

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

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February 21, 2016 – Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Edward Marty (deceased), requested by Joan Abernathy
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Leo Schilling (deceased), requested by Imelda Taylor
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Leo & Mary Hoyer (deceased), requested by George & Marilyn Dalzell
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Anna Schilling (deceased), requested by Imelda Taylor
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	For Barbara Grimaldi, requested by Christopher Ferrara
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	Fr. James Hannon (deceased), requested by Mrs. William Frank
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

Sunday Collection, February 14:	9:00 a.m.	\$432.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$67.00

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (pp. 420-421): From time immemorial, the Church has given us on the second Sunday of Lent one of the dramatic and mysterious Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration. Like the Lord's Baptism, this is an event that reveals the Trinity: the Father again identifies his beloved Son, adding, "Listen to him!" But now the context is one of impending crisis, as we recall in Lent Jesus' preparation for his saving death and resurrection. This was a privileged occasion when, by giving these chosen disciples a foretaste of heavenly glory on the holy mountain, our Lord taught them that the price to be paid for this glorious eternal destiny had to be the way of the Cross – a way they too would be called to follow. The Transfiguration was foreshadowed by God's awesome manifestation to Abraham (1st reading, Genesis), promising him and his descendants an earthly heritage – a land of promise for the people of Israel. But this in turn symbolized the eternal homeland, which alone, as St. Paul reminds us (2nd reading, Philippians), is that of our true and lasting "citizenship" as Christians.

Special Collection for the Black and Indian Missions: Next Sunday 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!

Special Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe: At today's 11:00 a.m. Mass we'll take up the special collection (deferred from last Sunday) for the Church in those countries that suffered under Communism, including, Hungary, very dear to us at SMV. Thanks for your generosity!

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.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick folks, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Prosperi, Rose Marie Koerner, and others who are suffering as the years take their toll.

Catholic Women for Christ: This year's conference will be **this Saturday, February 27**, at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. Doors open at 7:45 a.m., conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Three outstanding Catholic women speakers will give presentations. Confessions available. Cost is \$50 (just \$15 for high school and college students). *Take a flyer at the door for details!*

Archbishop recommends Church break with Girl Scouts: Archbishop Carlson has released a letter asking all pastors whose parishes host Girl Scout troops to consider other alternate programs, since the U.S. Girl Scouts' leadership has become increasingly supportive of immoral values (abortion, contraception, and 'LGBT' activism). The letter also expresses concerns about the Boy Scouts. (Visit www.archstl.org/scouting.) The Archdiocese also pointed out that it's the *Catechism* (not Pope Francis' recent unprepared reply to an interviewer) that expresses authentic Church teaching on contraception.

'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!

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, . . .