

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

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Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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February 19, 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

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| 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 |
| Monday: | 5:00 a.m. | In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango |
| Tuesday: | 5:00 a.m. | In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 a.m. | In gratitude for the gift of Faith, requested by Deena Arango |
| 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. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Edward J. Marty (deceased) (2 nd anniversary of death) |

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| Sunday Collection, February 12th: | 9:00 a.m. | \$531.00 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | \$472.00 |

Financial summary, January 2017: Income - \$4,572.89; Expenses - \$7,003.72; **Net loss: \$2,430.83**
(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

Readings for the 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (pp. 556-557): As we continue listening to the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ in today’s Gospel, our Lord gives us teachings of central importance for our day-to-day Christian living. He insists that his disciples live at a higher, *supernatural* level than that of the *natural* moral law which was central to the Old Covenant (summed up in the Ten Commandments): Thus, the first reading (Leviticus) shows us that, 1000 years before Christ, God’s people were already being taught to love, and not hate, their Israelite brothers and sisters. But Jesus extends this command of love to include even our enemies, and St. Paul (2nd reading) tells us the wise folks of this world will consider faithful Christians as “fools”. In “The Joy of the Gospel”, Pope Francis warns us that in meditating on the Scriptures, we must resist such temptations as “watering down the clear meaning of the text”, and “to think about what the text means for *other* people, and so avoid applying it to our own life” (#153). The Gospel today challenges each of us to think, for instance, “How often do *I* really turn the other cheek at insults? How often do *I* ‘go the second mile’ – giving *more* than I am asked for?”

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.

Ash Wednesday: Lent is arriving: Come to our first-ever lunch-hour Mass at **12 noon** on Ash Wednesday, **March 1st**! This will be our monthly *Missa Cantata*, sung in the Traditional Latin Rite.

Lay Eucharistic Conference: A perfect way to begin Lent will be reflection on our Lord’s greatest gift: the Holy Eucharist. StLVicar-General Msgr. Mark Rivituso is the presenter at this 8:00–12:00 noon conference: **Rigali Center, Sat. March 4.** \$25 (includes breakfast). *Take a flyer at the door.*

St. Louis Pro-Abortion Bill; The StL Board of Aldermen on February 10th passed a “non-discrimination” bill that could require Catholic employers and landlords to hire, and rent office space to, those who publicly promote or facilitate abortions. Mayor Francis Slay unfortunately signed it into law, but Gov. Eric Greitens has said he will do what he can to fight it. Please remember this in your prayers.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference: It’s coming up on Saturday, March 25, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Pre-registration \$40.00 (students up to 25 years, \$15). Please take a flyer at the door.

Knights of Columbus: In the K. of C. organization, SMV is now linked with the Cathedral Basilica’s Council. On Monday February 13 at 6:00 p.m. we had an excellent meeting here at the church with their representatives to discuss ways in which the Knights of Columbus could work with our chapel community. We invite SMV men to consider joining, and to take brochures (in the hall).

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

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, . . .