

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

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February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Suzann Bendersky (deceased), requested by her son Frank Krajczar
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Catherine Sparks (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Rosalie Baumgartner (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Conley
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Jack Lucas (deceased), requested by his brother Richard Lucas
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

Sunday Collection, February 5th:	9:00 a.m.	\$745.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$60.00

(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (pp. 551-552): Never have today's Scripture readings been more relevant than they are today. They speak to us of God's commandments, which cannot be compromised or watered down because they confront us with life or death choices upon which depends our salvation (1st reading, Sirach). They express a wisdom which is not the "wisdom of this age" – that is, worldly wisdom (2nd reading, I Corinthians). In the Sermon on the Mount (St. Matthew – today's Gospel), Jesus reinforces the Old Testament law, adding new demands for Christians. One of these is *the prohibition of remarriage after divorce*: our Lord unequivocally declares this to be adultery. Yet today we are seeing the terrible fulfillment of Our Lady's prophecy in her approved apparition in Akita, Japan, on the anniversary of the great Fatima sun-miracle, October 13, 1973: "The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, and bishops against other bishops." Bishops and cardinals in Germany, Malta, Argentina and the Philippines and some in this country are saying that some divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can receive Communion while continuing intimate relations, while those of Poland, most in Africa and many others, including Cardinal Mueller, the Vatican's chief doctrinal official, and our own Archbishop, are standing by the clear teaching of all the popes up till Benedict XVI that this can never be permitted. (Today's first reading emphasizes that "to no one does [God] give license to sin".) This dispute has broken out because of conflicting interpretations of *Amoris Laetitia*, the document on marriage issued by Pope Francis' last year. Six cardinals, including our former Archbishop Raymond Burke, have written to the Holy Father, asking him to officially clarify his teaching, but so far he has declined to do so. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will resolve this grave dispute, so that the Church will uphold Jesus' teaching.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért. Please remember to pray for those who are in pain, sick or recovering in our SMV family, especially Albert Futo, Jim La Croix, Imre Jokuti and Paul Gera. Paul is at present in rehab at Bethesda Senior Citizen Center (Hwy 44 & Berry), room 9645. Tel. 314-968-5460.

St. Louis Pro-Abortion Bill; Sadly, the StL Board of Aldermen last Friday passed a "non-discrimination" law that could require Catholic employers and landlords to hire, and rent office space to, those who publicly promote or facilitate abortions. (See back of bulletin for our Archbishop's response.)

Catholic Men for Christ Conference: It's coming up this Saturday, February 18, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Pre-registration \$40.00 (\$45.00 at the door). Take a flyer at the door for more details.

Knights of Columbus: In the K. of C. organization, SMV is being linked with the Cathedral Basilica's Knights. On Monday February 13 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a meeting here at the church with their representatives to discuss ways in which the Knights of Columbus could work to the benefit of our chapel community. Those SMV men who are Knights, or are interested in joining, are invited.

Support Catholic Radio! Please take a flyer at the door with the February schedule for Covenant Network Radio (part of the EWTN family). (PS. Last night at the St. Vincent de Paul Trivia Night, a St. Mary of Victories table was again the winner, gaining first prize of \$200, for the needs of our church!)

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, . . .