

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 1, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR TO ALL ST. MARY OF VICTORIES WORSHIPPERS!

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Catherine, Michael, Emil & John Hoffmann (dec.) (by Fred Hoffmann)
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	George H. Koster (deceased), requested by David Koster
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Mary Koster (deceased), requested by David Koster
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Connor Lucas (deceased), requested by his brother Richard Lucas
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.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	George Tanner (deceased), requested by Meghan & Justus Arnett

First Sunday Collection, December 25th: 9:00 a.m. \$901.00

11:00 a.m. \$387.00

Special Collection: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary: 9:00 a.m. \$198.00
11:00 a.m. \$115.00

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

Readings for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God: For many centuries before Vatican Council II, January 1st was celebrated in the Roman liturgy as the Feast of the Circumcision; for on the eighth day following his birth, our Lord underwent this ancient initiation rite, which is mentioned in today's Gospel. It made him formally a member of God's covenant People, the People of Israel, and so an heir to the promises made to Abraham. The first reading (Numbers 6) recalls these promises in the beautiful blessing of Israel that God gave to Moses. In the new liturgy, the emphasis is placed on Jesus' more fundamental 'initiation': his entry, as the eternal Son of God, into our human race by being "born of a woman" (second reading, Galatians 4). Mary's divine motherhood was also recognized in the old liturgy with a less solemn feast, but the Church has now 'upgraded' this celebration, and placed it at the very beginning of each year. Just as New Year's Day is the 'foundation' of the year that follows, God's eternal election of a humble Jewish girl named Mary as the one chosen to bring His Son into our world is the foundation of God's loving plan of salvation, and the reason he created her free from all stain of sin. At the Council of Ephesus in 431, this also became the first great truth about Our Lady to be defined by the Church: Mary truly is the Mother of God! In her, heaven and earth truly meet!

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

You're invited! . . . to Stan and Sue Metheny's Christmas/New Year 'open house', this afternoon after 4:00 p.m. at 130 N. Newstead, near the Cathedral Basilica. They'll provide meat, cheese and beverages. If you'd like to bring a potluck dish, great! Phone Stan at 314-330-2610.

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 new 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.

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, . . .