

St. Thomas Catholic Church

Assumption of Our Lady Mission

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Dec 15 & 16, 2018

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MINISTRIES

EUCCHARISTIC

St. Thomas

Sat Dec 15 Margie Encalade Sun Dec 16 Laverne Tarrence
Sat Dec 22 Alice Barthelemy Sun Dec 23 Roman & Betty Duplessis

Assumption

Sun Dec 16 Lanny & Jean LaFrance
Sun Dec 23 Greg & Gina Meyer

LECTORS

St. Thomas

Sat Dec 15 Trent Tinson Sun Dec 16 Laverne Tarrence
Sat Dec 22 Vergie Encalade Sun Dec 23 Angela Encalade

Assumption

Sun Dec 16 Shanana LaFrance
Sun Dec 23 Lucien Cusimano

CLEANERS

St. Thomas

Sat Dec 22 Vergie Encalade
Sat Dec 29 Margie Encalade

Assumption

Sat Dec 22 Joni Beshel
Sat Dec 29 Francis & Cheryl Isidore

COUNTERS

Sun Dec 16
St. Thomas— Group 3
Assumption—Group 1

Sacrificial Giving

Dec 8 & 9, 2018

St. Thomas—

1st Collection	\$	721.25
2nd Collection	\$	
Special Collection	\$	202.77

Assumption

1st Collection	\$	535.00
2nd Collection	\$	
Special Collection	\$	90.00

READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal—Please refer to page 1081 for the Mass readings. Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

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, 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



Mass Intentions

ST. THOMAS

Sat Dec 15 Parishioners

Sun Dec 16 Parishioners

ASSUMPTION

Sun Dec 16 Jules Cousin

By: Rosalie & Wayne Oubret

Clifton & Ryan Harvey By: Beatrice Harvey

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

Glenn Viau By: Lucien & Marilyn Cusimano

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

Rejoice!

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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

Rev. Sampson Abdulai

Important Dates

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 19 Assumption Finance Council Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish hall.

Dec 20 Assumption Advent Recollection, Thursday from 6-7pm.

Dec 21 First day of Winter.

Dec 22 St. Thomas Advent Recollection from 4-5pm and CCD class will perform their Christmas Pageant at the 5pm Vigil.

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

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

Confession (Advent Recollection)

Assumption on Thursday, December 20th from 5-6pm. St. Thomas on Saturday, December 22nd from 4-5pm.

Family Life meet and greet on the third Sunday of every month, January 20th at Assumption hall after 11am Mass

Monsignor David Walker will join us on Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th, to speak on behalf of Food For The Poor by providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father will begin visiting the sick and offering communion. Please let us know who is in need of a visit.

