



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

"Say to the LORD, 'My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.'"

-Psalms 91:2



BE PREPARED

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.



MASS PARTICIPATION

All parishioners are urged to use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).



NEWS & UPDATES

If a storm threatens our area, please visit the Diocese of Saint Petersburg website (www.dosp.org). Also, follow the diocesan Facebook, Twitter & Instagram (@DioStPete) and Spirit FM 90.5 for the latest news updates.

For more information, visit:

www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season



RESOURCES AROUND THE DIOCESE

Florida Department of Emergency Management: www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County: www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/emergency_operations.php

Hernando County: www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County: www.pascocountyfl.net/services/emergency_management/hurricane.php

Pinellas County: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/



EVACUATION SHELTERS

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.