

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

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February 21, 2021

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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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First Sunday of Lent

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent speak of the need for repentance in order to be reconciled to God and to be ready to hear Jesus in a new way. This is a good spiritual exercise as we begin the Sundays of Lent. The first readings throughout Lent present some of the most important defining moments and figures in salvation history. In today's reading, we hear of the covenant that God established with Noah, his descendants, and all living creatures: "Never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood." To this day, the rainbow serves as an important reminder to us to be grateful to God for the gifts we receive.

The second reading from the First Letter of Peter offers an interesting perspective on today's first reading on Noah. The author of First Peter saw God's flooding of the world in the days of Noah as "prefigured baptism," speaking of the act of Christian baptism as "an appeal to God for a clear conscience."

The Gospel reading includes a summary statement of Jesus' message to the villages of Galilee. While succinct, Jesus' first words give us three insights into the "gospel of God." First, Jesus' arrival and his message marked the "fulfillment" of time. Jesus had an eschatological ("end-time") perspective on his life and his ministry. Second, the core of the "gospel" was the arrival of the "kingdom [reign] of God." This new presence of God's reign in the world marked the triggering event of time now being fulfilled. Third, the fulfillment of time and presence of God's kingdom required two actions on the part of humans: repentance and faith. To enter into and experience the kingdom of God, one needs both a "change of mind" (in Greek, *metanoia*, often translated as "repent") and the will to believe.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Mon.: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Tues.: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thur.: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sat.: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

HELPING HANDS BREAD PICK UP AND DELIVERY PROGRAM

We are seeking volunteers on any Sunday through Friday to pick up a bakery's left over bread from one of 2 locations on East 78th St. or West 81st St. (Quantity should be 2-4 bags, kitchen trash bag size) and deliver them to either the Little Sisters of the Assumption (LSA) at East 115th St. or to New York Common Pantry (NYCP) at East 109th St. If your family or school are interested, please contact stmparishprograms@gmail.com or 917 319 6243

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 OLGCR Rectory. The Next Session will be held on **Tuesday March 2nd** 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 OLGCR & 1pm at STM). To schedule Baptisms for other children please call your Church Rectory

This Sunday a Second Collection will be taken in OLGCR to help support the Religious Education program.

Sunday Streaming Mass

Our Parish will offer a Virtual Liturgy on Sunday, February 21st at 10:00am.

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

Children's Story & Craft

Stories and crafts for all ages based on each Sunday's Gospel and lessons are posted every Sunday on our facebook page - Facebook.com/thomasmorechurch.

All are invited to view a story and do a craft by clicking one of the links. Feel free to share your favorites and any comments you have!

CAREGIVERCARE (CGC)

CGC organizes online programs for people over 60. According to scientific studies, these programs, based on brain-healthy (neuro-protective) activities, effectively slow physiological and pathological memory-cognitive decline.

Participants will amplify their brains' benefit if they adopt an integrated approach to all of these activities.

1. Learning New Things - 2. Sleeping Well
3. Following a Healthy Diet
4. Doing Physical Activity

5. Socializing, also online -6. Reducing stress

In March 2020 CGC converted its on-site programs, offered within St. Thomas More Church, to on-line programming to help seniors continue their activities and to help them manage the difficulties of the Covid-19 lockdown. CGC uses the Zoom online platform to provide daily classes. For details, please visit

<https://caregivercare.org/onlineprograms/>.

ALL THE PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – February 14, 2021

Sunday Collection – \$1,999.75

Peter's Pence – \$700.60

Sunday Attendance – 216

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – February 21st	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
February 21	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson Terri O'Connor Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Doris Centeno – Gabriela Pelaes Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

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Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
02/20	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
02/23	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
02/24	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

February 21 – February 27

Mon. February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 Jeanette Smith (D)

Tues. February 23

St. Polycarp

9:00 Michael Kennedy (D)

Wed. February 24

9:00 Sabastin Family (L&D)

Thurs. February 25

9:00 Jose Juan & Dianeth Jaen (L)

Fri. February 26

Day of Abstinence

9:00 Maria de Martin (D)

Sat. February 27

9:00 Patrick & Ann Furlong (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Michael Kennedy (D)

