

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

OLGC - 230 East 90th Street - STM - 65 East 89th Street
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December 8, 2019

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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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Second Sunday of Advent

With the Second Sunday of Advent we begin to hear the voice of John the Baptist. Similar in fervor to the great prophet Isaiah seven hundred years before him, John the Baptist awakens in the Jewish people a sense of God's impending coming into the world.

The first reading is taken from the "Immanuel Prophecies" (Is 6—12), a section from the Book of Isaiah where the final editors assembled and arranged all of Isaiah's messianic oracles. The reading opens with the phrase, "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." Jesse was David's father and this reading is a reference to the restoration of the United Monarchy under King David who ruled over Israel for forty years (1000–961 BC). The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans reminds us to "welcome one another...as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

In today's Gospel, Matthew summarizes the core of John's message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Matthew uses the Greek word *metanoia* here, commonly translated as "repent." More precisely, it literally means change of heart and mind. John and his followers embraced an imminent messianic visitation, and he challenged his fellow Israelites to think and believe in a new way that would lead to a total conversion. Matthew certainly believed that Jesus shared this same worldview, since Jesus' first words in the Gospel of Matthew are identical to John's: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 4:17b).

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Mon.: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Tues.: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wed.: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thur.: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Fri.: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sat.: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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 January 7th

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.

CHRISTMAS ART CONTEST

A fun competition to showcase the talents of all of our parishioners, young and old.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE CHRISTMAS THEMED

This competition is open to all ages 3 and older and allows for most media: sculpture, stained glass, crayon, pencil, paint, and digital photography. No larger than 36" in width, height or circumference.

There will be one winner per age group. Age groups are: 3-6 years old - 7-10 years old - 11-14 years old - 15-18 years old - 18-25 years old - 25 and older

Deadline - Items Must be Submitted to either Rectory by Friday, December 13th

Questions: call /text 917 319 6243 or email stmparishprograms@gmail.com

The STM FALL SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL Continues

If you have not yet chosen to participate in this appeal, we urge you to reconsider contributing to this special collection. This appeal helps our parish to meet its extraordinary expenses, which will occur as we strive to maintain our one-hundred plus-year-old building, and helps us to continue our programs and their related expenses even when parishioners are traveling or are absent from their home parish.

Fun for a Cause

December 13th - 7pm OLGc Parish Hall

Youth and Families come together for a wrapping party. We assemble toiletry kits for our community in need. We will have a wrapping station, a toiletry kit station and an area for younger kids to make ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the Parish Hall. There will be a few tables selling Christmas items and of course, food and refreshments.

Please contact Marcelle Devine, Coordinator Religious Education olgcnycrc@gmail.com 212 289 1742

SHEEN CENTER

This Advent-Christmas season, The Sheen Center has a lot of memorable, inspiring, and entertaining programming.

The season kicks off with The Gospel of John (November 30 to December 29) performed solo in a profound performance by award-winning Broadway veteran Ken Jennings.

The Sheen Center also has beautiful music this Christmas with a show by famed pianist George Winston, exquisite harmonies from New York Voices, and a lively Irish Christmas from Lúnasa with special guest Ashley Davis.

The Sheen Center for Thought & Culture is a project of the Archdiocese of New York.

SheenCenter.org Box Office: 212-925-2812

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday – December 1, 2019

Sunday Collection – \$3,292.11

Parish Operations - \$1,867.50

Sunday Attendance – 578

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 8th

Sat 5:30pm	Franciscan Friar of the Renewal
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 08</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Jamie Johnson	Anthony Badalamenti
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira Rosa Acevedo	Gloria Albelo Alfredo Lopez Rosana Ramirez
Sun 11:30am	Paula Cianci	Joseph McLaughlin
Sun 6:00pm	Terri O'Connor	Carol Hopkins

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 15th

Sat 5:30pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 9:00am	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 10:15am	Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community)
Sun 11:30am	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 6:00pm	Fr. Montgomery

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:30pm	Tony Johnson	TBD
Sun 9:00am	Louisa Martin	Maria Nonni
Sun 10:15am	Altamir de Oliveira Ayotzil Zuniga	Loreto Benitez Gabriela Benitez Ene delia Suarez
Sun 11:30am	Maryellen Nugent-Lee	Chris Williams
Sun 6:00pm	Carlos Cevallos	Gladys Cruz

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 15th - 11:30am to 3:00pm

OLGC Parish Hall

Part of Mexican life for nearly 500 years, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special mass, a serenata (serenade), matachines (dancers), a procession, and the singing of the traditional song Las Mañanitas.

