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Special Palm Sunday Mass at Historic Downtown Church

ST. LOUIS – Catholics around the world will gather this weekend to celebrate Palm Sunday, the day Christians recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when His followers scattered palms in His path. In St. Louis, Historic St. Mary of Victories Catholic Church in downtown will play host to a special "Mass Mob" on Palm Sunday, March 20. The second oldest church in the City of St. Louis has stood at the corner of 3rd and Gratiot since construction began in 1843.

This will be the sixth St. Louis Mass Mob after the first one took place at Most Holy Trinity in April 2015. Mass Mobs are scheduled, grassroots gatherings at historic urban Catholic churches with the intent of drawing hundreds of people to attend Mass and support these churches where crowds are normally very small. The Palm Sunday Mass at St. Mary of Victories will feature English, Latin and Hungarian elements - as well as Gregorian chant and a Hungarian choir.

Complimentary coffee, donuts, and Hungarian pastries will be available after Mass. The church will also hold a cookie sale with products from Dad's Cookies, The Missouri Baking Company, Vitale's Bakery, Lubeley's Bakery, McArthur's Bakery, Diana's Bakery, and more.

Palm Sunday begins the solemn celebration of Holy Week, which includes the commemoration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Christ's passion and death on Good Friday, and culminates in the joy of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

More information about Historic St. Mary of Victories can be found at smov.info. More information about St. Louis Mass Mobs can be found at facebook.com/stlouismassmob.

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