

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

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Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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January 8, 2017 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	George Tanner (deceased), requested by Meghan & Justus Arnett
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	In gratitude for gift of priests & religious, requested by Deena Arango
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schlafly (deceased), requested by Kathleen Sullivan
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

Sunday Collection, January 1 st :	9:00 a.m.	\$883.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$108.00

(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

Readings for the Epiphany: (pp. 404-405): Today's great and ancient liturgical celebration of Christ's "manifestation" recalls beautiful historical events replete with their own deep theological meaning: they reveal the answer to the question of *why* God became man – the central theme of the Christmas season. And that answer, of course, is – *for the salvation of the whole world*. The Magi who came from afar, as gentiles, to adore the Divine Infant represent the future coming of all nations to worship Christ as King and Savior. Isaiah's prophecy (1st reading) points forward to this universality, and St. Paul (2nd reading) tells the Ephesians explicitly: the great mystery has been now revealed that the Gentiles are "coheirs" with Jews to Christ's promises. The magi had been followers of a pre-Christian pagan religion that somehow pointed toward Christ, and they now came to a fuller knowledge of the true God – lying in a manger! We too are called to a new conversion as we worship the Divine Child.

Visit of Cardinal Burke to SMV: We are pleased to announce that our former St. Louis Archbishop, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, will offer Holy Mass in the Traditional Latin Rite ('extraordinary form') here **this Saturday, January 14th, at 10:00 a.m.** The Mass will be sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of 'Juventutem', a Vatican-approved international apostolate for promoting the use of the old Latin liturgical rites among young adult Catholics. This will be His Eminence's first ever visit to our beautiful and historic church. Please pray for this distinguished Prince of the Church, who has been emerging as one of the world's leading upholders of orthodox Catholic faith and morals at a time of increasing confusion and division within the Catholic Church, and hostility toward her from outside.

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

Catholic Men for Christ Conference: It's coming up on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Register early (before 12/31) for just \$35.00 Take a flyer at the door for more details.

Rite for Blessing of a Child in the Womb: As we honor the newborn Infant Jesus at this time, remember that the Church now has a beautiful liturgical rite for blessing a child in the womb!

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

"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.

Pray for our President-elect: Donald J. Trump will be inaugurated on January 20, after a particularly bitter election season between two controversial candidates that has exposed deep rifts within the American people over fundamental values. Please pray that God will guide our new President, & Vice-President, their administration, and our new State and federal legislatures. *See the prayer overleaf.*

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, . . .

