

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

OLGC - 230 East 90th Street - STM - 65 East 89th Street
New York City, New York 10128



December 23, 2018

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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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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we enter into the Fourth Sunday of Advent, attention turns from John the Baptist to an encounter between Mary and Elizabeth. In a very real way, Luke offers us a glimpse into the *first* advent: Mary and Elizabeth (and even the unborn John), wait in hope for the birth of Jesus.

In the Gospel reading, we hear Elizabeth's greeting of Mary who came to the "hill country" to visit her. Luke tells us that upon seeing Mary, Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit." The presence and work of the Holy Spirit is a major theme in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Throughout Luke's infancy narrative, for example, the Holy Spirit is present, filling individuals with insight and wisdom. In fact, for Luke, the Holy Spirit is present in Jesus' public ministry as well as central to the birth and life of the early church. One of the important messages in Elizabeth's greeting was the importance of Mary's depth of faith: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled".

As the Gospel reading teaches us today, it was Elizabeth who first bore witness to Mary as the model of this response to God. As Christians preparing for the birth of the Messiah, we are challenged to follow this divine decree as well.

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Mon.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Christmas
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wed.: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Thur.: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Fri.: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Sat.: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Christian Meditation Wednesday, Dec 26th at 6:00pm -
STM Chapel Facilitator: Donald Main 415-336-2165
costmny@christianmeditation.us

Spanish Christmas Novenas – Las Posadas

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

December 16, 2018 – Spain & Cuba

December 17, 2018 – Guatemala & Brazil

December 18, 2018 – Colombia

December 19, 2018 – Ecuador & Peru

December 20, 2018 – Chile & Honduras

December 21, 2018 – Puerto Rico & Honduras

December 22, 2018 – Mexico

December 23, 2018 - Panama

December 24, 2018 - All Countries

Christmas Schedule

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Christmas Eve

6:00pm, 8:00pm (Spanish Mass)

and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

9:00am, and 11:30am (Last Mass of the Day)

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Christmas Eve

4:00pm (Family Mass), 6:00pm and

10:00pm

Christmas Day

8:30am, 10:00am

and 12:00 Noon (Last Mass of the Day)

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec 23rd

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|-------------|---|
| Sat 5:30pm | Msgr. McCahill |
| Sun 9:00am | Fr. Montgomery |
| Sun 10:15am | Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community) |
| Sun 11:30am | Fr. Madigan |
| Sun 6:00pm | Fr. Madigan |

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

| <i>Dec 23</i> | <i>Lector</i> | <i>EM</i> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Sat 5:30pm | Tony Johnson | Terri O'Connor |
| Sun 9:00am | Jamie Johnson | Sylvia Morales |
| Sun 10:15am | Altamir de Oliveira Gloria Perez | Jorge Noriega Maria Noriega Enedelia Suárez |
| Sun 11:30am | Chris Williams | Greg D'Uva |
| Sun 6:00pm | TBD | Gladys Cruz |



Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec 30th

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|-------------|---|
| Sat 5:30pm | Fr. Montgomery |
| Sun 9:00am | Msgr. McCahill |
| Sun 10:15am | Bishop Iriondo (Spanish Community) |
| Sun 11:30am | Fr. Montgomery |
| Sun 6:00pm | Fr. Montgomery |

Lector/EM Mass Schedule

| <i>Dec 30</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 Santa Ibarra | Jose Ibarra Santa Ibarra Maria Muñoz |
| Sun 11:30am | Ike Omoruyi | Joseph McLaughlin |
| Sun 6:00pm | Ryan D'Uva | Carol Hopkins |

Please remember the sick, especially

Salvatore Badalamenti, Rosalie Bakal, Joanie Bausch, Carol Bohan, Maureen Bracken, Aurora Fernandez, The Gourin Family, Bernie Helgason, Veronica Martin, Dawn Martinez, Matilda Mondol, Socorro Muriel, Veronica Martin, Frank Meade, Dora Mintz, Jose Alberto Muga, Liz Riker, Nereida Rodriguez, Peter Rodriguez, Sarah Rodriguez, Kathleen Steed, Pinar Ust, Barbara Wass, Harriet & Charlie Weiss, and Lillian Wick.

MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL December 23 – December 29

Mon. December 24

9:00 Peter Burke (D)

6:00 St Philomena for the Spiritual Guidance of all Priests

Tues. December 24 *Vigil of Christmas*

6:00pm 8:00pm (*Spanish Mass*)

12:00 *Midnight*

Tues. December 25 *Christmas*

9:00am 11:30am

Wed. December 26 *St. Stephen*

9:00 Christmas Novena

6:00 No Mass

Thurs. December 27 *St. John*

9:00 James & Winifred Justice (D)

6:00 Christmas Novena

Fri. December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

9:00 Justa Maria de Fong (D)

6:00 Christmas Novena

Sat. December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

9:00 Godofredo & Teresita Granade (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:30 Christmas Novena

Rosary prayed after 9am and 6pm Masses

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: We are in great need of your help. Serve the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, For more information please call: 212-876-7718 or email STMParishPrograms@gmail.com

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: If you need help or would like to become a member of our society, please email bobterrylosangeles@gmail.com. Contributions should be mailed to Our Lady of Good Counsel and made payable to The St. Vincent De Paul Society.

OLGC Ushers Wanted and Needed: We want you to actively participate in the life of our parish and specifically we need Ushers to greet parishioners, distribute literature, help with collections, and assist with other tasks that our church community may require to promote its smooth and friendly operation. If you would like to take part in this important and necessary work, please contact the **OLGC Parish Office at 212-289-1742.**

EVENTS

Our Lady of Good Counsel

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| 12/23 | Spanish Community Coffee Hr | 11:30am |
| | AA Meetings 1:30 – 2:30 & 3:30 – 4:30pm | |
| 12/24 | Blue Army | 10:00am |
| 12/25 | Christmas – Parish Office Closed Legion of Mary - Spanish | 9:30am |
| 12/26 | Legion of Mary – English | 2:30pm |
| 12/29 | Saturday Morning Breakfast AA – Anti-Anxiety Meeting | 7 - 8:30am 11:30am |
| | AA – Garrison Meeting | 1pm |

Preparing for Baptism: To have your child baptized, 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. **To Pre-Register 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).

**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY JANUARY 8TH**

SENIOR CITIZEN HAIRCUT DAY

OLGC Parish Hall – *No December Appointments Available*

Next Scheduled Date: Wednesday Jan 2nd from 1PM-3PM

Cost: Free Will Donation

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Sign-up sheet in OLGC Parish Hall

Clients are requested to wash their hair prior to arrival. All haircuts are provided by Nancy Garcia, a licensed hair stylist

Donations will be used by Respect Life Committee to support women in need.

Holiday Caroling at Washington Square Park

Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 5 pm is the traditional time to celebrate the holiday with carols at the Washington Square Arch.

Volunteer Resource Center

Department for the Aging (DFTA) volunteers make a difference in the lives of older New Yorkers by leading health and wellness activities at senior centers, counseling older adults about their Medicare plan options, helping with bill-paying tasks, providing companionship, and much more. DFTA volunteers represent the diversity of New York City, and we welcome volunteers who speak other languages.

Think you have what it takes to make a difference?

Visit:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/volunteering/volunteer-resource-center-opportunities.page>

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| 12/23 | Coffee Hour | 11am |
| 12/25 | Christmas – Parish Office Closed | |
| 12/26 | Christian Meditation | 6pm |
| 12/28 | Caregivercare – Physical Activity | 4:30pm |

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

2019 New Year's Eve Multi-Parish Bash

When: Monday, December 31, 2018

Time: 10 PM - 2:30 AM

The Actors' Chapel, 239 West 49th Street

Cost: \$80

Come celebrate New Year's Eve at the best party in New York City! Each year, The Actors' Chapel hosts this special event off Broadway - it's just a short walk to Times Square. Back by popular demand, the night will feature a stellar live band and great DJing as well to bring us into 2019!

The theme of the night will be 'OLD NEW YORK!' With a ticket to this event, enjoy the party, an open bar, music, food, and more and then take to the streets to see the ball drop! After the countdown, we go back to the dance floor and keep the party going!

THIS EVENT IS FOR THOSE 21+. PLEASE BRING
VALID ID TO ENTER THE PARTY

Adults-Only Nights

at the New York Botanic Gardens

Holiday Train Show

December 28, & 29, January 5 & 12

7–10:30 p.m.

