

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

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March 6, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions this week:

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
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For Mr. & Mrs. William Buckalew, requested by Christopher Ferrara
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Sarah Martell (deceased), requested by her widower Dale Martell
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Stephen & Leone Martell (deceased), requested by their son Dale Martell
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Valerie Brophy (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
Friday	5:00 a.m.	Françoise Troche (deceased), requested by Mrs. William Frank
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Louis, Constance & Corinne DeMarco (deceased), by Patrick DeMarco
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Schmidt (deceased), requested by Melania Doctorian
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

First Sunday Collection, February 28:	9:00 a.m.	\$593.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$73.00
Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions:	9:00 a.m.	\$25.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$25.00

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent (pp. 432-433): Today is *Laetare* Sunday, in which we joyfully anticipate the end of Lent and the glorious Easter Triduum. The wonderful parable we hear today is perfect for this occasion, since it emphasizes, first, the miserable reality of sin, but then, the joyous triumph over sin of God's mercy and reconciliation. (St. Paul, in the 2nd reading, sums up the spreading of the gospel as a "ministry of reconciliation".) We call this parable "the Prodigal Son", but it could just as well be entitled "the Elder Brother" or "the Forgiving Father". In judging others, we can all too easily slip into the "very reasonable" attitude of the indignant elder brother (probably that of most of Jesus' original listeners, raised under the Old Covenant). Let's try to recognize in ourselves the younger brother, recalling the gravity before our heavenly Father of our own lapses, and, therefore, his astonishing mercy in not just pardoning us, but embracing us and rewarding us with the promise of eternal glory!

We are nearing the end of Lent! We're making the Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. We 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 13th, with registration beginning at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Deacon Louis Peters, Chancellor of the Maronite (Lebanese) Eparchy. His talk will be on a topic of tremendous importance: "The Plight of the Eastern Christians", our brethren in Christ who are suffering civil war and persecution by ISIS. Cost: \$35 (\$15 for students). Take a flyer at the door for details or visit www.credostlouis.org. Registration closes this Wednesday at 12 noon.

'Mass Mob', March 20: On Palm Sunday our historic church will host many visitors as part of the "Mass Mob" program. This week's *St. Louis Review* has a great lead article on our church (pp. 2-3). 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.. Help raise funds by baking a big batch of cookies to sell that day! *Also, please sign up in the hall after Mass for helping with various tasks!*

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick folks, especially Jimmy Essex, Dante Prosperi, Rose Marie Koerner, and others who are suffering at this time.

Tragic News: Our long-standing Hungarian parishioner **Frank Borkin** passed away unexpectedly around midday yesterday. We pray for the repose of Frank's soul and for the consolation of his wife, Barbara and their family. Funeral details and the a memorial Mass date to be announced soon.

Good Friday Way of the Cross: As usual, the 'Communion and Liberation' will host St. Louis' only public *Via Crucis* on Good Friday, walking from SMV up to the Arch. We will begin praying the Divine Office at 12:00 noon, Friday March 25th. The Good Friday liturgy will begin here at 3:00 p.m.

Support Catholic Radio! Please take a flyer at the door with the new March 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, . . .