

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

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## January 29, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Lola Miller (deceased), requested by Melania Doctorian
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	George Koster (deceased), requested by his son David Koster
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Maizie Stuck (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	For Logan Wilson's conversion, requested by his mother Lillian Wilson
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Spiritual welfare of Christopher Siebert & family (by Karen Pautler)
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Mary Viray's mother Sandra Magalong (deceased), requ. by K. Pautler
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	Fr. Patrick Fletcher (deceased)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Suzann Bendersky(deceased), requested by her son Frank Krajczar

<b>Sunday Collection, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	9:00 a.m.	\$497.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$110.00

**Financial summary, December 2016:** Expenses, \$6,404.43; Income, \$12,997.69. **Net gain: \$6,593.26**  
(Explanation for net gain: SMV received a generous end-of-year donation of \$7,500 from a benefactor.)  
(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

**Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (pp. 542-543):** The main common theme in today's readings is the wonderful way in which God so often uses what is weak, small, humble and insignificant in the eyes of the world to bring about his great purposes. He so often overturns and confounds our human expectations. In Isaiah's prophecy (1<sup>st</sup> reading) the Lord warns that even among his own people of Israel – so often rebellious! – it will be only a remnant, "humble and holy" who will fulfill his will and enjoy his blessing. St. Paul in our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading stresses to the Corinthians that most of them have been called by God not as wise, powerful citizens or members of the aristocracy, but as lowly and even "foolish" folks in the sight of the world, so there would be no room for boasting on their part. Likewise, the Gospel reading (Matthew 5) presents us with the immortal words of the Beatitudes. Here we have perhaps the best-known of all Jesus' ethical teachings, in which he upturns conventional, worldly human wisdom. It is those who are meek, humble, pacific, in mourning, and even persecuted for Christ who are blessed, says the Lord, because they are living in the light of eternity, as God's children.

**Feast of 'Candlemas':** This **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will finalize the extended Christmas season with a *Missa Cantata* (sung Mass with full Gregorian chants in the Traditional Latin Rite) the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (renamed the 'Presentation in the Temple' in the new rite). We will begin at **7:00 p.m.** with the traditional procession and blessing of candles. The event we also celebrate as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary fulfilled Malachi's prophecy in an unexpected and profound moment of divine drama: The Lord, the Light of the World, symbolized by our candles, enters his Temple, filling it with light – but as a tiny babe, with no fanfare and unrecognized by all except holy Simeon and Anna. Please bring along for blessing your candles destined for religious use.

**Imádkozatok betegeinkért.** Please remember to pray for those who are in pain, sick or recovering in our SMV family, especially Paul Gera, Albert Futo and Imre Jokuti.

**Catholic Men for Christ Conference:** It's coming up on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Pre-registration \$40.00 (\$45.00 at the door). Take a flyer at the door for more details.

**SVdP Trivia Night:** The St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults' group will host their annual Trivia Night at St. Vincent's Parish Hall (10<sup>th</sup> & Park) on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m. We already have almost one complete table for SMV (\$20 per person). Those interested please see Fr. Harrison: we may fill another table! *This fundraiser helps many desperately needy people in StL!*

**Proposed StL Pro-Abortion ordinance:** Archbishop Carlson is encouraging all city residents to contact their alderman/alderwoman, urging them to vote against BB 203, which seeks to make St. Louis an abortion 'sanctuary city' by outlawing "discrimination" on the basis of "reproductive choices" and thus endangering the religious freedom of our schools, Catholic Charities agencies, other employers and landlords, in hiring and renting. See the back of this bulletin for the Archdiocese's suggested message.

***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, . . .*

St. Louis City residents: Find out how to contact your alderman/alderwoman here:  
<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/aldermen/search-for-your-alderman.cfm>

**Suggested Message (endorsed by Archdiocesan Respect Life Office):**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my opposition to BB 203, which seeks to make St. Louis a sanctuary city for abortion. This ordinance threatens the religious and moral convictions of Catholics and others of good will who do not want to support abortion.

If this Bill were to become law, Catholic employers and others who oppose abortion could be fined for refusing to hire people who publically support abortion, and could also be required to include abortion in any health benefit package offered employees, since these packages are a benefit of employment. Landlords could also be forced to rent to people who want to perform abortions, or support the abortion industry.

The city of St. Louis has many other problems that deserve our attention. BB 203 is unnecessary and divisive.

Please oppose BB 203!

*(Signature)*