Separated and Divorced Catholics Group

Next Meetings: Wednesday, March 3rd & 17

Support Group for individuals going through a separation or divorce meets via Zoom at 6:30pm on the First and Third Wednesday of each month.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81393034198?pwd=WVRDcEhHZ2R2eTNQbEFiblJPbVFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 9303 4198 - Passcode: 621761

By Phone: +19294362866,,81393034198#,,, *621761# US

For additional information email:

stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you are a senior in our parish and need assistance with obtaining a Covid-19 vaccination appointment, we at St. Vincent de Paul would like to help. Assistance will be on a first come, first serve basis as resources and city, state rules allow. Contact will be by phone. The senior will be asked about any vaccination related material they may have received and provide their contact information and any access (wheelchair/walker) requirement they may have.

**If interested please call or text 917- 821-0534
and ask for Alex.**

Wednesday Night at the Movies

via Zoom at 6:30pm

Tune in via Zoom as we watch this week's family friendly film together.

Wed, Feb 24 – Lassie – This 2005 film about young Joe Carraclough (Jonathan Mason) and his family's (Samantha Morton, John Lynch) love for their faithful collie, Lassie. As this film develops, the dog dramatizes this bond by undertaking a 500-mile journey from northern Scotland to Yorkshire to reunite with her true family.

Wed, March 3 Where the Wild Things Are - This 2009 film about a mischievous young boy Max (Max Records) who feels misunderstood both at home and at school, and who attempts to solve his problem by escaping to the land of the Wild Things. A land of majestic - and sometimes fierce creatures. After Max arrives, the Wild Things allow Max to become their leader in return for his promise to create a kingdom where everyone will be happy. As the film progresses, Max finds that being king is not easy and that, even with all of the wonders of this new land and the majestic creatures, he was still haunted by the idea that something is still missing. The film concludes with his personal journey to home and family.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045589253?pwd=YmRxaDk5UW16d244cEFnSHBEREFUQT09>

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

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and ends on Holy Thursday, April 1.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.
- Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.
- Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 or older are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.
- All Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us.
- The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21) to Holy Trinity Sunday (May 30).

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:

Feb. 21st; Mar. 21st; Apr. 18th; May 16th; and Jun 13th.

<https://www.signugenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-youth1>

For further information, email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers:

We are in great need of your help in serving the parish - please call: 212-876-7718

or email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com.

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. 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.

Helping Hands Volunteers

Is it too cold or otherwise difficult for you to get groceries and other items you need? We can help. Just let us know what you need and one of our volunteers will do the shopping and deliver to your door, and you can reimburse them when they arrive. We want to help you through any difficulties; please let us! Contact stmparishprograms@gmail.com or call 212 876 7718 and let us know how we may help you!

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>

Next Sunday's Second Collection

Next week a Second Collection will be taken to help support our Parish Music Programs.

Parish Telephone Activities

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.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday – February 14, 2021

Sunday Collection – \$5,316.30

Peter's Pence – \$550.88

Sunday Attendance – 168

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Sun 10:00am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 5:45pm	Msgr. McCahill
February 21 Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sun 10:00am	Goldberg-Dana Family Tara Goldberg-Dana Daniel Flynn Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Nilsa Santiago Barry O'Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar George Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Ross Family Margarita Barrera Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – February 28th	
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12:15 Rita Morrissay (D)

Maria Dwyer Barrett (D)

Thurs. February 25

12:15 Annina Campione (D)

Fri. February 26

Day of Abstinence

12:15 Marcus Key (D)

Sat. February 27

12:15 Pat & Frances Tinnelly (L)

BOOK CLUB: Looking for insightful conversation? Join the Parish Book Club! Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18th Selection: Yet to be Determined. Rochester Room St. Thomas More If you can't come in person, join the Telephone Conference Call:

712 770 5505 and enter Access Code 327632#

The Next Parish Council Meeting
On Zoom - Monday, February 22nd at 7pm
For information email
stmparishprograms@gmail.com
or call 917 319 6243

SHEEN CENTER

Although the Sheen Center is closed during the pandemic, they continue to offer a series of on-line events you may find interesting.

To access these events please visit:

<https://www.sheencenter.org/events/>



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