

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

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday Morning:** 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)  
Families and children are encouraged to attend the  
Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Afternoon:** 12:00 p.m. (Choral Mass)  
**Sunday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

## SPECIAL MASSES - See Event Schedule

Mass for the Deaf - Alternate Saturdays and Sundays  
Healing Mass - First Thursday of the Month

## CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday  
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:30 pm

## BAPTISM

1:00 pm on Sunday  
(Arrangements must be made 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.

## Parish Trustees

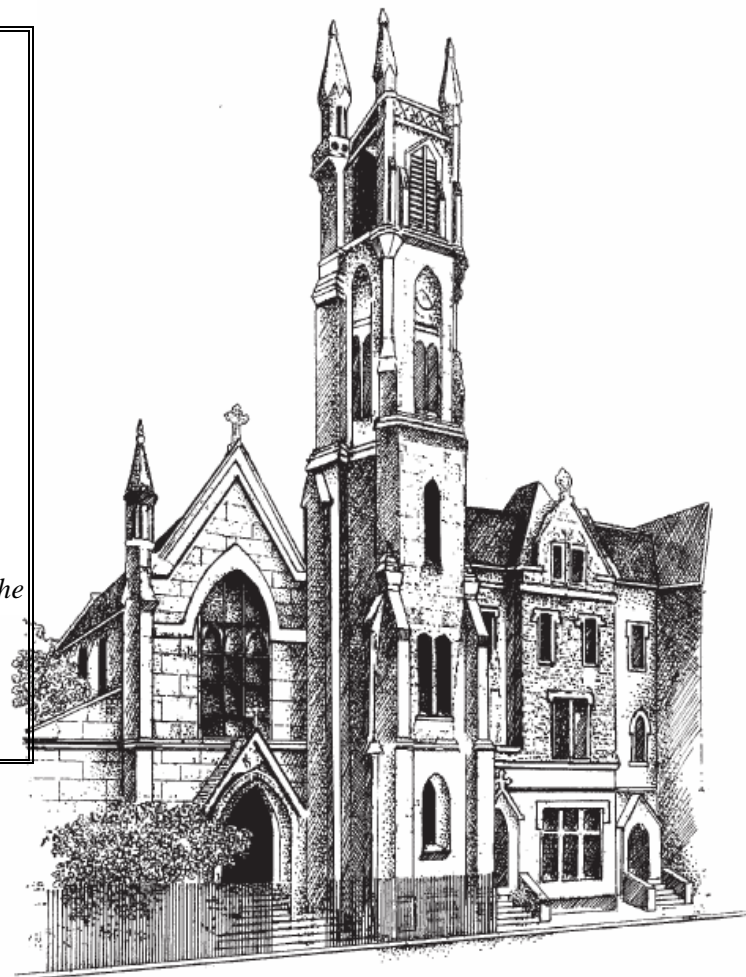
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## December 27 2015

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Sunday celebration of the feast of the Holy Family occurs during the Christmas season, and each of the readings focus on various aspects that define families governed by faith.

The Gospel reading is the final episode of Luke's "infancy narrative". The tradition of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve was likely remembered because it was such a defining moment in the life of the Holy Family. Each year all the villagers of Nazareth (and surrounding villages in Galilee) who were able traveled in caravan nearly one hundred miles south to the city of Jerusalem for the celebration of the feast of Passover. After the weeklong celebration, Mary and Joseph mistakenly leave Jesus behind as they traveled back home to Nazareth. They return and frantically search for the boy Jesus in Jerusalem. Upon finding him, Jesus responds, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Confused and uncertain about Jesus' reaction, Luke tells us that Mary and Joseph "did not understand what he said to them." But Luke also reports that "his mother kept all these things in her heart."

The readings for the feast of Holy Family teach us that sacrifice, kinship, and defining moments unite us as a family of faith and a community of believers.

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

### Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<i>Dec 27</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Quinn	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Quinn	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Rory Kelleher

<i>Jan 03</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Gibbons, SJ	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Jim Sterling

### January 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Collection

The Catholic University of America belongs to each of us and we **each** have a share in the education of the future leaders of our Church. Your contribution will help many students to have access to quality academic and spiritual programs. Also, through the Catholic Communications Campaign the bishops' conference is able to fund the production of spiritual and educational programs for radio and television.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your participation in these two important collections and with prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy and happy new year, I am.

Faithfully in Christ  
 Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
 Archbishop of New York

### Conversations with "Recycled" Catholics

Many people—Catholics, those of other religions and of no religion—have been struck by the words and actions of Pope Francis. Included among them are former Catholics who have long felt alienated from many of the Church's positions and practices, but now may be considering giving Catholicism a second look. This series of "conversations," not lectures, is designed for such people—not for those who are comfortable in their faith and are looking for spiritual development. In a series of six non-judgmental, open yet focused discussions, Fr. Madigan will help participants reflect on their lived experience of Catholicism, its positive and negative aspects, in the hope of discovering possible directions for the future. The general approach could be described as a "therapy of the imagination," an attempt to discover how familiar doctrines, metaphors and images can be mined for new insights and meaning.

The series will begin at the Parish House on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7:00pm. There is no fee and refreshments will be served.. To register call the Parish House at 212-876-7718. Please share this information with family members or friends whom you think might be interested

### Leisure Lunch Program Next Lunch - January 19th

#### 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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 02**

Mon. December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 John P. Cooney (D)

\* 12:15 Monica & Frank Erite (L)

Tues. December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

8:00 Bernard E Kuhn (L)

\* 12:15 Buddy Fagan (D)

Wed. December 30

8:00

\* 12:15 Martha Gallagher (L)

Thurs. December 31 *St. Sylvester I*

8:00 Alexander Mezo II (D)

\* 12:15 Robert Mockler (D)

Fri. January 01

*The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God*

8:00 Lynn Schlereth (D)

\* 12:15 Jacqueline Roach (D)

5:45 Laura T. Murphy (L)

Sat. January 02 *Sts. Basil the Great & Nazianzen*

8:00 Lincoln Peter Murphy (L)

\* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45

\* **Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass**

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**Sun:** Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Mon:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Tues:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Wed:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Thurs:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Fri:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Sat:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Christian Meditation**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm - Chapel**

Location: St. Thomas More - 65 East 89<sup>th</sup> St

Manhattan Group Facilitator:

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**Events at St Thomas More.....**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
12/27	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
12/28	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/29	No Leisure Lunch	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
12/30	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
12/31	New Year's Eve - No 5:45pm Mass	
	OLGC has a 6:00pm Mass	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/1	New Year's Day Masses 8, 12:15 and 5:45	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/3	Mass for the Deaf	2:00pm
	Family Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass	
	Cocktail Hour following the 5:45pm Mass	
1/4	CHADD	5:45pm
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/5	No Leisure Lunch	
	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/6	Christian Meditation	6:00pm
1/7	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/8	A.A Meeting	6:30pm
1/9	Mass for the Deaf	3:00pm
	STM PC Youth Committee	
	Community Service Outreach Event	

**Layperson Contacts**

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