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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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Seventh Sunday of Easter

The readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter center on the importance of prayer in the life of a Christian. Whether in moments of joy or in moments of suffering, as people of faith, we instinctively turn to prayer. In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, the theme of prayer continues. Luke reports that, immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven, "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." Luke's main point here is clear enough: Jesus' family and friends relied on prayer and on each other as they sought to understand the will of God in light of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

The First Letter of Peter concludes today with an excerpt toward the end of the letter where Peter speaks of Christian suffering. Peter develops a theology of suffering: "rejoice" in that suffering for belief in Christ establishes solidarity with Christ, not only in his suffering but also in his glory.

The Gospel reading is the conclusion to Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples. In this discourse, the idea of Jesus' coming "hour" and its associated glory has been a motif running throughout the Gospel storyline, beginning with the wedding feast at Cana. In Jesus' prayer to the Father in today's reading, the arrival of the hour is a direct reference to Jesus' impending suffering, death, and resurrection, whereby the glory of God will be revealed.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thur.: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Coronavirus Update: *The Archdiocese will continue to monitor advisories from Catholic and other organizations and has developed the Faith Forward guidelines <https://archny.org/faithforward/> to help guide us as we slowly move toward reopening.*

In the meantime, 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

Please Note the New Time

Our parish will offer an on-line celebration of the Sunday Mass on May 24th at 10:00am. 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.

New York Common Pantry – Food Drive

As a community we are facing unprecedented circumstances, which have disproportionately impacted the poorer neighborhoods of New York City. As the number of people out of work increases, the number of people who depend on our pantry for services will continue to increase. Since March 16th the Common Pantry has given out more than 560,000 meals. To help them continue their important work, please consider participating in their **Amazon Food Drive**.

To participate please use the following link https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lis/2ZQXFRSDD3CSX/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl.

At this time they are especially in need of rice and pasta. *Thank you for your continued efforts to help our neighbors in need.*

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.

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.

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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>

Caregiver Care

During this crisis when people need to heed the stay at home order, Caregiver Care 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/>

Prayer Resources in the Absence of Mass

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

Join us for a Zoom Meeting

Dr. James T. Como Presents

A Constellation of Christian Authors, Lest We Forget

Tuesday, June 2nd at 3:00pm

Join our meeting as Jim helps us explore the life and motivation of Walker Percy. Recommended reading is Percy's

Second Coming

To register please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0sde2hpjgoGNXZJd4SmVuV8yVPVtIcbW-x>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Archways:

A quarterly publication of the Archdiocese of New York, created to give our 2.8 million Catholics news and information about events, programming, and volunteer and charitable opportunities available to them. To download the Spring 2020 edition of *Archways*, please visit:

<https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Archways-Spring-2020.pdf>

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The ongoing situation surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has caused prudent cancellations and closings for many schools, offices, and public places through the city, state, and country, and although I understand that the financial circumstances of many of our families are uncertain. I invite you to view the message from Cardinal Dolan about the importance of this Appeal at <https://cardinalsappeal.org/> and I humbly and thankfully invite you, to become an online giver at <https://cardinalsappeal.org/donate>.

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FORMED: On Line Formation Resources

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



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