

# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## Assumption of Our Lady Mission

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Nov 17 & 18, 2018

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### MINISTRIES

#### EUCCHARISTIC

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 17 Vergie Encalade Sun Nov 18 Laverne Tarrence  
 Sat Nov 24 Margie Encalade Sun Nov 25 Roman & Betty Duplessis

##### Assumption

Sun Nov 18 Christian Beshel & Jena LaFrance  
 Sun Nov 25 Lanny & Jean LaFrance

#### LECTORS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 17 Garland Tinson Sun Nov 18 Laverne Tarrence  
 Sat Nov 24 Trent Tinson Sun Nov 25 Diondra DeMolle

##### Assumption

Sun Nov 18 Lucien Cusimano  
 Sun Nov 25 Monica Nicosia

#### CLEANERS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 24 Margie Encalade  
 Sat Dec 1 Alice Barthelemy

##### Assumption

Sat Nov 24 Joni Beshel  
 Sat Dec 1 Francis & Cheryl Isidore

#### COUNTERS

Sun Nov 18  
 St. Thomas— Group 2  
 Assumption—Group 3

## Sacrificial Giving

Nov 10 & 11, 2018

##### St. Thomas—

1st Collection	\$	1201.50
2nd Collection	\$	232.30
Special Collection	\$	

##### Assumption

1st Collection	\$	761.00
2nd Collection	\$	50.00
Special Collection	\$	

#### READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal-Please refer to page 1074 for the Mass readings. Thirty-Third 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, Leslie Klemm Augustine Lumar, Jimmy-Ann Manich, Maryrose and Michael Manichia, Annette Manuel, Tanner and Virginia Messina, Lennon Meyers, Danny Miller, Ginori Moliere, Leona Narcisse, Jameson Novotny, Cecilia Piacun, Lola Plaisance, Dominick Rando, 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



**Mass Intentions**

### ST. THOMAS

Sat Nov 17 Parishioners

Sun Nov 18 Kevin "Charlie" Narcisse, Karlan "Quan" Narcisse, Mary & Joseph Williams and Anthony Williams **By: Rayolga Narcisse**

### ASSUMPTION

Sun Nov 18 Buras, Meyer & Nicosia Families **By Monica Nicosia**

Jules Cousin **By: Emma Cousin & fly**

Rene' Thomason Gutierrez ( Nov. 17th)

**By: Richard & Margaret Melerine**

Marc LaFrance and Celestino & Rita Molero

**By: Lanny & Jean LaFrance**

Eleanor Cusimano Richard

**By: Lucien & Marilyn Cusimano**

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### IN MEMORY OF

*Gloria Yash*

**By: Don & Joni Beshel**

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

## PASTORS CORNER

*Are you prepared???*

Dear people of God, this Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgement.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. May this week's celebration of thanksgiving renew our allegiance and total dependence on God for our protection, security, freedom and all that we need; may we be ready always for the coming of the Lord. Amen

***God is good all the time and all the time God is good and that is His Nature!!!***

***Rev. Sampson Abdulai***

## Important Dates

**Nov 17-18** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time-Second Collection will be for Catholic Campaign for human Development.

**Nov 18** Youth Mass at Assumption

**Nov 22** Thanksgiving Day (The office will be closed)

**Nov 25** Feast of Our Christ the King.

**Nov 27** #GivingTuesday (online donation)

**Dec 2** First Sunday of Advent.

**Dec 2** St. Thomas Ladies & Men Auxiliary Meeting will take place in the Church hall at 2 pm.

## Retreats & Classes

**Safe Environment Training**

Monday, December 10th, 7-8:30pm at Archbishop Shaw

**Basic workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Saturday, December 15, 9am-12:00 noon at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Chalmette.**

## Announcements

**The Office of Black Catholic Ministries** will be hosting the play Tolton: From Slave to Priest on November 30th and December 1st at Tulane's McAlister Auditorium. To purchase tickets you may contact Alecia Bloodworth at 504-861-6207.

**St. Thomas' "Gifts for our Seniors", 80 years and older** will take place on December 1st at 5pm Mass and December 2nd at 9am Mass.

**The Archdiocesan Gospel Choir Christmas Concert** will take place on Sunday, December 2nd from 3-5PM at Corpus Christi -Epiphany, 2022 St. Bernard Ave. N.O.

**For #GivingTuesday gift donations, please share on your media outlets with 10 of your friends and ask your friends to share with 10 of their friends and so on.**

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