

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 13, 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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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

As we enter the Third Sunday of Advent, we are reminded to stay focused on the words of John the Baptist. "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

In the second reading, we hear Paul's concluding words to his First Letter to the Thessalonians. Paul implores the Christians in the city of Thessalonica to "rejoice always" and constantly "give thanks" to God for Jesus Christ. He also offers up additional advice to the congregation: "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil."

The Gospel reading reveals some of the original reactions to John the Baptist. The Jerusalem priests and Levites were sent to determine, first and foremost, if John was the long-awaited Messiah. Once it was established that he was not, they then inquired if he was Elijah or the Prophet—two figures from Israel's history foretold as God's messengers (see Dt 18:15, 18 and 2 Kgs 2:11). John claimed to be neither Elijah returned nor the Prophet predicted by Moses. Out of exasperation, the religious leaders of Jerusalem asked John the final pointed question: "Who are you?" John acknowledged that he is the one prophesied by Isaiah. Still not satisfied, the Pharisees then questioned John's authority to baptize. John the Baptist's response ("I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie") reflects John the Evangelist's theology that runs throughout the Gospel: "the world" and non-believers do not recognize that Jesus is the Word made flesh (Jn 1:14).

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon.: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tues.: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wed.: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thur.: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Fri.: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Sat.: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

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 5th**
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 13th at 10:00am.**

To view the Mass, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/> or our Website www.olgstm.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

This 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.

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas on

Reconciliation Monday

December 21st from 4 – 8pm

St. Thomas More

4-5pm Fr. Madigan

5-6pm Fr. Montgomery

Our Lady of Good Counsel

6-7pm Fr. O'Hara

7-8pm Msgr. McCahill

Experience the light of God's forgiveness through the sacrament of penance this Advent

Christmas Angel Program

This year we are asking parishioners to make a monetary donation of at least \$25 (or whatever you can give). As in the past we are sponsoring children from St. Paul's and the South Bronx Academy.

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

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – January 6, 2020

Sunday Collection – \$2,1684.50

Sunday Attendance – 222

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 13th</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:30am	Fr. Florio, SJ (Spanish Community)
December 13 <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	Gloria Albelo – Gladys Muniz Jorge Noriega - Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 20th</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
December 20 <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	Jorge Noriega – Pedro Calderon 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 13 – December 19

Mon. December 14 *St. John of the Cross*
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Tues. December 15
9:00 Mario Chez (D)

Wed. December 16
9:00 Erika Klega (D)

Thurs. December 17
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca

Fri. December 18
9:00 Donald Stanton (D)

Sat. December 19
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Sunday Vigil
5:30 Peter Masterson (D)

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/12	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
12/15	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/16	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm

Wednesday Night at the Movies via Zoom

Wednesday December 16th at 6:30pm

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1996)

Magnificently narrated by Boris Karloff and animated by cartoon legend Chuck Jones, it's an award-winning Who-roast-beast-feast of a holiday classic.

and The Snowman (1995)

A short film that follows a young boy on Christmas Eve as he builds a snowman, and then they go on an adventure reinforcing the spirit of giving.

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 - **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

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*

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

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.

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.

Novel To Film Adaptation Series

Tuesday, December 22nd - 7pm-10pm

In Person: STM - Rochester Room

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89615656831?pwd=MVhOcWhPcTcxZ0ZOWmtzaYtLdnNxZz09>

On December 22nd, Anne Morra, Associate Curator in the Department of Film at MoMA will be presenting Little Women a 2019 film, directed by Greta Gerwig. An adaptation that offers a respectful nod to the past within a modern, non-linear presentation that richly offers each sister’s challenges and triumphs.

Join us as we view this selection that is considered both an excellent work of literature and cinema

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday – December 6, 2020

Sunday Collection – \$5,000.90
 Fall Semi Annual - \$122,865.50 (Total as of 11/29)
Sunday Attendance – 220

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Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI
December 13	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
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

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 20th</u>	
Sun 10:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O’Hara OMI
December 20	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sun 10:00am	Goldberg-Dana Family Tara Goldberg-Dana Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Gisela White Barry O’Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera 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 Charles Wetli (D)

Tues. December 15
 12:15 Sr. Marie Assumpta Hormilosa, OSA
 Rosenie Macaldo Montalvo(D)

Wed. December 16
 12:15 Marie & Joseph Muccino (D)

Thurs. December 17
 12:15 Mary Lawlor (D)

Fri. December 18
 12:15 Jesus Santos Rein (D)

Sat. December 19
 12:15 Jesus Santos Rein (D)

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)

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

Parishioners are reminded to arrive 15minutes prior to the Mass.