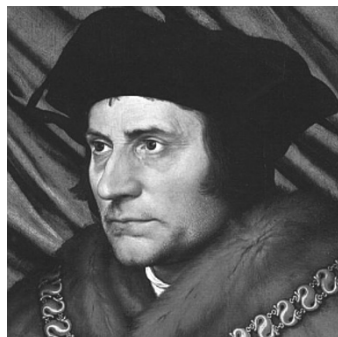


Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel - St. Thomas More

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December 20, 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we come to the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the readings call us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation. The first reading from the Second Book of Samuel contains the "Davidic covenant." In this reading we hear that the context for the covenant between God and David was grounded in David's concern for the "ark of God" (also referred to as the "Ark of the Covenant"). David's concern to build "a house of cedar" for the Ark is grounded in his sincere attempt to honor the Ark—and by extension, God—and all the blessings it had bestowed upon Israel. But God sends the prophet Nathan to redirect David's energy and focus, because it is God who would be building an everlasting house and kingdom for David and his descendants. The earliest believers in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God saw that, through the birth of Mary's Son, God fulfilled his covenantal promise and pledge to David.

The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans is a wonderful summary of Paul's Gospel message. In this short hymn of praise or doxology, Paul speaks of the "revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages ... made known to all nations." That revelation to which Paul refers is Jesus Christ, and that mystery is God's plan of salvation to save all people, Jews and Gentiles alike.

The Gospel reading for today is the angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary of the upcoming birth of her son, Jesus. Notice that Gabriel speaks to the terms of the covenant that God established with David (nearly one thousand years earlier, around 1000 BC) being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Mon.: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Tues.: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wed.: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thur.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Fri.: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Sat.: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

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

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 20th at 10:00am
and the
Christmas Mass
December 25th at 10:00am**

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

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) + + +

+ + + Because of New York State Limitations on Attendance, these Masses will require tickets. Tickets may be obtained at the STM Parish Office any day from 9:15am to 5:00pm

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.

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 20th	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
December 20	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
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

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 27th	
Sat 5:30pm	TBD
Sun 9:00am	TBD
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
December 27	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sat 5:30pm	Terri O'Connor Tony Johnson Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin A. Badalamenti Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Rossana Ramirez – Doris Cardoso Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL December 20 – December 26

Mon. December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*
9:00 Rosary Group (L)

Tues. December 22
9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Wed. December 23 *St. John of Kanty*
9:00 James Qualter (L)

Thurs. December 24
9:00 Godfredo & Teresita Ganade (D)
6:00 Christmas Vigil
8:00 Christmas Vigil - Spanish Community
12:00 Christmas – Midnight Mass

Fri. December 25 *Christmas*
Parish Office Closed

9:00 Christmas Day
11:30 Christmas Day – Last Mass

Sat. December 26 *St. Stephen*
9:00 Christmas Novena
Sunday Vigil
5:30 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/19	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
12/21	Reconciliation Monday	6-8pm
12/22	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/21	Reconciliation Monday	4-6pm
12/22	Novel to Film Adaptation	7:00pm
12/23	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm

The St. John the Baptist Film Society

Presents: Joyeux Noel

Sunday, December 27th at 3:30pm in the
OLGC Parish Hall (1hr and 56min)

An award winning 2005 film about an unofficial Christmas truce in December 1914 on the Western Front during World War I that allowed soldiers from the opposing sides to gain insight into each other's way of life. The film was written and directed by Christian Carion and starred Diane Kruger, Benno Fürmann, and Guillaume Canet.

CareGiverCare

They are 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>

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: stmchurchprograms@gmail.com.

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 stmchurchprograms@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 stmchurchprograms@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.

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.

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.

This film is 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

Wednesday Night at the Movies via Zoom

Wednesday December 23rd at 6:30pm

Elf

After discovering he is a human, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole decides to travel to New York City to locate his real father. This 2003 Christmas comedy was directed by Jon Favreau, written by David Berenbaum and starred Will Ferrell, James Caan, and Bob Newhart

Zoom Meeting

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

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

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

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Tues. December 22
12:15 Sheila Ferguson (D)

Wed. December 23 *St. John of Kanty*
12:15 Mary Benjamin (D)

Thurs. December 24
12:15

4:00 Christmas Vigil
6:00 Christmas Vigil
10:00 Christmas Vigil

Fri. December 25 *Christmas*
Parish Office Closed
8:30 Christmas Day
10:00 Christmas Day
12:00 Christmas Day – Last Mass

Sat. December 26 *St. Stephen*
12:15 Joseph Capuano (D)

An Outdoor Color and Light Experience

December 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30; January 1, 2, & 9
5–10 p.m.; Gates close at 9 p.m.

This holiday season, let it GLOW at The New York Botanical Garden in an all-new outdoor experience illuminating NYBG's landmark landscape and Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

With lots of room to spread out, explore a glowing world of color and light featuring the Haupt Conservatory as the centerpiece—its iconic exterior a glittering canvas. Washes of brilliant colors, thousands of dazzling lights, and picture-perfect installations fill the Reflecting Pool and enliven surrounding gardens and collections. Also during your visit, enjoy artistic ice sculpting, music, and pop-up performances by The Hip Hop Nutcracker.

Ticket Information: Public/Corporate Member
Adults: \$30 - Children (2–12): \$18 - Under 2: Free
Member/Patron

Adults: \$20 - Children (2–12): \$10 - Under 2: Free
To get tickets – visit - <https://www.nybg.org/visit/admission/>
Advanced purchase required for all visitors; events do sell out. When purchasing a ticket, select an entry time.
2900 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY
General Information Call: 718.817.8700

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Sun 10:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
December 20 <i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i>	
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

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 27th

Sun 10:00am	TBD
Sun 12:00pm	TBD
Sun 5:45pm	TBD
December 27 <i>Lectors / EMs / Ushers</i>	
Sun 10:00am	Montgomery Family Jackson & Cecilia Montgomery Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Bob Oliver Barry O'Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Margarita Barrera Jim Dillon Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

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