

# Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

OLGC - 230 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street - STM - 65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street  
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December 15, 2019

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - OLGC

Saturday Evening: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m. - Spanish Mass  
11:30 a.m. - Choral Mass  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - STM

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.  
Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. - Family Mass  
Sunday Afternoon: 12:00 p.m. - Choral Mass  
Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES - OLGC

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am and 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES - STM

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

## CONFESSIONS - OLGC

Monday thru Friday - 5:45 pm  
Saturday 4:30 – 5:15 pm

## CONFESSIONS - STM

Monday thru Friday  
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)  
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

## BAPTISM

OLGC - 12:30 pm on Sunday  
STM - 1:00 pm on Sunday  
(Arrangements must be made six weeks in advance)

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding

## VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our clergy are happy to visit.  
Call the parish office to arrange.

# ***Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More***

**December 15, 2019**

## **Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday**

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we hear the prophet Isaiah proclaim "be strong, fear not! Here is your God...he comes to save you." This fundamental message of salvation is as true today during our season of Advent as it was seven hundred years before the birth of Christ when it was first prophesied by Isaiah. In the first reading, we hear Isaiah draw upon some beautiful metaphors to illustrate the presence of God in the midst of the Israelite people.

In the second reading from the Letter of James, we hear the author speak of "the coming of the Lord" to urge the recipients of his letter to "be patient" and "make your hearts firm" as we anticipate the return of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading for today raises an interesting question: did John the Baptist not know that Jesus was the Messiah? In Jesus' response to John the Baptist, Jesus reveals that the prophecies of Isaiah (heard in our first reading) are being fulfilled in and through his public ministry. Jesus used this encounter with John's disciples to publicly praise John in front of the crowds, and to offer the crowds some insight into the kingdom of heaven: God's reign is marked by a great *reversal*. The least in this world shall be the greatest in the kingdom to come

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz.

### **WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sun.:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11  
**Mon.:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27  
**Tues.:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Wed.:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Thur.:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Fri.:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sat.:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

### **Continuing Refurbishment**

You may be wondering why the pulpit in St. Thomas More Church has been moved from one side of the sanctuary to the other. The new location is where it is customarily found in Catholic churches. Given that this building accommodated Protestant worshippers (Episcopal and then Reformed) before it became a Catholic church in 1950, it may have remained where it was situated before the transition. In the Roman Catholic tradition, however, the priest is to approach the pulpit "ab dextra," i.e., from the right. Heretofore, the priest approached the pulpit "ab sinistra," i.e., from the left. Our English word "sinister" still carries the negative connotation once associated with actions done on, with or from the left. The place where the Word of God is proclaimed and preached should be free of any such associations. More practically, the new arrangement will provide a lectern, specifically for the use of the leader of song, as well as a larger seating area for musicians and singers on those special occasions when their number exceeds the present space. Moving the pulpit to the right should not be viewed as signifying a similar movement, either liturgically or politically.

## **Christmas Schedule**

**2019**

### **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

#### **Christmas Eve**

6:00pm, 8:00pm (Spanish Mass)  
and 12:00 Midnight

#### **Christmas Day**

9:00am, and 11:30am (Last Mass of the Day)

### **St. Thomas More**

#### **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm (Family Mass), 6:00pm and  
10:00pm

#### **Christmas Day**

8:30am, 10:00am  
and 12:00 Noon (Last Mass of the Day)

### **Advent Reconciliation Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> From 4 to 8 pm**

#### **St Thomas More Church**

4-5pm Fr. Montgomery  
5-6pm Fr. Madigan

#### **Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church**

6-7pm Fr. O'Hara OMI  
7-8pm Msgr. McCahill

# Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Sunday – December 8, 2019

Sunday Collection – \$3,221.70  
 Religious Retirement - \$1,867.50  
**Sunday Attendance – 5577**

### Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 15<sup>th</sup>

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo ( <b>Spanish Community</b> )
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. Montgomery

### Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin	Maria Nonni
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira Ayotzil Zuniga	Loreto Benítez Gabriela Benítez Enedelia Suárez
Sun 11:30am	Maryellen Nugent-Lee	Chris Williams
Sun 6:00pm	Carlos Cevallos	Gladys Cruz

### Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo ( <b>Spanish Community</b> )
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. Madigan

### Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 22</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Jamie Johnson	Sylvia Morales
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira Pedro Calderon	Jorge Noriega Maria Noriega Sofia Blanco
Sun 11:30am	Chris Williams	Joseph McLaughlin
Sun 6:00pm	Gladys Cruz	TBD

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

December 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am to 3:00pm  
 OLG Parish Hall

Part of Mexican life for nearly 500 years, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special serenata (serenade), matachines (dancers), a procession, and the singing of the traditional song Las Mañanitas.

