

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

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Confessions ½ hour before Mass

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April 10, 2016 – Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions this week:

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
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Louis, Constance & Corinne DeMarco (deceased), by Patrick DeMarco
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Conley
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Martha Purdon
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For Joseph Houser, requested by Patricia Kachelmeyer
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Health of Dorothy Miller, requested by her daughter Kathleen Miller
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	Melvin Baumgartner (deceased), requested by Catherine Saccente
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohay

Sunday Collection, April 3:

9:00 a.m.

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Readings for Third Sunday of Easter: Throughout the joyous Easter season the first Scripture reading each Sunday is from the Book of Acts, which records for us the wonderful first-fruits of Jesus' Resurrection. Today we hear how the Apostles, ordered to stop preaching the Gospel, gave the immortal response, "We must obey God rather than men". That principle is now very relevant, as civil authorities tell Catholic employers to pay for anti-life "health" procedures, and increasingly pressure us into silence and acquiescence regarding homosexual sin. But today's sublime Gospel reading reminds us who the true and ultimate Victor is in the ongoing 'culture war' with Satan: the Risen Christ, now clothed in immortal flesh, humbly prepares breakfast for his friends on the pebbly beach at Galilee.

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Today (April 10) we 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. Thanks so much to those parishioners who phoned in pledges while Fr. Harrison was on the air at Covenant from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. last Tuesday, promoting their Spring fundraising campaign: you helped to raise no less than \$1,500 in just that one hour!

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 folks of our community, especially Jimmy Essex and Dante Prospero, and for those in recovery, like RaQueal Lymore and Rose Marie Koerner.

Senate Joint Resolution #39: This important *religious freedom* measure, supported by the Missouri bishops, has passed the State Senate and is now coming up for a vote in the House of Representatives. Fr. Harrison and other friends of SMV, were in Jefferson City lobbying for it last Wednesday. It will place on the November ballot a proposed veto-proof amendment to the Missouri Constitution that prevents the State from requiring priests and pastors to carry out same-sex weddings and from requiring vendors to offer their services for such ceremonies, against their conscientious religious beliefs. You can help! Take a flyer at the door that gives phone numbers of Reps you can call.

Apostolic Exhortation: On Friday, Pope Francis' long-awaited document on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, was released, following two recent Synods of Bishops on marriage and the family. It contains much valuable reflection and encouragement on love in the family, but is also arousing great controversy by allowing civilly remarried and sexually active divorcees (whom Jesus says are committing adultery) to receive absolution and Communion "in certain [unspecified] cases", at the discretion of their confessor. The Church has always strictly prohibited this (see *Catechism*, §§1650, 2384 & 2390). Fr. Harrison may offer further comment after more prayer and reflection. Please help him with your prayers.

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, . . .