Espadron Blow, Ann & Ralph Buras, Lucien Cusimano, Augustine Ellis, Dorothy Encalade, Elvis Griffin, Merv Griffin, Beatrice Harvey, Juliette Isidore, Augustine Lumar, Jimmy-Ann Manich, Maryrose and Michael Manichia, Annette Manuel, Tanner and Virginia Messina, Lennon Meyers, Danny Miller, Ida Mims, Ginori Moliere, Leona Narcisse, Cecilia Piacun, Lola Plaisance, Arthur Reddick Sr, Barbara Riley, Jena Serigne, Veronica Simmons, Kyle Stodden, Wayne Sullivan, Andrea Sylve, Dorothy Tinson, Joyce Tinson, John Trumbaturi Jr, Valerie Messina Wood & Leary Young



### ST. THOMAS

Sat Oct 27 Nalon Narcisse

By: Vergie Encalade

Sun Oct 28 Parishioners

### ASSUMPTION

Sun Oct 28

Jules Cousin

By Emma Cousin & Fly

Marc LaFrance, Lorraine LaFrance and Celestino & Rita Molero By: Lanny & Jean LaFrance Phil, Sal III & John Manichia and Johnny

Morino

By: MaryRose Manichia

Kenneth Miller Jr.

By: Joyce Ackerman & Fly

A.J. Simpson

By: Brandt & Shanana LaFrance

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### IN MEMORY OF

Salvador Manichia Jr.

By: Manichia Family

*May the Souls of all the faithfully  
Departed through the Mercy of God  
Rest in Peace. Amen*

## PASTORS CORNER

My dear people of God, today's ceremony of installation of me as Pastor is a significant aspect of the Church's ministry. It ensures that God's people have someone to journey with them in their pilgrimage here on earth; it also ensures that the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people are adequately taken care of. The lot has fallen on me to offer this assistance and service to you all. I pledge without reservation that I will be father to all with God's help.

I am Fr. Sampson Abdulai from the Catholic Diocese of Yendi, Ghana. I was born on January 27, 1978. I come from a family of seven siblings: one brother and five sisters. I had my priestly training in Ghana and was ordained into the eternal priesthood of Christ on November 17, 2012 by Most Rev. Vincent Sowah Boi-Nai, SVD.

After my ordination I served my Diocese back in Ghana in the following capacities: Associate Pastor, Pastor, Acting Chancellor, Diocesan Master of Ceremony/Liturgist and Director of Communications. Today, I am being installed as Pastor of St. Thomas/Assumption here in the United States. I remember fondly, last year when I was here in New Orleans to do a couple of mission appeals, I lived here in St. Thomas with Fr. Labre and occasionally had Mass and other interactions with parishioners of both churches.

When my mission was over and I had to return home, I had no single thought that I would return to live and work among you all as your Pastor. As if that was not enough, I remember receiving your gifts appreciating me among you. When I received the news of coming back to work here, it occurred to me as if the gifts I received were to say "take this as our gratitude but come back to us". I am indeed back!!!

I have so soon made three months and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm reception since my arrival; many people have worked and continue to work behind the scenes to keep both church communities going. I thank you. Many of you have been concerned about how I am adapting; some have offered me food. I thank the pastoral and finance councils and the pastoral assistant – Joni - for her support and hard work. I appreciate all of you. God bless and replenish you.

I thank Fr. Michael Labre for all the work he did here; I know he has left big shoes for me to fill.

I know I cannot fill his shoes adequately but what I can promise you all is that I will offer the best of my abilities and what is humanly possible.

All of you who have graced my installation especially the friends and invited guests, I thank you and may God replenish you abundantly.

Let me say that "life is always a learning process"; and no one has it all. I have come with an open heart and mind to work and to learn. I welcome whatever will make our community vibrant and full of Faith. I therefore appeal that we all put our hands on deck so that together the Lord will journey with us.

***God is good all the time.... And all the time God is good.... And that is His Nature!!!***

***Rev. Sampson Abdulai***

### **Important Dates**

***Oct 28*** ***Father Sampson's Installation at St. Thomas for 10am. – No Mass will take place at Assumption.***

***Oct 27-28*** ***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Second Collection will be for Parish Shares.***

***Nov 1*** ***All Saints Day-(Day of Obligation) Blessing of the Cemeteries, begin 4pm at St. Martin de Porres, then to St. Thomas with Mass following at 6pm at St. Thomas.***

***Nov 2*** ***All Soul's Day—The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.***

***Nov 4*** ***31st Sunday in Ordinary time-Second Collection will be for Parish Shares.***

***Nov 4*** ***Daylight Saving time ends.***

***Nov 6*** ***Election Day***

***Nov 11*** ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Second Collection is for Parish Shares.***

***Nov 11*** ***Veterans Day, which is observed on Nov. 12th.***

***Nov 14*** ***Deanery Meeting at St. Bernard Church***

***Nov 18*** ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Second Collection will be for Catholic campaign for Human Develop.***

### **Retreats & Classes**

***Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a four-part course on Sacraments & Worship. Sr. Jeanne Moore, OP will be the instructor. To register go to nolaore.org or call 504-682-7070. You can find more info about this course on the bulletin board in the Foyer.***

### **Announcements**

***You will find Census forms in the Foyer. Please fill them out and you can drop them in the collection basket.***

***All Saints Day Nov 1st. Blessing of the cemeteries will begin at St. Martin de Porres at 4pm, followed by St. Thomas and then Mass. If you have not cleaned up around your loved ones, please do so soon.***

# Celebrations

## St. Louis IX Medallion

### Sacrament of First Communion

Congratulations to the class of 2018

Dominican Sisters of Peace, Sr. Jeanne will offer prayer and study sessions monthly in St. Bernard on a variety of topics.

May 26-27 S Summers in St. Bernard & Plaquemines mean ... Creole tomatoes, fresh corn, shrimp, long evenings, sultry temps, school's out, barbecues and etc...We're back in ordinary time every Sunday; however, God is never ordinary.

Join me (Sister Jeanne) for some reflections on how to recognize God this summer! Fri., June 1 from 1-3pm and Sat., June 2 from 10am—12noon. To register and get directions to the retreat-like meeting space near St. Bernard Church: call or text 504-259-0781 or NJMooreOP@gmail.com  
second Collection will be for Assessment.

*The Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life apostolate is sponsoring a Retrouville weekend. This is a program for hurting marriages, which is being held from July 6-8, in Bay St. Louis, MS.*

*For more info, call 504-861-6243 or go to the Retrouville web site ([www.retrouville.org](http://www.retrouville.org)). There will be other future dates offered as well.*

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*\*Note..When writing checks for the special Collections, please write it out to our Church and not who we are collecting for. The office will send a Church check to them for the full amount owed. Thank You!*

