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November 29, 2020

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - OLGC

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - STM

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

WEEKDAY MASSES - OLGC

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES - STM

Monday thru Saturday 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - OLGC

Monday thru Friday
8:45 am - 8:55 am
Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

CONFESSIONS - STM

Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm
Sunday 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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First Sunday of Advent

The Roman Catholic Church has a longstanding tradition of beginning a new church year with the celebration of the season of Advent. For the next four Sundays, we will celebrate Jesus' second coming as Lord and Judge. The season of Advent reminds us that chronological "time" does have a sacred dimension. The first reading for the season of Advent this year comes from the prophet Isaiah. The words of Isaiah for today come from the final chapters in this long prophetic book. Deep in prayer, Isaiah ponders the mystery of God and the sins of the people of Israel.

The second reading is the greeting and thanksgiving from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote this letter to the Christian community in the city of Corinth about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul's thanksgiving to the Corinthians reveals the deep-seated belief in the imminent return of Jesus among the first generation of Christians: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

With the new church year, our Lectionary readings now turn to Cycle B, with the Gospel readings taken from Mark. Today's Gospel reading is part of Jesus' private eschatological discourse with Peter, James, John, and Andrew (see Mk 13:1- 37 for the full discourse). Scholars refer to this discourse between Jesus and his disciples as the *eschaton* or end-time discourse because Jesus is speaking about events associated with the end of time (e.g., the destruction of the Temple, coming persecutions, great tribulations, etc.) and events associated with his second coming (e.g., the coming of the Son of Man)

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WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37
Mon.: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tues.: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wed.: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thur.: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat.: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

This Weekend We Continue the STM FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

This special collection is vitally important to parish operations because it will help us to manage the collection changes caused by virus related shifts in attendance and will help us to meet our extraordinary expenses, which will occur as we strive to maintain and improve our one-hundred plus-year old building.

Christmas Angel Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has begun its annual Christmas Angel Program. Over the years we have had an overwhelming response to this program by our parishioners, for which we are grateful. Due to Covid-19 we have had to change our past practice of sponsoring a child by selecting a tag from the Christmas Angel Tree and purchasing a gift. This year we are asking parishioners to make a monetary donation of at least \$25 (or whatever you can give) to the SVdP Christmas Angel Program, allowing us to purchase Target gift cards. We chose Target because, depending on the child's needs, clothing or food items can be purchased. As in the past we are sponsoring children from St. Paul's and the South Bronx Academy. These children are either on full scholarship or living in shelters. The more donations received will allow us to sponsor more children.

Donations can be made in 1 of 3 ways using the Christmas Angel Envelopes located in the rear of the Church.

1. Placing donation in Christmas Angel Box located in the rear of each Church.
2. Placing donation in the collection basket in either a *Christmas Angel Envelope* or in an envelope labeled *Christmas Angel Program*.
3. Mail donation directly to either Church office - Please make sure address includes attn: *Christmas Angel Program*.

All checks should be made payable to:

OLGC Conference-SVdP Society

All donations MUST be received by 12/15/20

If you have any additional questions you may contact:

Maureen Young 917-453-4514, Eileen Clemen 212-410-0504,

Clair Cohen 860-672-5875

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 OLGc Rectory.

The Next Session will be held on **Tuesday December 1st** 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 OLGc & 1pm at STM).

To schedule Baptisms for other children
please call your Church Rectory

Sunday Streaming Mass

Our parish will offer an on-line celebration of the **Sunday Mass on November 29th at 10:00am.**

To view the Mass, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/> or our Website www.olgcstm.org (YouTube).

Today's Readings (English and Spanish)

<http://www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Today's Mass Readings (Audio - English)

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>

The Transitional Weekday Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Mon. thru Sat.: 9:00 am

St. Thomas More: Mon. thru Sat.: 12:15 pm

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – November 29th	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Fr. Florio SJ (Spanish Community)
November 29	
<i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i>	
Sat 5:30pm	Terri O'Connor Tony Johnson Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin A. Badalamenti Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Maria Noriega – Doris Centeno Jorge Noriega - Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 6th	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
December 06	
<i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i>	
Sat 5:30pm	Terri O'Connor Tony Johnson Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Gladys Cruz Barbara Powers A. Badalamenti Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Enedelia Suarez Jorge Noriega - Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

4th Annual Goretti Group Event

"Theology of the Body is Theology of the Heart: How you see your body affects your heart and it's ability to give and receive love". Musicians and speakers Jonna Marie and Bailey Savoy witness to: healing wounds, uncovering desire, and pursuing

True Love in light of your vocation.

Most Holy Redeemer, 173 E. 3rd Street, 10009

Friday, December 4th 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

For more information visit

<https://www.thegorettigroup.org/new-york.html>

follow them on Instagram at [Goretti New York](#).

or email ny@thegorettigroup.org

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL November 29 – December 05

Mon. November 30 *St. Andrew*
9:00 Nellie Flynn (D)

Tues. December 01
9:00 Rose McInerny (D)

Wed. December 02
9:00 James. V. John (D)
Alexander Mezo (D)

Thurs. December 03 *St. Francis Xavier*
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)
Semait Wolderman (L)

Fri. December 04 *St. John Damascene*
9:00 Lorenzo Villanueva Jr. (D)

Sat. December 05
9:00 Catherine Nulty (D)

Sunday Vigil
5:30 Special Intention
Purgatorial Society

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
11/28	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
12/01	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/02	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm
12/03	Healing Mass	7:00pm

Wednesday Night at the Movies via Zoom

Watch a family friendly film and join in the discussion afterward.

