

St. Thomas Catholic Church

Assumption of Our Lady Mission

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Nov 24 & 25, 2018

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MINISTRIES

EUCCHARISTIC

St. Thomas

Sat Nov 24 Margie Encalade Sun Nov 25 Roman & Betty Duplessis

Sat Dec 1 Alice Barthelemy Sun Dec 2 Montika Mims

Assumption

Sun Nov 25 Lanny & Jean LaFrance

Sun Dec 2 Greg & Gina Meyer

LECTORS

St. Thomas

Sat Nov 24 Trent Tinson Sun Nov 25 Diondra DeMolle

Sat Dec 1 Vergie Encalade Sun Dec 2 Chad Encalade

Assumption

Sun Nov 25 Monica Nicosia

Sun Dec 2 Joni Beshel

CLEANERS

St. Thomas

Sat Dec 1 Alice Barthelemy

Sat Dec 8 Millie Narcisse

Assumption

Sat Dec 1 Francis & Cheryl Isidore

Sat Dec 8 Lucia Sylvester

COUNTERS

Sun Nov 25

St. Thomas— Group 3

Assumption—Group 1

Sacrificial Giving

Nov 17 & 18, 2018

St. Thomas—

1st Collection \$ 866.25

2nd Collection \$

Special Collection \$ 258.74

Assumption

1st Collection \$ 535.00

2nd Collection \$

Special Collection \$ 107.00

READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal-Please refer to page 1076 for the Mass readings. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 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

Thur Nov 22 Parishioners (Thanksgiving)

Sat Nov 24 Parishioners

Sun Nov 25 Parishioners

ASSUMPTION

Thur Nov 22 Vincent, Mary & Jake DiCarlo and Josephine, Jake & Sammy DiCarlo

By The DiCarlo Family

Sat Nov 24 Judy Palazzo By: Richard & Margaret Melerine

Sun Nov 25 Buras, Meyer & Nicosia Families
 By Monica Nicosia

Dorothy Corso Lezina, Nellie Mae Lezina and Arabella Ray Robin (Living) By: Donna Lezina

Jules Cousin By: Grace DiCarlo & Fly

Irvin & Mary Galle and Irvin Galle Jr.

By: Debbie & Mike Manichia & Fly

Marc LaFrance and Celestino & Rita Molero

By: Lanny & Jean LaFrance

Kenny Miller Jr. By: Joyce Ackermann & Fly

SANCTUARY LIGHT

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Lambert

PASTORS CORNER

Christ the King!

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all. We thank God for bringing us to the end of the Liturgical Year; May we be led by our eyes of Faith to see the TRUTH: JESUS CHRIST.

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

Rev. Sampson Abdulai

Important Dates

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.

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