Mass Intentions and Feast Days

AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

December 08 – December 14

Mon. December 09

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Joseph & Rose Stack (D)

6:00 Helen Mason (D)

Tues. December 10

9:00 Mario Pereira dos Santos (D)

6:00 George, Marion & Tom Sparkes (D)

Wed. December 11

St. Damasus I

9:00 Kathleen McDermott (D)

6:00 Stephen Stack (D)

Thurs. December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00

6:00 Victoria Quinola (D)

Fri. December 13

St. Lucy

9:00 St. Philomena for the Spiritual Guidance of all Priests

6:00 Bridget & Alex Heeren (D)

Sat. December 14

St. John of the Cross

9:00 Don Castellucio (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Peter Masterson (D)

Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

CHRISTMAS TEA TASTING

Sunday, December 15th – 4:00pm

St. Thomas More Rectory Lobby

Enjoy a tea tasting and accompanying sweet treats. Here is your chance to sample exotic teas such as Magnolia Blossom Oolong, Yunnan Golden Monkey, Keemun Mao Feng, and much more as we celebrate the Christmas season! Questions, please email: stmparishprograms@gmail.com or call (212) 876 7718

Online Training and Certification for Lectors!

Have you thought about becoming more active in your parish? Are you a lector who wants to learn more about the Scriptures? Give back this holiday season and sign-up for a new online training program, offered in English and Spanish! Through an instructional video and short quizzes, deepen your connection to this ministry and earn your certification in as little as two hours.

Sign up at nyliturgy.teachable.com

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/06	First Friday Devotion	10:30am to 12pm
	All Night Vigil	9pm to 5am
12/07	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am
	First Saturday Devotion	
	Purgatorial Society Mass	5:30pm
	F/S Devotion Group	After the 5:30pm Mass
	Catholic Underground	7:30pm – 10:30pm
12/11	Legion of Mary – English	2:30pm
	Senior Bingo	1pm
12/12	Legion of Mary - Spanish	6:45pm
12/14	Homeless Breakfast Program	7am

Note: AA Meetings are held each day at 12Noon and 4pm, and on Saturday at 10:30am

St. Thomas More

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/08	Caregivercare – Computer Class	11am
	Santa Brunch	11am
	Sandwich Making	12pm
12/09	Caregivercare –Italian Class	2pm
	Caregivercare –Italian Movie	3pm
12/10	Leisure Lunch – After the 12:15 Mass	
	Caregivercare –Stress Management	2pm
	Lecture – Dr. James T. Como	7pm
12/11	Christian Meditation	6pm
12/13	Caregivercare – Physical Activity	11am
	Caregivercare – Stress Management	3pm

AA Meetings are held on Monday at 6:15pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (men's only) at 6:30pm in the Chelsea Room.

Please remember the sick, especially

Lisa Angioletti, Maritza Gregoire de Arauz, Salvatore Badalamenti, Robin Balsky, Emma Barruffi, Joanie Bausch, Addisu Bekele, Jorge Antonio Berrio, Thomas Blanchfield, Joseph Bordzuk, Svetlana Botvinnic, Maureen Bracken, Juan Rojas Campo, Huguette Canonne, Gonzalo Capellan, Mary Catherine, Roseann Connolly, Maria Dalia, Constantin Dollopis, Aurora Fernandez, The Gourin Family, Israel Garcia, Richard Grunwald, Heloisa Jorge, James Lally, Veronica Martin, Dawn Martinez, Socorro Muriel, Frank Meade, Maria Delia Mojoub, Simaira Olmos, Emma Parsons, Jerome Pinto, Karen Plunket & Family, Alida Quezada, Liz Riker, Carmen Rivera, Delta Robinson, Nereida Rodriguez, Evan Ruiz, Jose Sanchez, Susan Sylvers & Family, Virgilia Vidal, Barbara Wass, and Lillian Wick.

HELP NEEDED FOR ALL MINISTRIES

Both of our Churches need your help. Consider taking on one of these important roles as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Altar Server or Adult / Youth Usher. Please call 212 876 7718 or email stmprograms@gmail.com

This Week's Second Collection at OLGC

The Annual Archdiocesan *Collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers*. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer those religious, who are in their senior years, our love, thanks and support, by helping to provide for their needs.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Next Sunday's Second Collection at OLGC will be taken to help support our Religious Education Program.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir is Recruiting.

There are vacancies for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses. Our Volunteer Choir sings a wide range of music in a friendly atmosphere. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory prior to the 11:30 Mass. For information contact joandecaro@aol.com.