On these nights exclusively for adults 21 and over, the wintry landscape of NYBG sets the scene for festive outdoor adventures, with an after-dark viewing of the Holiday Train Show® as the centerpiece. Purchase a drink from one of our seasonal bars and a bite to eat from the Bronx Night Market Holiday Pop-up, then set out to explore the night's offerings. Relax and warm up around the fire pits in the Leon Levy Visitor Center, watch art emerge from giant blocks of ice during live ice-sculpting demonstrations, sing along to your favorite tunes with dueling pianos in the Pine Tree Café, and listen to roving a cappella groups as they guide you through the Garden.

To Get Tickets – please use the following link

<https://www.nybg.org/visit/admission/>

Non-Members \$38 / Garden Members \$28

Advanced purchase recommended to guarantee admission; events do sell out.

When purchasing a ticket, select an entry time to enter the Conservatory to view the Holiday Train Show®.

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Mon. December 24

8:00 Seton Fell Holt (D)

12:15 Italia Kay & Victor Gerena (D)

Tues. December 24 *Vigil of Christmas*

4:00pm (Family Mass)

6:00pm 10:00pm

Tues. December 25 *Christmas*

8:30am 10:00am 12:00(noon)

Wed. December 26 *St. Stephen*

8:00 Marina George Alexi Odettis & Family (L)

12:15 George Garcia & Isabel Garcia (D)

Thurs. December 27 *St. John*

8:00 John Handal (D)

12:15 Lucille & John Miller (L)

Fri. December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 Kearney & Fanning Families (D)

12:15 Christopher Begley (D)

Sat. December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

8:00 Caterina Fiordellisi (D)

12:15 Nancy Cruz (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Margaret Austin (L)

Rosary prayed after 12:15pm Mass

Sunday Coffee Hour: We extend our thanks to our volunteer *Carla Fernholz* 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
STM Coffee Hour Volunteer

To volunteer, please use the following link:

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

The parishioner volunteers are the heart of this important community outreach program and your participation will go a long way toward insuring its success in the future.

Children's Story & Craft: All Children are invited to listen to a story and do a craft in the Rochester Room.

Please help us – we need parent volunteers to read and organize activities. All materials provided!

Caregiverscare, a program of activities at STM to protect the health of the brain, designed for people over 50, has begun its Fall schedule. It includes activities in theater, movies, learning Italian, yoga and a computer class for novices on up. All are free of charge.

| Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec. 23rd | |
|---|----------------|
| Sat 5:45pm | Fr. O'Hara OMI |
| Sun 8:30am | Fr. O'Hara OMI |
| Sun 10:00am | Fr. O'Hara OMI |
| Sun 12 Noon | Fr. Montgomery |
| Sun 5:45pm | Fr. O'Hara OMI |

| Lector/EM Mass Schedule | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Dec 23 | Lector | EM |
| Sat 5:45pm | The Rosses | Dr. Robert Guida |
| Sun 8:30am | Louisa Martin | TBD |
| Sun 10:00am | Kehoe Family | Dan Flynn |
| Sun 12 Noon | Bob Burke | TBD |
| Sun 5:45pm | Rory Kelleher | Julia Shea |



| Celebrant – Sunday Mass – Dec. 30th | |
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| Sat 5:45pm | Msgr. McCahill |
| Sun 8:30am | Fr. O'Hara OMI |
| Sun 10:00am | Fr. O'Hara OMI |
| Sun 12 Noon | Fr. Madigan |
| Sun 5:45pm | Fr. Madigan |

| Lector/EM Mass Schedule | | |
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| Dec 30 | Lector | EM |
| Sat 5:45pm | Margarita Barrera | Dr. Robert Guida |
| Sun 8:30am | Mark Tulli | TBD |
| Sun 10:00am | Williams Family | Dan Flynn |
| Sun 12 Noon | Nilsa Santiago | Christine Stonbely |
| Sun 5:45pm | Rory Kelleher | Diana Chiavetta |

2018 – 2019 Youth & Family Sandwich-Making

This school year community outreach program makes and delivers more than 250 sandwiches each month to the NY Common Pantry. Our next event will be held on

**Sunday, Jan 27th, from 12noon – 1pm
in the Rochester Room.**

To sign up for this event, please use the following link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aeaf2ba4fb6-2018>.

Separated/Divorced Catholic Support Group

The next meeting Jan 2nd (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
at 6:30pm in the STM Meeting Room.

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