

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

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April 3, 2016 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Mass Intentions this week:

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
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Health of Angela F. Pacchioni, requested by Giovanni De Giusti
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Sarah Martell (deceased), requested by her widower Dale Martell
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Jeffery & Bradford Martell (deceased), requ. by their father Dale Martell
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For James Lahey, requested by Eileen Weingart
Friday	5:00 a.m.	Health of Dorothy Miller, requested by her daughter Kathleen Miller
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Mary Wimmer-Brown (deceased), requested by Catherine Saccente
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Caroline Weatherford (deceased), requested by Catherine Saccente
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

First Sunday Collection, March 27:	9:00 a.m.	\$425.25
	11:00 a.m.	\$734.00
Special Collection: Retired priests (<i>Regina Cleri</i>):	9:00 a.m.	\$72.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$216.00

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday: The Church has celebrated the glorious feast of Easter as if the whole week (Octave) were still Easter Sunday itself! We end that initial paschal celebration today, honoring the Divine Mercy, as revealed to St. Faustina in the 1930s. One reason, very probably, why Jesus himself said that the Feast should be observed on the Octave of Easter is that for at least 1500 years the Gospel reading for this day has recalled the Lord's appearance to the apostles the evening after his Resurrection, when he instituted that great gift of his mercy which is the Sacrament of Penance. This year Divine Mercy Sunday takes on a special significance since we are in the 'Year of Mercy' decreed by Pope Francis. The Old Cathedral is the nearest church to SMV where the indulgence for this special year can be obtained by the usual conditions and passing through the 'Holy Door' there.

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Next Sunday (April 10) we'll take up this collection which supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world, providing food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless. Thank you!

Support Catholic Radio! Please take a flyer at the door with the April schedule for Covenant Network Radio. Please support their Spring 'Radiothon' fund-raiser, coming up this week (April 4-8). Fr. Harrison will be on the air at Covenant from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. this Tuesday, April 5: a good time to phone in your pledge to support this valuable evangelistic work, and especially in honor of the late – and truly great! – Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN, with which Covenant is affiliated.

Annual Catholic Appeal: April is the month in which the appeal begins for the needs of the whole Catholic Church in St. Louis in a very special way. About how much should we pledge to this special appeal? The Archdiocese suggests an ACA donation of **1%** of each household's total annual income. (So if your income is \$30,000, that's a donation of \$300; if \$70,000, it would be \$700, etc.) Colleen La Croix will be the person coordinating the appeal while Zsafia Tremmel is away.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for the sick and recovering folks of our community, especially Jimmy Essex, Dante Proserpi, RaQueal Lymore and Rose Marie Koerner.

Apostolic Exhortation to be released this Friday: On Friday April 8, Pope Francis' long-awaited 200-page Apostolic Exhortation on the family is due for publication. Entitled *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Happiness of Love"), this document will be the final magisterial outcome of the two recent Synods of Bishops on marriage and the family (2014 and 2015), which witnessed serious and heated controversy, especially over questions relating to the status of civilly remarried divorcees and homosexual couples. It is expected that existing church discipline may be loosened in some respects in this document. We must pray that it be a source of unity, and not further division, in the Church, recalling that our Lord never promised that every papal disciplinary decision would always be wise.

"Pray for Bishops Now" apostolate: There is always an urgent need in the Church to pray for our Catholic bishops, including of course the Holy Father. Visit www.prayforbishopsnow.com for more info.

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, . . .