

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

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March 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday

RESURREXIT SICUT DIXIT! HE HAS RISEN AS HE SAID! HAPPY EASTER!

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Maizie Stuck (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For members of “PrayforBishopsNow.org”, requested by John Hladky
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For Bridget Bailey, requested by Eileen Weingart
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	For Bill Vanderpluym, requested by Eileen Weingart
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohay
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Robert Frei (deceased), requested by Max Kaiser, Jr.
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	For the Finder family, requested by Eileen Weingart
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Donna & Benjamin O’Dowd (deceased), requested by James Hooper

Sunday Collection, March 20: 10:00 a.m. \$5,003.27

Collection for Church in Holy Land, Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. \$324.00

The Easter Sunday Liturgy: The Day of the Lord’s Resurrection is the most ancient of all liturgical feasts, and the centerpiece of our annual cycle of worship. It is hard for us to imagine what the first Easter must have been like. This small band of people was at a loss. Their individual lives had each been stirred by the fact that they had encountered the same extraordinary man. Now he was dead – yet some were reporting the unthinkable! – that he was raised from the dead! At a time of so much sorrow, suffering and injustice in a world that is still so often a “valley of tears”, we must constantly recall that the great victory of all victories has been won by Christ. *Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

Special Collection today: the annual *Regina Cleri* retirement home collection. Please be really generous in supporting these St. Louis Archdiocesan priests who have given their lives to serve God and us sheep of their flocks, and who now depend on our grateful support in their last years on earth.

Easter Sunday: Today, as we celebrate the high point of the whole Church year – the glorious Resurrection of our Savior – we also have a special day at St. Mary’s for **your children**, with our annual Easter Egg hunt with the Easter Bunny after the 11:00 a.m. Mass! Also, our fund-raising **cookie sale** that we started last Sunday for ‘Mass Mob’ will continue today after Mass. Please buy generously!

‘Mass Mob’, Palm Sunday: Last Sunday’s Mass was *a wonderful success!* Over 400 people attended – the first time there has been a standing-room-only crowd in this church since Cardinal Mindszenty’s historic visit more than 40 years ago. (Also, see above for last Sunday’s collection total: it is believed this is the biggest sum of money ever to appear in our collection basket in the entire 173-year history of St. Mary of Victories!) Our warm and heartfelt thanks to all those who worked so hard in every way for many weeks in advance in order to make our ‘Mass Mob’ event such a great success. There are extra free copies of the latest *St. Louis Review* available at the entrances. The write-up and pictures of our big day occupy the cover and next two pages of the paper. (Give one to a friend!)

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick and recovering folks, especially Jimmy Essex, Dante Prosperi, and Raqueal Lymore. Our old friend **Frank Borkin**, who passed away on March 5th, will be honored with a Memorial Mass here on **Saturday, April 30**. Today we welcome back our dear organist Rose Marie Koerner, who has recovered well from her knee replacement operation.

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

‘Beyond Sunday’ campaign: One of Archbishop Carlson’s main objectives is to secure the long-term future of Catholic schools (in which about 90% of US priests received their education). A new campaign is under way to raise a \$100,000,000 endowment for this purpose. All StL parishes are being asked to contribute generously to this campaign (which is over and above the annual ACA project). A little later in the year you’ll be receiving a personal invitation to make a pledge totaling some thousands of dollars over the next 3 to 5 years. (40% of the contributions will eventually be returned to the parish.)

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, . . .