ET - The Extra-Terrestrial

Wednesday December 2nd at 6:30pm

Steven Spielberg's 1982 classic sci-fi story of an extraterrestrial stranded on planet Earth is pure movie magic. Parents will love the nostalgia and little ones will love the adorable E.T. and his friendship with his earthling family (although keep in mind that there is some light swearing and a few sad moments).

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674481065?pwd=MINDRlgwWUVqQ0FUZW1hSVikUDBRdz09>

or view the details on [facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/](https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/)

OLGC – STM’s Youth and Family Sandwich Making Program 2020-2021 Program

Now in our 6th year, each month this community outreach service has been able to assemble, individually pack, and deliver more than 250 sandwiches to the New York Common Pantry for their brown bag meal service. This year Sandwich Making will take place in the STM Rochester Room on Sundays from 12noon to 1pm on the following dates - **Dec. 13th; Jan. 24th; Feb. 21st; Mar. 21st; Apr. 18th; May 16th; and Jun 13th.**

Covid protocols will be strictly adhered to. Each family or “circle” will have their own, properly distanced table and all PPE and supplies will be provided. To sign up please use the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-youth1>. For further information, email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

Parish Book Club

Looking for insightful conversation?

Join the Parish Book Club!

Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7pm - STM Rochester Room

If you can't come in person, join the Telephone Conference

Call (712) 770 5505 and enter access code 327632#.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

6:00pm

8:00pm (Spanish Community)

12:00 Midnight

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

9:00am

11:30am (Last Mass of the Day)

St. Thomas More

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00pm

6:00pm

10:00pm

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

8:30am

10:00am

12:00 Noon (Last Mass of the Day)

We Share

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who continue to support our parish during these very difficult times. As you may be aware, electronic giving, through WeShare, has helped sustain our parish, especially during the months when we could not worship in person. This weekend, we are not asking for additional donations, but we are asking you to consider changing the way you support our parish to WeShare.

WeShare is a very simple way for you to continue to financially support our parish. We understand that parishioners like to put their envelopes/donations in the offertory basket. You may continue to do so and write WeShare on the front of the empty envelope.

To enroll in WeShare please visit the parish website www.olgcstm.org and use the church specific donate button. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Litcher in the STM parish office.

Finally, thank you for your prayers, which have helped us all get through this year.

Helping Hands Bread Pick Up and Delivery Program

We are seeking volunteers on any Sunday through Thursday between 7 – 8am to pick up 2-4 kitchen trash bag size bags of bread from one of 2 locations on East 78th St. or West 81st St.

Volunteers will then deliver the bags to either the Little Sisters of the Assumption (LSA) at East 115th St. or to the New York Common Pantry (NYCP) at East 109th St.

If your family or school are interested, please contact

stmparishporgrams@gmail.com

917 319 6243

Website Reminders

In addition to a link to the current week's virtual Sunday Mass, the website also includes copies of the weekly Bulletins, links to the current week's Sunday Program, copies of Father Madigan's Sunday Homilies, and Mass Schedules. It is our hope that this resource will help you to more fully participate in the activities of your parish.

AdeoClubs

Children's Catholic Catechism

Zoom Classes – Grades 1-7 & Sacrament Prep.

Once a week – October – May - Call: 212-535-9329

Email: assitant@adeoclubs.org

www.AdeoClubs.org

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Sun 12:00pm	Mark Tulli Barry O’Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera Christopher Baldwin – Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

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12:15 Rosario Zaindueta (D)

November is the National Donor Sabbath

During these months of concern and uncertainty, we all search for signs of hope and healing. One particularly effective way to bring light out of this darkness is through organ and tissue donation. Such donations are selfless acts of kindness and generosity, extending to another person the precious gift of life and health.

Here in New York, there are nearly 10,000 children and adults on the organ transplant waiting list. These are our family, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners and they need our help. Pope St. John Paul II summed it up well in *Evangelium Vitae* when he wrote, “*There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is organ donation, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope. As it states in Matthew 10:8 “Cure the sick ... Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”*”

Being a registered organ donor gives us the opportunity to provide our vulnerable brothers and sisters with a second chance at life. As Pope Francis recently said, “*Organ donation is not only an act of social responsibility, but also an expression of the universal fraternity which binds all men and women together.*”

I want to thank all of you for the charity and kindness you offer in the name of Christ each day. May God continue to bless you with the ability to share His word, to give hope, and to be of service to others.

Msgr. Joseph P. LaMorte
Vicar General Archdiocese of New York

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<https://archny.org/news-events/archways-magazine/>

CareGiverCare is offering a series of on-line programs each day to help our seniors and those with dementia to keep their brains awake. For the time of day of each class, please visit:

<http://caregivercare.org/onlineprograms>



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