

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

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## February 28, 2016 – Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions this week:

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| Sunday:    | 9:00 a.m.  | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased            |
|            | 11:00 a.m. | Marvin White (deceased), requested by his widow Ingeborg White          |
| Monday:    | 5:00 a.m.  | For members of “PrayforBishopsNow.org”, requested by John Hladky        |
| Tuesday:   | 5:00 a.m.  | Barbara Pelkey (deceased), requested by Imelda Taylor                   |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 a.m.  | Lawrence & Josephine Dalzell (dec.), requ.by George & Marilyn Dalzell   |
| Thursday:  | 5:00 a.m.  | Sarah Martell (deceased), requested by her widower Dale Martell         |
| Friday:    | 5:00 a.m.  | Stephen & Leone Martell (deceased), requested by their son Dale Martell |
| Saturday:  | 5:00 a.m.  | For Joseph Kelley, requested by Eileen Weingart                         |
| 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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| <b>Sunday Collection, February 21:</b>               | 9:00 a.m.  | \$79.00  |
|  | 11:00 a.m. | \$159.00 |
| <b>Special Collection: Church in Eastern Europe:</b> | 9:00 a.m.  | \$101.00 |
|  | 11:00 a.m. | \$86.00  |

**Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** (pp. 426-427): Today’s Scriptures remind us that being the People of God does not mean we are less under God’s scrutiny and judgment than others. We hear of the ancient Israelites: in bondage in Egypt (1<sup>st</sup> reading, Exodus), and in their arduous pilgrimage through the desert – marked sometimes by infidelity and divine chastisement (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, I Corinthians). In the Gospel, too, Jesus warns God’s chosen people that they too – *all* of them – constantly need repentance, and that God’s judgment will be severe for those who presumptuously abuse his patience and disregard his righteous demands on our lives. During this Lent our nation and the Church herself are in a kind of ‘desert pilgrimage’. The perils surrounding the upcoming presidential election, with the sudden death of a solidly Catholic Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, leave the future of Christian values in American society hanging in the balance; while in the Church, confusion has now been spread from the very summit in regard to a basic moral teaching: the sinfulness of contraception. Much prayer and penance is needed!

**Special Collection for the Black and Indian Missions:** Today we’ll take up the annual collection for missions to the poverty-stricken African-Americans and Native Americans in our land. Thanks for your concern for these brothers and sisters in need. Lent is the perfect time for almsgiving!

**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.

**‘Credo’ Dinner Forum.** The next ‘Credo’ event, the annual St. Joseph Dinner Forum, will be held at the Clayton Plaza Hotel on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, with registration beginning at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Deacon Louis Peters, Chancellor of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon. His talk will be on a topic of tremendous importance: “The Plight of the Eastern Christians”, our brethren in Christ who are suffering of civil war and persecution by ISIS. Cost: \$35 (\$15 for students). Take a flyer at either entrance for registration details or visit [www.credostlouis.org](http://www.credostlouis.org).

**‘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!

**Liturgical Discussion:** On Saturday, March 5, our liturgical scholar Stan Metheny will give his next presentation in the ‘Five First Saturdays’ series, from 10:00 a.m. till about noon in the Mindszenty Hall. The topic for March will be “**The Liturgical Calendar**”. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. After our discussion, First Saturday devotions (rosary and meditation) will be available in church, given by one of the Dominican Brothers. If there is a liturgical topic that you would like to learn more about, let us know! For more information, go to [www.smov.info](http://www.smov.info) or call Vicki Wiese at 314-351-9102.

**Imádkozatok betegeinkért:** Please pray for our sick folks, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Prospero, Rose Marie Koerner, and others who are suffering at this time.

***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, . . .*