

# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## Assumption of Our Lady Mission

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Dec 8 & 9, 2018

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### MINISTRIES

#### EUCCHARISTIC

##### St. Thomas

Sat Dec 8 Vergie Encalade Sun Dec 9 Rechelle Ragas  
Sat Dec 15 Margie Encalade Sun Dec 16 Laverne Tarrence

##### Assumption

Sun Dec 9 Christian Beshel & Jena LaFrance  
Sun Dec 16 Lanny & Jean LaFrance

#### LECTORS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Dec 8 Garland Tinson Sun Dec 9 Yvette Griffin  
Sat Dec 15 Trent Tinson Sun Dec 16 Laverne Tarrence

##### Assumption

Sun Dec 9 Francis Isidore  
Sun Dec 16 Shanana LaFrance

#### CLEANERS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Dec 15 Deborah Bartholomew  
Sat Dec 22 Vergie Encalade

##### Assumption

Sat Dec 15 Cheryl Lay  
Sat Dec 22 Joni Beshel

#### COUNTERS

Sun Dec 9  
St. Thomas—Group 2  
Assumption—Group 3

## Sacrificial Giving

Dec 1 & 2, 2018

##### St. Thomas—

1st Collection	\$	911.00
2nd Collection	\$	81.00
Special Collection	\$	142.00

##### Assumption

1st Collection	\$	895.00
2nd Collection	\$	23.00
Special Collection	\$	160.00

#### READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal—Please refer to page 1079 for the Mass readings. Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

*In your prayers...*

Emelda Bentley, Ina 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, Virginia & Wanda 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



### ST. THOMAS

Sat Dec 8 Parishioners

Sun Dec 9 Parishioners

### ASSUMPTION

Sun Dec 9 Dorothy Corso Lezina, Nellie Mae Lezina & Arabella Ray Robin By: Donna Lezina  
Jules Cousin By: Rosalie & Wayne Oubret  
Sybil Johnson By: Don & Joni Beshel  
Marc LaFrance and Celestino & Rita Molero  
By: Lanny & Jean LaFrance  
Sal Manichia III By: MaryRose Manichia & Fly  
Kenny Miller Jr. By: Joyce Ackermann & Fly  
Frankie Wamble & Pam Wegener  
By: Brandt & Shanana LaFrance

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### IN MEMORY OF

*All Past Parishioners*

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

## PASTORS CORNER

### *Are you prepared?*

Once a certain village king was called to make a journey to another kingdom; the journey required travelling through a vast forest, so he requested several of his subjects to accompany him. He put one of them in charge preparing everyone for the trip, and soon they were on their way.

As the sojourners were making their way through the forest, they suddenly encountered a tiger. The king requested a gun from the subject he put in charge. His subject told him that he hadn't thought to bring a gun. The king became very enraged and told him - "You are such a fool! How could you have forgotten to prepare for any such possibility on our journey?" Then handing him over a stick he said, "Here - take this stick and lead us on to our destination. And then carry it always with you until you find someone who is a bigger fool than you, and then you can pass it on to him."

The subject went on to keep the stick the king gave him for many years. As the time passed the king became old and ill. The end of his life neared and so he began receiving visits from his subjects at his bedside. One day, the man whom he had rewarded with the stick for being 'such a fool' arrived to see the king. He was still carrying the stick. He came to the king and said to him - "Your Majesty, if you allow me, may I ask you a question?" And after permission was granted, he gently asked the king - "My Lord, have you prepared well for this important journey you are about to take?" The king looked at him with surprise and then he said - "Prepared for this journey? I'm ill and near death. How would I have prepared for such a journey?" "Then," said the subject, gently handing him the stick, "you have this stick and keep it with you." And then he walked away quietly.

We are in the Holy Season of Advent and today is the second Sunday. Advent is actually a time of hope and also a time for spiritual preparation for the coming of Our Lord not only at Christmas, which we celebrate every year, but also for His second & final coming at the end of time. Let us then be prepared while journeying towards heaven, our true home, our final destination. The Gospel Reading of today presents St. John the Baptist as our model for Advent preparation; he is the precursor who announced the Lord's coming and who prepared the people by preaching to them the 'baptism of repentance.' Not to say he himself was fully prepared for his special mission. Are you prepared?

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

***Rev. Sampson Abdulai***

## Important Dates

**Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Dec 8-9 Second Sunday of Advent. Our second collection will for the Retirement fund for Religious Appeal.**

**Dec 11 St. Thomas Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish hall.**

**Dec 12 Assumption Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish hall.**

**Dec 15-16 Third Sunday of Advent. Our second collection will be for Parish Shares.**

**Dec 18 St. Thomas Finance Council Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish hall.**

**Dec 18 Assumption Finance Council Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish hall.**

**Dec 22 St. Thomas CCD class will perform their Christmas Pageant.**

**Dec 22-23 Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our second collection is for Parish Shares.**

**Dec 24 Christmas Vigil - Assumption at 4pm, along with the CCD class performing their Christmas play and St. Thomas Christmas Vigil at 12 midnight.**

**Dec 24-25 Our Second collection will be for Christmas Offering.**

**Dec 25 The Nativity of The Lord—Christmas St. Thomas Mass 9am. No Mass will be at Assumption.**

**Dec 29-30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Feast of the Holy Family.**

**Second collection will be for Parish Shares.**

**Dec 31 New Years Vigil - Assumption at 4pm and St. Thomas at 11pm.**

**Jan 1, 2019 New Years Mass at St. Thomas for 10am. No Mass at Assumption.**

## Classes, Retreats & Workshops

**Safe Environment Training**

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

**What is Spiritual Direction?**

**This Day of Prayer will take place on Wednesday, December 19th from 7-9pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center located at 2501 Maine Ave, Metairie. For more info call 504-861-3254.**

## Announcements

**Our Church Parish is proud to announce our new Website; [myparishstthomas.org](http://myparishstthomas.org). The website address has been added to the bulletin.**

**St. Thomas received \$246.60 from our #iGiveCatholic Tuesday. We will be sending out thank you cards to show our appreciation to our donors.**

**Looking for ambassadors for next year!**

**#iGiveCatholic Tuesday, December 3, 2019**



