

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

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February 14, 2016 – First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohayr
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For Cecilia Downs, requested by Robert and Rebecca Downs
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Clarence Teletzke (deceased), requested by Imelda Taylor
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	For Dominic Downs, requested by Robert and Rebecca Downs
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For Barbara Blewitt, requested by Christopher Ferrara
Friday	5:00 a.m.	For Blaze & Avileen Downs, requested by Robert and Rebecca Downs
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Brian Noyes (deceased), requested by Eileen Weingart
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Edward Marty (deceased), requested by Joan Abernathy

Sunday Collection, February 7:	9:00 a.m.	\$510.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$105.00

Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent (pp. 415-416): This year's Lenten season is occurring within the 'Year of Mercy' proclaimed by Pope Francis. So as we humbly seek to confront the reality of our own sins and failings, we will do well to recall that we have a loving Savior whose very reason for coming among us as a man is to offer us the fullness of his mercy and forgiveness. Satan's temptations of our Lord in the desert (Luke's Gospel) show his intent to get us to put human considerations before faith in God and his word of mercy and salvation. Moses (1st reading, Deuteronomy) reminds the Israelites of the mighty works God has done to show them his total trustworthiness. St. Paul reminds us that Christian faith – belief in the Gospel of the Risen Christ – is now necessary for justification (grace and reconciliation with God) and for eternal salvation itself.

Special Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe: Today at both Masses we will take up the annual collection to help restore the Church in those countries that suffered so much under Communism, including, Hungary, very dear to us at SMV. Thanks for your generosity!

Lent is now with us! We are making the Stations of the Cross in the church on **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** We warmly invite you to come and follow the steps of our Lord's passion and death.

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick folks, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Prosperi, Rose Marie Koerner, and others who are suffering as the years take their toll.

'Mass Mob', March 20: On Palm Sunday our historic church will host many visitors as part of the "Mass Mob" program. There could be as many as 400 visitors coming for this event. There will be just one Mass that day, at 10:00 a.m., combining both our 9:00 and 11:00 congregations, as we did last May when Bishop Rice visited SMV. Help raise funds by baking a big batch of cookies to sell that day!

Catholic Women for Christ: This year's conference is coming up on **Saturday February 27** at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. Doors open at 7:45 a.m., conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Three outstanding Catholic women speakers will give presentations. Confessions available. Cost is \$50 (just \$15 for high school and college students). *Take a flyer at the door for details!*

Pope Francis' Lenten Message: Archbishop Carlson has sent to all StL parishes the Pope's message for Lent, 2016. In this Year of Mercy, the Holy Father's message stresses that Lent should be a time of practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy toward those in need. Please take a copy of this papal message, available at the side entrances to the church.

Support Catholic Radio! Please take a flyer at the door with the February 2016 schedule for Covenant Network Radio (part of the EWTN family).

"My Fair Lady": You still have one more chance to see two of our talented young parishioners starring in SLU High School's production of "My Fair Lady": **this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** Christopher Weingart is Prof. Zoltan Karpathy and Evan Brende is Alfie Doolittle. SLU High School's address is 4970 Oakland. We hope to see you there for a dramatic and musical treat!

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, . . .