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March 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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus speak about his impending death on the cross. Looking beyond the suffering, Jesus understands the cross as the vehicle to “glorify” his Father’s name. In the first reading, God establishes a new covenant with the prophet Jeremiah. This new covenant is marked by three characteristics. First, it is permanent. Second, it is written upon people’s “hearts,” not upon stone tablets that crumble and decay. Third, with this covenant, knowledge of God will not be limited to Israel; all people will come to know God, receiving his divine mercy and forgiveness.

In the second reading, we hear how the author of the Letter to the Hebrews made sense of the anguish Jesus experienced as he faced the reality of his suffering and death. According to the theology of Hebrews, the traditional Jewish high priest was able to relate to the people because of his own sin, but Christ, who was without sin, could not relate to the people in this traditional manner. Therefore, Jesus needed to suffer, as we all suffer, so that he could relate to each of us. In that way Jesus was made the “perfect” (and eternal) high priest.

In the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and throughout John’s Gospel, Jesus makes reference to his “coming hour,” and the idea of Jesus’ coming “hour” serves as a metaphor for his impending suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus uses the analogy of a grain of wheat dying so that “it produces much fruit” as a means of inviting others to do likewise: to take up their cross and follow Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus embraces his destiny of death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead: “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Mon.: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tues.: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed.: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thur.: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Fri.: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat.: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

This Sunday OLGC will have a Second Collection to help support the OLGC Religious Education Program.

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

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 OLGC Rectory. The Next Session will be held on **Tuesday April 6th** 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 OLGC & 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, March 21st at 10:00am.

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

Our parishes are places of deep encounter with our Eucharistic Lord and with one another. Did you know you can support financially vulnerable parishes with a gift to the **Cardinal's Appeal?**

Learn more at

<https://cardinalsappeal.org/assistance-for-needy-parishes>.

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – March 14, 2021

Sunday Collection – \$2,703.36
Catholic Relief Services - \$665.60
Sunday Attendance – 223

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – March 21st

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
March 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	Ana Pino – Gabriela Pelaes Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – March 28th

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 9:00am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:30am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
Sun 12:15pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
March 28	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson Terri O'Connor Clara Sanchez Karen Dobrusky
Sun 9:00am	Barbara Powers Marcelle Devine
Sun 10:30am	Soleida Casares – Enedelia Suarez Jorge Noriega – Alfredo Lopez Cupertino Teutle - Luis Cepeda Justo Herman - Baker Lopez JoaquinTello - Loretto Benitez Enrico Hernandez - Michael Huaman
Sun 12:15pm	TBD

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.

Mass Intentions and Feast Days AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL March 21 – March 27

Mon. March 22

9:00 Mary Anne Gibbons (D)

Tues. March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 Ricky Dorrie (D)

Wed. March 24

9:00 Kathleen Fabio (D)

Thurs. March 25

The Annunciation of The Lord

9:00 Augustine Fernandes (D)

Fri. March 26

Day of Abstinence

9:00 Thomas & Annie Reilly (D)

Sat. March 27

9:00 Ovidio Cortez (D)

Clara Sanchez (D)

Oliva De Arango (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Michael Kennedy (D)

Separated and Divorced Catholics Group

Next Meetings: Wednesday, April 7th

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=WVRDcEhHZ2R2eTNQbEFiYkJPbVFEZz09>

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 the OLG Parish Office 212-289-1742.**

Wednesday Night at the Movies

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

March 24th - Charlotte's Web – This 2006 American Animated Comedy is based upon a 1952 novel of the same name by E.B. White. In this film, the pig called Wilbur hatches a plan with his friend, a spider named Charlotte, to avoid his fate as the season end dinner entre

March 31 Tangled - Get lost in Disney's 2010 film retelling of Rapunzel, the magically long-haired Rapunzel who has spent her entire life in a tower, but now that a runaway thief has stumbled upon her, she is about to discover the world for the first time and her true identity. She goes on a thrilling journey of magic, song, and self-discovery. The film is based on the Grimm Brothers Rapunzel and stars Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi and Donna Murphy.

Zoom Meeting: 6:30pm

<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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
03/20	Homeless Breakfast Program	7:30am
03/23	Rosary via Telephone	5:00pm

St. Thomas More - Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME
03/22	Parish Counsel Meeting	7:00pm
03/24	Wed. Night at the Movies - Zoom	6:30pm

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 stmprograms@gmail.com for more information!

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. and deliver them to either the Little Sisters of the Assumption at East 115th St. or to New York Common Pantry at East 109th St. If your family or school are interested, please contact stmprograms@gmail.com or 917 319 6243

This is a defining moment for our generation, where we are called to be more, to give more of ourselves out of love for one another. Please consider supporting the mission of the Church to make Christ known in the world with a gift to the **Cardinal's Appeal**. Every gift counts.

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 - (Spots on the Team are Available)

Apr. 18th; May 16th; and Jun 13th.

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

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

We Share: WeShare is a very simple way for you to continue to financially support our parish. 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 stmprograms@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!

April Meeting:

Thursday, (Date to Be Determined), 7:00pm

Rochester Room St. Thomas More

At our next meeting we plan to discuss

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#.

We'd like to know what our Parishioners want to do when the pandemic restrictions becomes a thing of the past. You can be totally anonymous.

Go to: <https://s.surveypal.com/WhzpiUG7c>

Boomers & Beyond offers social, educational, cultural, spiritual, and community service opportunities to men and women 50 and older.

Zoom Presentation - **Ordinary Mystics**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – 7-8 pm.

Pastoral Associate, Brian B. Pinter will explore how we can respond in our everyday lives to God's invitation to friendship and union.

<https://zoom.us/j/99631934753?pwd=d2ZxS0cxV2o3SkViaWk3aktWSTkyUT09>

Meeting ID: 996 3193 4753 - Passcode: mystics

One tap mobile: +16468769923,,99631934753# US (New York) For information contact

boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

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Catholic Relief Services - \$867.25
Sunday Attendance – 246

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Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 5:45pm	Msgr. McCahill
March 21	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sun 10:00am	Sonia Casiano Daniel Flynn Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 12:00pm	Montgomery Family Jackson & Cecil Montgomery Barry O’Grady J Kevin Murphy Michael Sarsar
Sun 5:45pm	Christopher Baldwin Vivian Hedges Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – March 28th	
Sun 08:30am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12:00pm	Fr. Madigan
Sun 5:45pm	Msgr. McCahill
March 28	
Lectors / EMs / Ushers	
Sun 08:30am	Sonia Casiano Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Mark Tulli Daniel Flynn Bob Terry Wilson Stearns
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Sun 5:45pm	Laura Weigley Ross Margarita Barrera Ed Enders Charlie Landry Ruth McKeown

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Fri. March 26

Day of Abstinence

12:15 Tom Jaffa (D)

Sat. March 27

12:15 Kearney & Fanning Families (D)

All parishioners are invited to contribute to the
Parish Family Cookbook.
Everyone has their favorite Lent and Easter season recipes and we would be honored if you would share yours with us.
To submit your recipes:
Email stmparishprograms@gmail.com Text 917 319 6243
Drop off your recipe at either Parish Office
Mail to St. Thomas More - Parish 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

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>

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



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