

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

OLGC - 230 East 90th Street - STM - 65 East 89th 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.

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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

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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 16th 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 15th

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
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 22nd

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
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 15th - 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 15th – 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 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 7th

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.

Handcrafted Olivewood from the Holy Land After each Sunday Mass at OLGC and STM Saturday Dec 21st and Sunday Dec 22nd

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 16th 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 (Next Lunch – January 21, 2020) 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

Christian Meditation Wed. Dec. 18th at 6:00pm

STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main

415-336-2165 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 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 19th 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 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 15th

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 22nd

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 18th (1st & 3rd Wednesday) at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room
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>