

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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January 15, 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schlafly (deceased), requested by Kathleen Sullivan
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Michael Kant (deceased), requested by David Koster
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Paul Lucas (deceased), requested by his brother Richard Lucas
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	For Joseph Myron Nickels, requested by Suzanne Custer
Thursday	5:00 a.m.	Sarah Elain De Oliveira (deceased), requested by Dale Martell
Friday	5:00 a.m.	Graces for President-elect & his appointees, requested by Karen Pautler
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	For the health of Fr. Charles MacIsaac, O.S., requested by Karen Pautler
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Anna Lucas (deceased), requested by her son Richard Lucas
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

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Readings for 2nd Sunday of the Year (pp. 533-534): Today, after the festive Christmas season, we return to the Church's liturgical 'Ordinary Time', in which the Gospel readings invite us to accompany Jesus in his public ministry. A common theme in today's Bible readings is that of *vocation*. Isaiah (1st reading) prophesies a mysterious "suffering servant" who will not only recall Israel to its vocation as God's people, but, as a "light to the nations", will extend that call to salvation "to the ends of the earth". In St. John's Gospel reading for today, we see how Jesus – when still an unknown figure – begins to fulfill that prophecy publicly as he is identified as the Son of God in his baptism at the Jordan. The 'apostle to the gentiles', St. Paul (2nd reading), stresses this same universal call to holiness – so much stressed at Vatican Council II – at the beginning of his first letter to the Greeks at Corinth.

Visit of Cardinal Burke to SMV: We were blessed yesterday morning by the visit of our former St. Louis Archbishop, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, who offered Holy Mass at our high altar in the Traditional Latin Rite ('extraordinary form'). The Mass was sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of 'Juventutem', a Vatican-approved international apostolate for promoting the use of the old Latin liturgical rites among young adult Catholics. They provided fine singing and organ music at what was a memorable day for our church. The weather remained good and we had 145 attendees, including 20 priests, religious brothers and seminarians. In his homily for the Feast of St. Hilary, who in the 4th century defended the orthodox Catholic faith at a time of crisis in the Church, Cardinal Burke stressed his relevance for our own time. Please pray for this distinguished Prince of the Church, who has been emerging as one of the world's leading upholders of orthodox Catholic faith and morals at a time of increasing confusion and division within the Catholic Church, and hostility toward her from outside.

St. Louis Review Subscription Renewals: Today and next Sunday, as always in January, are days to renew your subscription to our award-winning archdiocesan weekly newspaper, the *St. Louis Review*. Subscription price is \$30 per year but those who can't afford that can receive it for less, or free of charge. Next Sunday we will have envelopes available to facilitate subscriptions for those who need help. *Review* readers not only stay informed but contribute to the life of our St. Louis Catholic community. Effective living depends on effective communication!

Pro-Life Flyers: Please take at the door the latest *Pro-Life Profile*. It promotes Abp. Carlson's Mass this Saturday 21st (Cathedral Basilica, 9:30 a.m.) honoring abortion victims since Roe v. Wade.

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért. Please remember to pray for those who are in pain, sick or recovering in our SMV family, especially Paul Gera (in Mercy hospital), Albert Futo and Imre Jokuti.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference: It's coming up on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Register early (before 12/31) for just \$35.00 Take a flyer at the door for more details.

Pray for our President-elect: Donald J. Trump will be inaugurated this Friday January 20 as President of a nation deeply divided over fundamental values. Please pray for him and his administration.

PRAYER FOR ST. MARY OF VICTORIES

Our heavenly Father, / long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith / to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice / in honor of your Son's most holy Mother, / Our Lady of Victories. Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here / under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen. / We humbly place before you today / the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church / and its present-day community. / Grant us the grace to discern your holy will, / and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, / here in the old heart of our city, / for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

Saint Mary of Victories, *pray for us.*

Saint Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us.*

In the name of the Father, . . .

