

# St. Thomas Catholic Church

## Assumption of Our Lady Mission

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Nov 10 & 11, 2018

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### MINISTRIES

#### EUCCHARISTIC

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 10 Alice Barthelemy Sun Nov 11 Rechele Ragas  
 Sat Nov 17 Vergie Encalade Sun Nov 18 Laverne Tarrence

##### Assumption

Sun Nov 11 Greg & Gina Meyer  
 Sun Nov 18 Christian Beshel & Jena LaFrance

#### LECTORS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 10 Vergie Encalade Sun Nov 11 Angela Encalade  
 Sat Nov 17 Garland Tinson Sun Nov 18 Laverne Tarrence

##### Assumption

Sun Nov 11 Shanan LaFrance  
 Sun Nov 18 Lucien Cusimano

#### CLEANERS

##### St. Thomas

Sat Nov 17 Vergie Encalade  
 Sat Nov 24 Margie Encalade

##### Assumption

Sat Nov 17 Cheryl Lay  
 Sat Nov 24 Joni Beshel

#### COUNTERS

Sun Nov 11  
 St. Thomas— Group 1  
 Assumption—Group 2

## Sacrificial Giving

Nov 3 & 4, 2018

##### St. Thomas—

1st Collection	\$ 1009.75
2nd Collection	\$ 122.00
Special Collection	\$ 86.00

##### Assumption

1st Collection	\$ 872.00
2nd Collection	\$ 45.00
Special Collection	\$

#### READINGS

St. Augustine Hymnal-Please refer to page 1072 for the Mass readings. Thirty-Second 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, Ida Mims, 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 Nov 10 Travis & Cory Thomas

By: Vergie Encalade

Sun Nov 11 Rudolph Cosse, Louis & Daisy Narcisse & Anthony Narcisse

By: Rolanda Barthelemy

All deceased Parishioners By: Morbia Narcisse

### ASSUMPTION

Sun Nov 11 Buras, Meyer & Nicosia Families

By: Monica Nicosia

Marc LaFrance, Lorraine LaFrance and Celestino & Rita Molero By: Lanny & Jean LaFrance  
 Bill McKenna & Jerry McKenna

By: Barbara McKenna

Kenneth Miller Jr. By: Dan & Mercedes Caluda

Mary Marino Palazzo & Eleanor Cusimano

Richard By: Lucien & Marilyn Cusimano

A.J. Simpson By: Brandt & Shanan LaFrance

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### IN MEMORY OF

*Bertrand "Tudy" Foch*

By: Lucien & Marilyn Cusimano

*Merlin Encalade*

By: Lillian Narcisse Edwards

## PASTORS CORNER

I welcome you to the thirty-second Sunday in ordinary time; I welcome particularly all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

No pain, no gain. We have all either heard or said these words in relationship to physical excising. The idea is that unless you exert enough strain to cause discomfort in your muscles, you cannot expect them to grow and become stronger. That is why an Olympian has to continually push himself or herself in order to become better than they were a month ago.

This is exactly the case presented to us in today's gospel. Jesus does not mix words in teaching us the meaning of true giving. He first warns those in positions of authority, whether secular or ecclesiastic, that we are called to serve, not to be served. The scribes during the time of Jesus were guilty of using their positions of authority to set themselves apart. They liked the idea of "putting themselves on a pedestal.

Today's reading is such an example. Mark shifts from warning the scribes about not being humble servants to teach yet another lesson. Several Sundays ago, we heard Jesus' warning that it is very difficult for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God. In today's reading Jesus gives us a clearer understanding of what he means. In observing the practice of the rich giving at the temple, he knows that their giving is not causing them any pain. Mark recalls that even though they gave in large sums, they were giving from their surplus wealth. Jesus then compares that to the poor widow, whose two small coins represented giving that was to cause her severe pain because of her poverty. The widow knew more than anyone the meaning of "no pain, no gain."

In our daily lives, we are often presented with situations that provide a catalyst for spiritual growth. But, if our response does not cause us any real sacrifice, what merit is there in that. Real challenges in life are those that really make us go out of our way. Real challenges are those that allow us an opportunity to put someone else ahead of our needs and desires. Whether this challenge is based on giving our time, talent, or treasure, the real issue here is simply this—Is our effort causing us to exhibit sacrifice? The result is not only humbling, it is also what our Lord is expecting from us. Not only did Jesus preach how we are to serve others in this life, but he gave us the supreme example. He showed us how much he unconditionally loved us through his passion and death. While he does not necessarily expect that from us, he does expect that we will be God-like to others by a giving that results in some kind of sacrifice. Let us pray that through this Eucharist, we may come to the awareness of God's expectations.

Let us consider that on the final judgement day, our Lord may not be so much interested in the wrong things that we did, but rather the things we did not do with the gifts he bestowed on us. Let us fully understand and appreciate that to live out the spiritual life to its fullest, we will have to do what athletes do to gain full control of their bodies, strain till it hurts. Remember, no pain, no gain.

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

***Rev. Sampson Abdulai***

## Important Dates

**Nov 10-11 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 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 #iGiveCatholic on #Giving Tuesday**

**Dec 2 First Day of Lent.**

## Retreats & Classes

**Safe Environment Training**

**Monday, November 12th, 7-8pm at Archbishop Shaw**

**Basic workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Saturday, November 17, 9am-1pm at St. Joseph Church on Tulane.**

## 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.**

**For GivingTuesday gift donations, please share on your media outlets and ask your friends to share with 10 of their friends. To see our Churches #iGiveCatholic page visit [iGiveCatholic.org](http://iGiveCatholic.org) and search for our dioceses and then your Church name.**

**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
#GIVINGTUESDAY

Beginning November 12,  
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**#GivingTuesday, November 27!**



