

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

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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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Third Sunday of Easter

The readings for the Third Sunday of Easter continue to offer us insights into how the early Christians formulated their beliefs about Jesus and themselves in light of his life, death, and resurrection. In the first reading, Luke provides us with an example of the early church's technique for instructing outsiders in the faith. In this reading, Peter begins with the historical Jesus, and then offers Scripture as a proof that the resurrection of Christ was foretold to Israel. Next, Peter teaches that the death and resurrection of Jesus fulfill God's covenant established with King David and a glimpse of the early church's catechesis.

The second reading from First Peter is a moral exhortation: "conduct yourself with reverence during the time of your sojourning." Peter's expectation for good conduct, in light of Christ's death and resurrection, called believers to a new level of reverence for each other and a "faith and hope" in God who will likewise raise them from the dead.

The Gospel reading for today is the appearance of the resurrected Christ to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. In this Resurrection narrative two disciples encounter the resurrected Christ on the road to Emmaus and it concludes by reporting that the two disciples returned immediately to Jerusalem, informing "the eleven" of the events that transpired. From their experience of the resurrected Christ in the breaking of the bread, the disciples went out into the world and proclaimed the good news: "The Lord has truly been raised!"

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

Mon.: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tues.: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wed.: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thur.: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Fri.: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Sat.: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Coronavirus Update: *The Archdiocese will continue to monitor advisories from Catholic and other organizations regarding precautions on the Coronavirus and share any appropriate information with all of the faithful and specifically with the OLG&STM parish.*

All public Masses are canceled, until further notice, including both Sunday and weekday Masses. Both the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the church of St. Thomas More are open daily from 9:00am to 3:00pm for private prayer. Upon reasonable request, confessions may be heard, preferably by "appointment" in the parish office or some other appropriate place, such as the church when it is open for private prayer.

A very special thank you to our parishioners who recently helped deliver goods to our elder parishioners. Thank you for showing True Community Kindness.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to pick up and/or order groceries and sundries for elders in our parish community.

- As a volunteer, you are supplied with a list of goods to purchase and an address to deliver to.
- Pick up the goods and let Parish Programs know the final cost.
- Payment for goods would be left for volunteers at the address delivered to.

Contact : stmparishprograms@gmail.com

Sunday Mass Schedule

Our parish will offer an on-line celebration of the Sunday Mass on April 26th at 11:00pm. To view the Mass, please visit our Website www.olgcstm.org or our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasmorechurch/>

We encourage you to access the on-line remote-worship resources that are available to you.

Act of Spiritual Communion: It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayers of Praise: In addition to praying for communion with the Lord, it is also important to take time to offer God our praise. This can be done by celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours or through a Celebration of the Word service, which can be celebrated at home. The following publishers have graciously made these services available for free and online at the following links:

Magnificat:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

<https://es.magnificat.net/gratis> (Spanish)

Magnificat Celebration of the Word Service:

<https://tinyurl.com/u3dzdyg>

Give us this Day:

<https://giveusthisday.org/Digital>

The Word Among Us:

<https://wau.org/meditations>

We still need your support

Because of the ongoing health emergency the Archdiocese of New York has directed us to cancel all Masses in our parish. And although we support this decision to help keep our Parishioners, Clergy and Staff as healthy as possible, your support is still needed.

To support our church today we urge you to enroll in the We Share collection system. It safe, simple and convenient and it gives you the option to contribute using a debit or credit card or your checking or savings account.

To enroll, use one of the following links:

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<https://olgcstm.weshareonline.org/>

St. Thomas More

<https://thomasmorechurch.churchgiving.com/>

set up an account, choose a payment option, and customize your donation plan.

If you have any questions regarding this collection system, please send an email to the We Share Customer Support Team

at weshare@4lpi.com

or call (800) 950-9952.

We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Fr. Kevin V. Madigan, Pastor

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>

Prayer Resources in the Absence of Mass

As previously announced, all Masses in the Archdiocese of New York will be canceled due to continued concern surrounding the Coronavirus, and at the advice of medical experts. In light of these developments, members of the faithful may wish to observe Sunday as a day of prayer in the following ways:

Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and will be available on many cable systems via the Catholic Faith Network and its website

(<https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org>),

live streamed on the Saint Patrick's Cathedral

website (<https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>),

and broadcast on radio on The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

• **Prayer Cards:**

<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

• **Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/usccb/videos/1431696590371969/>

• **Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/USCCB/status/1238506116759371776?s=20>

• **Instagram:**

https://www.instagram.com/tv/B9rl4ReABSp/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Lastly, let us keep in touch with those most at risk (by phone) and keep each other and our world in prayer during these challenging times.

In addition to the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the following prayers asking for the intercession of Our Lady may be offered:

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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On Line Formation Resources

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>