## Mass Intentions and Feast Days

### AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

### December 15 – December 21

#### Mon. December 16

9:00 Michael & Mary Canning (D)

6:00 Christopher Gillespie (D)

#### Tues. December 17

9:00 The Father of Fr. Ramon Lopez (D)

6:00 Special Intention

#### Wed. December 18

9:00 St. Philomena for the Spiritual Guidance of all Priests

6:00 Kathryn Carey (D)

#### Thurs. December 19

9:00 Guillermina Gonzalez (D)

6:00 Marie Gonzalez (L)

#### Fri. December 20

9:00 Claire Gagne (D)

6:00 The Staff of Normandy Court (L)

#### Sat. December 21

*St. Peter Canisius*

9:00 Catherine Nulty (D)

#### Sunday Vigil

5:30 William & Patricia Nulty (D)

**Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses**

## **CHRISTMAS TEA TASTING**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

St. Thomas More Rectory Lobby

Enjoy a tea tasting and accompanying sweet treats. Here is your chance to sample exotic teas such as Magnolia Blossom Oolong, Yunnan Golden Monkey, Keemun Mao Feng, and much more as we celebrate the Christmas season! Questions, please email: [stmparishprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stmparishprograms@gmail.com) or call (212) 876 7718

### Preparing for Baptism of your First Child:

Parents MUST Pre-Register for a Preparation Meeting and Attend a Meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00PM in the OLG Rectory. The Next

Session will be held on

**Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

To Pre-Register for the Meeting call 212-289-1742 by 6pm on the day before the class. Baptisms take place on Sundays afternoons (12:30pm at OLG & 1pm at STM).

To schedule Baptisms for other children

please call your Church Rectory.

# EVENTS

## Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/14	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am
12/15	Spanish Community – Celebration Our Lady of Guadalupe	11:30am
12/16	Advent Reconciliation Monday Parish Council Meeting	6-8pm 7pm
12/18	Senior Bingo Legion of Mary – English	1pm 2:30pm
12/19	Legion of Mary - Spanish	6:45pm

*Note: AA Meetings are held each day at 12Noon and 4pm, and on Saturday at 10:30am*

### ***Please remember the sick, especially***

Lisa Angioletti, Maritza Gregoire de Arauz, Salvatore Badalamenti, Robin Balsky, Emma Barruffi, Joanie Bausch, Addisu Bekele, Jorge Antonio Berrio, Thomas Blanchfield, Joseph Bordzuk, Svetlana Botvinnic, Maureen Bracken, Juan Rojas Campo, Huguette Canonne, Gonzalo Capellan, Mary Catherine, Roseann Connolly, Maria Dalia, Constantin Dollopis, Aurora Fernandez, The Gourin Family, Israel Garcia, Richard Grunwald, Heloisa Jorge, James Lally, Veronica Martin, Dawn Martinez, Socorro Muriel, Frank Meade, Maria Delia Mojoub, Simaira Olmos, Emma Parsons, Jerome Pinto, Karen Plunket & Family, Alida Quezada, Liz Riker, Carmen Rivera, Delta Robinson, Nereida Rodriguez, Evan Ruiz, Jose Sanchez, Susan Sylvers & Family, Virgilia Vidal, Barbara Wass, and Lillian Wick.

**This Sunday's Second Collection at OLGC will be taken to help support our Religious Education Program.**

### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir is Recruiting.**

There are vacancies for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses. Our Volunteer Choir sings a wide range of music in a friendly atmosphere. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory prior to the 11:30 Mass. For information contact [joandecaro@aol.com](mailto:joandecaro@aol.com).

### **Handcrafted Olivewood from the Holy Land After each Sunday Mass at OLGC and STM Saturday Dec 21st and Sunday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Start your Christmas shopping early and consider a hand crafted olivewood carving from the Holy Land. The olivewood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of Holy Land Christians. Many members of this shrinking population rely upon this art form as their primary source of income. Without this income, many craftspeople and their families will be forced to leave their traditional trade and homeland, and emigrate to find relief from the difficult conditions they endure. The loss of Christians in the land of Christ's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition.

