

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 22, 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 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The readings for this last Sunday of Advent remind us that the birth of Christ is the culmination of God's historic relationship with Israel. In the first reading the Judean King Ahaz, under siege from the Kings of Aram and Israel, receives a prophecy from Isaiah that he will be successful in war and is urged by Isaiah to ask God for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is: "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

In the second reading, we hear the opening verses to Paul's Letter to the Romans. Paul had yet to meet the Christians in the city of Rome when he wrote this letter. So Paul was careful to open his letter with what he saw as a shared belief with the Roman Christians: the good news of Jesus Christ, "descended from David according to the flesh," as was "promised previously through his prophets."

The Gospel reading uses an angel's visitation to Joseph to narrate the conception and birth of Jesus. Embedded within the story, Matthew inserted Isaiah's original prophecy made to King Ahaz: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, God is with us.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Mon.: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Tues.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Wed.: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
Thur.: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Fri.: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sat.: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18



*The clergy and staff of
Our Lady of Good
Counsel*

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*St. Thomas More
wish you and your family
a very happy and holy
Christmas*

*We also wish you a
blessed and healthy
New Year*

Rev. Kevin Madigan

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)*

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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	
<u>Lector/EM Mass Schedule</u>		
<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

Celebrant – Christmas – December 24/25

Tues 6:00pm	Fr. Florio SJ	
Tues 8:00pm	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)	
Wed 12:00am	Fr. Montgomery (Midnight)	
Wed 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill	
Wed 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery (Last Mass)	
<u>Lector/EM Christmas Schedule</u>		
<i>Dec. 24/25</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Tues 6:00pm	TBD	TBD
Tues 8:00pm	TBD	TBD
Wed 12:00am	TBD	TBD
Wed 9:00am	TBD	TBD
Wed 11:30am	TBD	TBD

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 29th

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI	
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill	
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)	
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery	
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI	
<u>Lector/EM Mass Schedule</u>		
<i>Dec. 29</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 Ana Pino	José Ibarra Santa Miranda Ibarra María Aide Rodríguez
Sun 11:30am	Maryellen Nugent-Lee	Chris Williams
Sun 6:00pm	Carlos Cevallos	Gladys Cruz

Mass Intentions and Feast Days **AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL** **December 22 – December 28**

Mon. December 23 *St. John of Kanty*

9:00 Peter Burke (D)

6:00 Dorothy Vasquez (D)

Tues. December 24

9:00

Tues. December 24 *Christmas Eve*

The Nativity of The Lord

6:00pm

8:00pm

12:00am - Midnight Mass

Wed. December 25 *Christmas Day*

The Nativity of The Lord

Parish Office Closed

9:00am

11:30am - Last Christmas Mass

Thurs. December 26 *St. Stephen*

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

6:00 Christmas Novena

Fri. December 27 *St. John*

9:00 Christmas Novena

6:00 Joseph Verde (L)

Sat. December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

9:00 Dany Bouraad (D)

Christmas Novena

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Justa Maria de Fong (D)

Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

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 OLGRC 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 OLGRC & 1pm at STM).

To schedule Baptisms for other children please call your Church Rectory.

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group:

The next meeting January 8th at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/21	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am
12/22	Spanish Community Coffee Hr.	11:30am
12/25	Parish Office Closed	
12/26	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.

St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/22	Caregivercare – Computer Class	11am
	Coffee Hour	11am
12/23	Caregivercare –Italian Class	2pm
	Caregivercare –Italian Movie	3pm

12/24 No Leisure Lunch

Next Leisure Lunch – January 21, 2020

12/25 Parish Office Closed

No Christian Meditation

Next Meditation – January 8, 2020

12/27 Caregivercare – Physical Activity 11am

Caregivercare – Stress Management 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 stmeparishprograms@gmail.com

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 OLG 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.

SENIOR CITIZEN HAIRCUT DAY

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall

When: Wednesday, January 8th ***NEW TIME: 1PM-3PM***

Cost: Free Will Donation

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY SIGNING UP.

Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Clients are requested to wash their hair prior to arrival

All haircuts are provided by Nancy Garcia, a licensed hair stylist

Donations will be used by Respect Life Committee

to support women in need.

Christian Meditation Wed. Jan. 8th at 6:00pm

STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main

415-336-2165 costmny@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.

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

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>

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 22nd</u>		
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	
<u>Lector/EM Mass Schedule</u>		
<i>Dec. 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

<u>Celebrant – Christmas – December 24/25</u>		
Tues 4:00pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI	
Tues 6:00pm	Fr. Montgomery	
Tues 10:00pm	Fr. Madigan	
Wed 8:30am	Fr. O'Hara OMI	
Wed 10:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI	
Wed 12:00pm	Fr. Madigan (Noon – Last Mass)	
<u>Lector/EM Christmas Schedule</u>		
<i>Dec. 24/25</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Tues 4:00pm	Boorady Family	TBD
Tues 6:00pm	Laura Weigley	TBD
Tues 10:00pm	Margarita Barrera	TBD
Wed 8:30am	Louisa Martin	TBD
Wed 10:00am	Bob Oliver	TBD
Wed 12:00pm	Christine Stonbely	TBD

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 29th</u>		
Sat 5:45pm	Msgr. McCahill	
Sun 8:30am	Fr. Biagi SJ	
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Biagi SJ	
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. Madigan	
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Madigan	
<u>Lector/EM Mass Schedule</u>		
<i>Dev. 29</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	Nick Farnham	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Mark Tulli	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Nilsa Santiago	TBD
Sun 5:45pm	Hannah & Anthony Dent	TBD



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Mon. December 23 *St. John of Kanty*

8:00 Lincoln P. Murphy (L)

12:15 Maria & Joseph Muccino (D)

Tues. December 24

8:00 Dennis P. Murphy (L)

12:15 Annie Schmidt (D)

Tues. December 24

Christmas Eve

The Nativity of The Lord

4:00pm

6:00pm

10:00pm

Wed. December 25

Christmas Day

The Nativity of The Lord

Parish Office Closed

8:30am

10:00am

12:00pm – Noon – Last Christmas Mass

Thurs. December 26

St. Stephen

8:00 Laura T. Murphy (L)

12:15 Andrea Kull (D)

Fri. December 27

St. John

8:00 Maria, George, Alexi Colettis & Family (L)

12:15 Frank & Beatrice Lorusso (D)

Sat. December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:00

12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 John Rottner (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.