

# 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  
New York City, New York 10128



**December 06, 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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## December 06, 2020

### Second Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is a time of repentance for our sins and a time of preparation for the arrival of God's Son who comes to bring comfort, mercy, and forgiveness. The words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading are directed to a people hungry for God's presence in their lives: "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God."

The second reading is taken from the Second Letter of Peter. In this letter, the author takes up one of the pressing problems for second- and third-generation Christians: an explanation for the "delay" of the second coming of Christ.

Today's Gospel reading is the opening verses to the Gospel of Mark. For Mark, John is inseparable from Jesus. In fact, the movement toward understanding Jesus begins with the person of John the Baptist. According to Mark, the person of John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi, because John's baptizing not only prepared Israel for the arrival of the Messiah, which required a disposition of repentance, but the baptism itself also signaled to Israel God's deep mercy and forgiveness. The first words spoken by John the Baptist in Mark's Gospel both summarize the heart of John's message and also differentiate John the baptizer from Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God: "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Finally, Mark's description of John the Baptist would have elicited the image of the prophet Elijah for any of Mark's readers familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures, and Mark's comment that John fed on "locusts and wild honey" was meant to communicate that John lived a simple life.

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

#### WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**Sun.:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8  
**Mon.:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues.:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
**Wed.:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thur.:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
**Fri.:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat.:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Next Week's Second Collection

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.

#### Christmas Angel Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has begun its annual Christmas Angel Program. 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. As we did 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 Clemes 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 January 5<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 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 December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

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

#### Masses for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day

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

Dec. 7 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Dec. 8 9:00am

##### *St. Thomas More*

Dec. 8 12:15pm

Dec. 8 5:45pm

# Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Sunday – December 29, 2020**

Sunday Collection – \$1,823.09

**Sunday Attendance – 212**

<b><u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
<b><u>December 06</u></b>	
<b><i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i></b>	
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

<b><u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:30am	Fr. Florio, SJ (Spanish Community)
<b><u>December 13</u></b>	
<b><i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i></b>	
Sat 5:30pm	Terri O'Connor Tony Johnson Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin A. Badalamenti Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Gloria Albelo – Gladys Muniz Jorge Noriega - Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

**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.

## Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL December 06 – December 12

Mon. December 07 *St. Ambrose*

9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)  
John Lynch (D)

**6:00 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass**

Tues. December 08 *The Immaculate Conception*

9:00 Erik Charles Cruz (L)

Wed. December 09 *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

9:00 Ruth Isabelle Lopez (D)

Thurs. December 10 *Our Lady of Loreto*

9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca

Fri. December 11 *St. Damasus I*

9:00 Kathleen McDermoth (D)

Sat. December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

**Sunday Vigil**

5:30 Helen Mason (D)

### **Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/05	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
12/08	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

### **St. Thomas More - Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/09	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm
12/10	Parish Book Club	7:00pm

### **Wednesday Night at the Movies via Zoom**

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

#### **Toy Story (1995)**

Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

This film, which is the first full-length film to be fully animated via computers, is a story about a group of toys who come to life when they're out from under the eyes of their watchful humans.

#### **Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674481065?pwd=MINDRlgwWUVqQ0FUZW1hSVlkUDBRdz09>

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](mailto:stmparishprograms@gmail.com).

### **Parish Book Club**

Looking for insightful conversation?

Join the Parish Book Club!

Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - STM Rochester Room

The current book is *Silas Marner* by George Eliot.

Through this book we follow the protagonist, Silas, through his life’s journey of despair and enlightenment. Forsaken and feeling the deepest despair of his life, Silas is forced to suppress his past when he finds a mysterious gift on his hearth. Silas, an old miser full of hate and mistrust, is given the most precious gift, a new life

If you can’t come in person, join the Telephone Conference Call (712) 770 5505 and enter access code 327632#.

## **Help!**

On Christmas Day and Christmas Eve we will increase our number of Masses. Consequently, we will need more Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on those days.

It would help our celebration greatly if you would volunteer for one of those roles.

**Ushers are especially needed.**

To Volunteer and ask Questions  
call Catherine at 212-876-7718  
or email [stmparishprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stmparishprograms@gmail.com)

### **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  
[stmparishprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stmparishprograms@gmail.com)  
917 319 6243

## **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.

## **OLGC-STM Religious Education Program Annual Food Collection for Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Our Lady Queen of Angels Convent**

**Starts: Sunday, December 6, 2020**  
**Ends: Sunday, December 13, 2020**

The Sisters of the Renewal operate a soup kitchen and a food pantry which offers food to individuals once a week.

The Sisters try to give each person who comes to their door a bag containing the following items:

- 2 starches (rice/pasta/etc)
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 can of beans
- 1 can of protein (tuna/sardines/meat/etc.)
- 1 can of tomato (sauce/puree/diced/etc.)
- 1 or 2 cans of soup
- 1 dessert item (packaged cookies, etc.)

We will be collecting any of the above items to help the Sisters “fill their bags”.

Items can be dropped off in the boxes in the back of the church or at the church office.

### **OLGC Purgatorial Society (Sunday Vigil Mass)** **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

This month, please keep the following members of the Purgatorial Society in your prayers,

Juliette (Bootsie) Topping, Rosalie Orok,  
and Josephine Harris.

May they be received by Christ and given peace.

**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](http://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.

### **AdeoClubs**

Children’s Catholic Catechism

Zoom Classes – Grades 1-7 & Sacrament Prep.

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

Email: [assistant@adeoclubs.org](mailto:assistant@adeoclubs.org)

[www.AdeoClubs.org](http://www.AdeoClubs.org)

# CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

## Sunday – November 29, 2020

Sunday Collection – \$5,616.85  
Fall Semi Annual - \$108,032.50 (Total as of 11/29)  
**Sunday Attendance – 152**

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Sun 10:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Madigan
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery
<b><i>December 06</i></b>	
<b><i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i></b>	
Sun 10:00am	Barry Family Alanna Barry Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Louisa Martin Barry O'Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera Rory Kelleher Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

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Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
<b><i>December 13</i></b>	
<b><i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i></b>	
Sun 10:00am	Williams Family Armistead Williams Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Christine Stonbely Barry O'Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera Ross Family Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

**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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12:15 Clodualdo Cruz (D)

Sat. December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

12:15 Romeo Paca (L)

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

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

*Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve*

6:00pm

8:00pm (Spanish Community)

12:00 Midnight

*Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day*

9:00am

11:30am (Last Mass of the Day)

### **St. Thomas More**

*Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve*

4:00pm

6:00pm

10:00pm

*Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day*

8:30am

10:00am

12:00 Noon (Last Mass of the Day)

**The Christmas Virtual Mass will be available on  
Facebook or the Parish Website on  
Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**