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February 28, 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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Second Sunday of Lent

The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent teach us the importance of listening to and trusting in the word of God. In doing so, we become God's "chosen ones." The first reading from the Book of Genesis is the story of Abraham's near sacrifice of his beloved son, Isaac. The opening sentence ("God put Abraham to the test") sets the context for the power of this story. The "test" was Abraham's depth of faith in God and whether Abraham would obey God's command, no matter how difficult. This story became key for the early Christians to understand Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross as the final atonement for all sin.

The second reading is a short excerpt from Paul's Letter to the Romans. From the early Church Fathers to contemporary Christian theologians, Romans is widely regarded as Paul's most profound letter. The message in this section of the letter is clear enough: as "chosen ones," we have both God on our side, who loves us so much as to give his Son to us, and we have Jesus on our side, who intercedes for us to God in heaven.

The Gospel reading is the story of Jesus' transfiguration before the disciples. At the Transfiguration, God then tells the three disciples, "Listen to him." For the original apostles and for us Christians today, this becomes the central challenge in living out our faith. Jesus' words require us to think and act deeply and passionately about our relationships with God, self, and others. Listening to Jesus and trusting his message of salvation is not easy, but it does help us understand what it means to be God's "chosen ones."

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Mon.: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tues.: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wed.: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thur.: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri.: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat.: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 OLGRC 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 OLGRC & 1pm at STM). To schedule Baptisms for other children please call your Church Rectory

Sunday Streaming Mass

Our Parish will offer a Virtual Liturgy on Sunday, February 28st at 10:00am.

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

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

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

This Sunday's Second Collection

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

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – February 21, 2021

Sunday Collection – \$2,560.50

Religious Education - \$554.10

Ash Wednesday – \$1,107.46

Sunday Attendance – 246

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

February 28 – March 6

Mon. March 01

9:00 Deceased Members -
St. Vincent de Paul Society (D)

Tues. March 02

9:00 Lucia & Emma Fernandez (L)

Wed. March 03

St. Katharine Drexel

9:00 Augustine Fernandez (D)

Thurs. March 04

St. Casimir

9:00 Henry Benedict Mendonca (D)

Fri. March 05

Day of Abstinence

9:00 Special Intention (D)

Sat. March 06

9:00 Cora de Rowe (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Purgatorial Society

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.

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – February 28th</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
February 28	Lectors / EMs / Ushers
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson Terri O'Connor Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Barbara Powers Gladys Cruz Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Gabriela Pelaes – Sofia Blanco Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

<u>Celebrant – Sunday Mass – March 7th</u>	
Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
March 7	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	Michael Huaman – Gloria Albelo Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez

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!

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, 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.

Raya and the Last Dragon - Long ago, in the fantasy world of Kumandra, humans and dragons lived together in harmony. But when evil monsters, known as the Druun, threatened the land, the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity. Now 500 years later, those same monsters have returned and it is up to a lone warrior, Raya, to track down the last dragon in order to finally stop the Druun for good. Along her journey, Raya learns that it'll take more than dragon magic to save the world.- it's going to take trust as well.

Zoom Meeting:

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

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
02/27	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
03/02	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
03/03	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm
03/03	Separated/Divorced Catholics - Zoom	6:30pm
03/04	Healing Mass	7:00pm

Youth Lectors Wanted: Do you and your family celebrate mass at Saint Thomas More? If so, we would like to ask if school age children would consider being Youth Lectors. We are seeking children of parishioners who are school age and able to read as a lector at mass. This tradition for the 10am Mass at St. Thomas More has brought so much joy not only to the participating children and their families, but to all in our church family who are so delighted to see and hear our young parishioners. Call 212 876 6618 or email stmparishprograms@gmail.com for more information!

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:

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!

BOOK CLUB: Looking for insightful

conversation? Join the Parish Book Club!

Next Meeting: **Thursday, March 18th**

Rochester Room St. Thomas More

This month we are going to read *Portrait of Dorian Gray* by **Oscar Wilde**. A moral fantasy novel, first published in a monthly magazine in 1890. The novel, the only one written by Wilde, is an archetypal tale of a young man who purchases eternal youth at the expense of his soul.

In April, we plan to read the book *Ethan Frome* by **Edith Wharton**.

If you can't come in person, join the

Telephone Conference Call:

712 770 5505 and enter Access Code 327632#.

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Sun 12:00pm	Bob Oliver Barry O’Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar
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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/>

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

MGN Online Support Group

Friday, March 19th 8:00 to 9:30 PM – *Zoom Meeting*

Join the NY Chapter of the Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group online. Those who are affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) can experience healing in God’s love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org

<https://zoom.us/j/91809804004?pwd=TDZBSGRqRWRMS2JWRE1NOFFrSnROZz09>

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>



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