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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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Pentecost

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the church, and all three readings for Pentecost Sunday focus on the workings of the Holy Spirit. : The first reading from Acts begins with the statement: "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together." For ancient Israel, the feast of Pentecost celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, which defined Israel as a people and as a nation. For Luke, just as ancient Israel was guided by the law, so now the church is led by the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, we hear Paul speak of the Holy Spirit. In writing his letter, Paul employed a variety of strategies to appeal for Christian unity, one of which we hear in today's reading: the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today's reading is taken from the Gospel of John, and it is the resurrected Christ's first encounter with the disciples. Hiding in fear behind locked doors, Jesus' initial words to the disciples are, "Peace be with you." Jesus then commissions the disciples ("As the Father has sent me, so I send you") and empowers them with the Spirit ("Receive the Holy Spirit"). The disciples' success in building up the early church was directly connected to the presence of the Spirit in their lives and in their work.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Jn 20:19-23
Mon.: Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34
Tues.: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wed.: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thur.: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Fri.: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Sat.: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday Mass Schedule

Please Note the New Time

Our parish will offer an on-line celebration of the Sunday Mass on May 31st at 10:00am. To view the Mass, please visit our Website www.olgcstm.org (YouTube) 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/1s/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.

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 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 either church.

When we finally begin to reopen the church, you will notice several differences. The first and most obvious will be the seating limitations, the requirement to use a hand sanitizer when entering, the absence of holy water or water in the baptismal font, the need to maintain safe distancing and the need to wear a mask while in the church. Next will be the absence of any books in the pews. All of the music books will be removed and placed in storage (along with the STM pew cushions) and missalettes replaced with a single use (disposable) program with the Sunday Readings and Music. You will also see members of our parish maintenance staff engaged in a much more aggressive cleaning program before each Mass. Finally, and most importantly, there will be no physical contact during the Sign of Peace, the Precious Blood will not be distributed and it is strongly recommended that each Communion recipient should receive the Host reverently in open hands for the protection of all.

Due to governmental protocols we will be allowed to seat only one quarter of the usual capacity. Seating at STM will be limited to 80 people. This should not be a problem during the summer, when attendance is historically much lower than usual. It may be an issue at the noon Mass at STM, so it is suggested that one attend the 10:00 Mass to insure admittance. If the Sunday 5:30 Mass at STM has reached capacity, those coming later will have to proceed to OLG, which can accommodate more than 200. Seating at OLG should not be a problem. It is our hope that these changes will do nothing to interfere with your participation in the Mass and will help us to move carefully and safely toward our goal of full reopening. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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://olgstm.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=](http://www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month)

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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).

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Resources for Catholics During COVID-19

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

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>

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/join/register/tZ0sde2hpjgoGNXZJd4SmVuV8yVPVtIcbW-x>

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

Parish Telephone Activities

Parish Book Club – Thursday at 3pm

Dial 712 770-5505, then enter Access Code 327632#

Something light and easy: Agatha Christie's classic

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

We meet with the conviction that art helps us to recognize truth. Discussion will be focused but open, and differences of opinion are welcome all within an atmosphere of fellowship

The Rosary – Tuesday at 5pm

Dial 712 775 7031, then enter Access Code 835570#

Led by Monsignor McCahill, to hear each other's voices in unison for the first time in a long while and experience the powerful presence of our Lord together.

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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This Week Watch FORMED

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

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.

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.



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