Next Week's Second Collection at STM

The Annual Archdiocesan *Collection for Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers*. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer those religious, who are in their senior years, our love, thanks and support, by helping to provide for their needs.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Santa Brunch – Sunday December 8th

All Our Lady of Good Counsel & St. Thomas More parishioners are invited to share good food and holiday cheer in the STM Rochester Room after the 10:00am Mass. At this event we will also accept new and gently used coats for the homeless. Bring the entire family.
By the way, Santa promised to make an appearance.

Christian Meditation Wed. Dec. 11th at 6:00pm

STM Chapel - Facilitator: Donald Main
415-336-2165 costmnycc@christianmeditation.us
The Christian Meditation group invites you to join us for some silent prayer during this Advent season. We meet in the Foley Chapel each Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7pm. Please arrive a little early. Visit www.christianmeditation.us for more information.

Handcrafted Olivewood from the Holy Land **After each Sunday Mass at OLGC and STM**

Saturday Dec 21st and Sunday Dec 22nd

Start your Christmas shopping early and consider a hand crafted olivewood carving from the Holy Land. The olivewood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of Holy Land Christians. Many members of this shrinking population rely upon this art form as their primary source of income. Without this income, many craftspeople and their families will be forced to leave their traditional trade and homeland, and emigrate to find relief from the difficult conditions they endure. The loss of Christians in the land of Christ's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday – December 1, 2019

Sunday Collection – \$6,800.34

Sunday Attendance – 455

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 8th

Sat 5:45pm	Fr. Montgomery
Sun 8:30am	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Biagi SJ
Sun 12 Noon	Fr. Madigan
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Madigan

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 08</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	Nick Farnham	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Louisa Martin	TBD
Sun 10:00am	Montgomery Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Christine Stonbely	Beverly O'Grady
Sun 5:45pm	Chris Balwin	Cecilia Vonderheide

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – December 15th

Sat 5:45pm	Fr. O'Hara OMI
Sun 8:30am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 10:00am	Fr. Madigan
Sun 12 Noon	Msgr. McCahill
Sun 5:45pm	Fr. Biagi SJ

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

<i>Dev. 15</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>EM</i>
Sat 5:45pm	The Rosses	Vivian Hedges
Sun 8:30am	Mark Tulli	Wilson Stearns
Sun 10:00am	Williams Family	Daniel Flynn
Sun 12 Noon	Gisela White	Christine Stonbely
Sun 5:45pm	Jim Dillon	Cecilia Vonderheide

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group:

The next meeting December 18th (1st & 3rd Wednesday) at
6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room
stthomasmoresdc@yahoo.com or call 212-876-7718.

PIZZA AND PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

CHAS. PETER NAGEL &
WALTER B. COOKE FUNERAL HOME

Dec. 11th 6PM - 352 East 87th St.

As we know, making funeral arrangements after a loved one's recent passing can be one of the most difficult experiences in life. However, there is another way. Pre-arranging your own, or a loved one's funeral in advance provides emotional, financial and long-term benefits. Join us for complimentary PIZZA and a "light" yet informative discussion that affects us all. **RSVP Required call (212) 535-1500 (9am -5:30pm)**

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Mon. December 09

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Jaime Ocampo (D)

12:15 Elizabeth Fuller Cooper (D)

Tues. December 10

8:00 Sarah & Dan Walsh (L)

12:15 Fermina Canillas (D)

Wed. December 11 *St. Damasus I*

8:00 Mary & Caroline (L)

12:15 James Lagno (D)

Thurs. December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 Kearney & Fanning Families (D)

12:15 Geraldine Manson (D)

Fri. December 13 *St. Lucy*

8:00 Alfred E. Smith IV (D)

12:15 Manuel Alejaga, Sr. (L)

Sat. December 14 *St. John of the Cross*

8:00 Barbara Root (D)

12:15 Sean Dineen (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Joseph & Margaret Phelan (D)

Rosary prayed after 12:15pm Mass

Sunday Coffee Hour: We extend our thanks to our volunteer for hosting this Sunday's event, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. We look forward to meeting you there after the 10:00am Family Mass.

You are also invited to become a Coffee Hour Volunteer

To volunteer, please use the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-coffee>

TOYS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN

We are in need of new or gently used toys for children ages 2-8. We have many children who enjoy playtime during our Coffee Hour.

Youth and Family Sandwich Making

The Youth and Family Sandwich Making program makes and delivers 250+ peanut free sandwiches each month to the New York Common Pantry.

To sign up for **01/26/2020** event please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ad2baaff2-20192020>