**The Next Parish Council Meeting is**  
Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Our Lady of Good Counsel – Parish Hall  
*All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Promptness is Appreciated.*

## St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/15	Caregivercare – Computer Class Coffee Hour	11am 11am
12/16	Caregivercare –Italian Class Caregivercare –Italian Movie Advent Reconciliation Monday	2pm 3pm 4-6pm
12/17	Leisure Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass <b>(Next Lunch – January 21, 2020)</b> Caregivercare –Stress Management	 2pm
12/18	Christian Meditation	6pm
12/19	Parish Book Club	7pm
12/20	Caregivercare – Physical Activity Caregivercare – Stress Management	11am 3pm

*AA Meetings are held on Monday at 6:15pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (men's only) at 6:30pm in the Chelsea Room.*

### **HELP NEEDED FOR ALL MINISTRIES**

Both of our Churches need your help. Consider taking on one of these important roles as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Altar Server or Adult / Youth Usher. Please call 212 876 7718 or email [stmparishprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stmparishprograms@gmail.com)

### **Christian Meditation** Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main

415-336-2165 [costmnycc@christianmeditation.us](mailto:costmnycc@christianmeditation.us)

The Christian Meditation group invites you to join us for some silent prayer during this Advent season. We meet in the Foley Chapel each Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7pm. Please arrive a little early. Visit [www.christianmeditation.us](http://www.christianmeditation.us) for more information.

### **Parish Book Club**

Looking for insightful conversation? Join the Parish Book Club. We will be meeting with the conviction that art helps us to recognize truth. Discussion will be focused but open, and differences of opinion are welcome within an atmosphere of fellowship. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm St. Thomas More Meeting Room  
Book: *The Innocence of Father Brown* by G.K. Chesterton.

### **SHEEN CENTER**

This Advent-Christmas season, The Sheen Center has a lot of memorable, inspiring, and entertaining programming.

The season kicks off with The Gospel of John (November 30 to December 29) performed solo in a profound performance by award-winning Broadway veteran Ken Jennings.

The Sheen Center also has beautiful music this Christmas with a show by famed pianist George Winston, exquisite harmonies from New York Voices, and a lively Irish Christmas from Lúnasa with special guest Ashley Davis.

The Sheen Center for Thought & Culture is a project of the Archdiocese of New York.

[SheenCenter.org](http://SheenCenter.org) Box Office: 212-925-2812

# CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

**Sunday – December 8, 2019**

Sunday Collection – \$7,752.74

**Sunday Attendance – 525**

## Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 15<sup>th</sup>

Sat 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 8:30am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12 Noon	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Biagi SJ

## Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	The Rosses	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Williams Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Gisela White	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Jim Dillon	Cecilia Vonderheide

## Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sat 5:45pm	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 8:30am	Fr. Biagi SJ
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Biagi SJ
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI

## Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dev. 22</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Louisa Martin	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Boorady Family	TBD
Sun 12 Noon	Bob Burke	TBD
Sun 5:45pm	Rory Kelleher	TBD

### **Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group:**

The next meeting December 18<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room  
[stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com](mailto:stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com)  
 or call 212-876-7718.

### **This Week's Second Collection at STM**

The Annual Archdiocesan *Collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers*. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer those religious, who are in their senior years, our love, thanks and support, by helping to provide for their needs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## **Mass Intentions and Feast Days at St. Thomas More**

### **December 15 – December 21**

Mon. December 16

8:00 Margarita De Los Santos (D)

12:15 Mary Lawlor (D)

Tues. December 17

8:00 Enrique Mario Vassallo (D)

12:15 Mireya Caridad Calderin (D)

Wed. December 18

8:00 Brid Radford (D)

12:15 Santo Ruma (D)

Thurs. December 19

8:00 Joanne Slusser (D)

12:15 Ricardo Sensi (D)

Fri. December 20

8:00 Christine Reilly (D)

12:15 Julie Ingersoll Wall (D)

Sat. December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

8:00 Graham Taylor (D)

12:15 Roberto Arguello (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Mary Benjamin (D)

**Rosary prayed after 12:15pm Mass**

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** We extend our thanks to our volunteer ***Emily Bolton*** for hosting this Sunday's event, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. We look forward to meeting you there after the 10:00am Family Mass.

**You are also invited to become a Coffee Hour Volunteer**

To volunteer, please use the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-coffee>

### **TOYS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN**

We are in need of new or gently used toys for children ages 2-8. We have many children who enjoy playtime during our Coffee Hour.

### **Youth and Family Sandwich Making**

The Youth and Family Sandwich Making program makes and delivers 250+ peanut free sandwiches each month to the New York Common Pantry.

To sign up for **01/26/2020** event please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-20192020>