

St. Jerome Catholic Church

As parishioners of St. Jerome and as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, we respond to our Lord's invitation to walk with Him in the Sacraments and prayer, to deepen our faith through lifelong formation, to serve those in need, and to invite others to the fullness of the Catholic faith through His Holy Word and the teaching of His Church.

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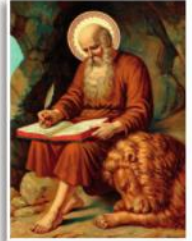
Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday,
9:30 am-4:30 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 5:30pm
Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5pm
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday: 7am & 9am in the Holy Family Chapel
Holy Family Chapel open 24 hours every day;
Confessions, Saturday: 3pm - 3:45pm; **Anointing of the Sick**, last weekend of the month Saturday 9:30am & Sunday 1:30pm;
Holy Hour and Benediction, 1st & 3rd Friday 9:30am - 10:30am



September 16, 2018

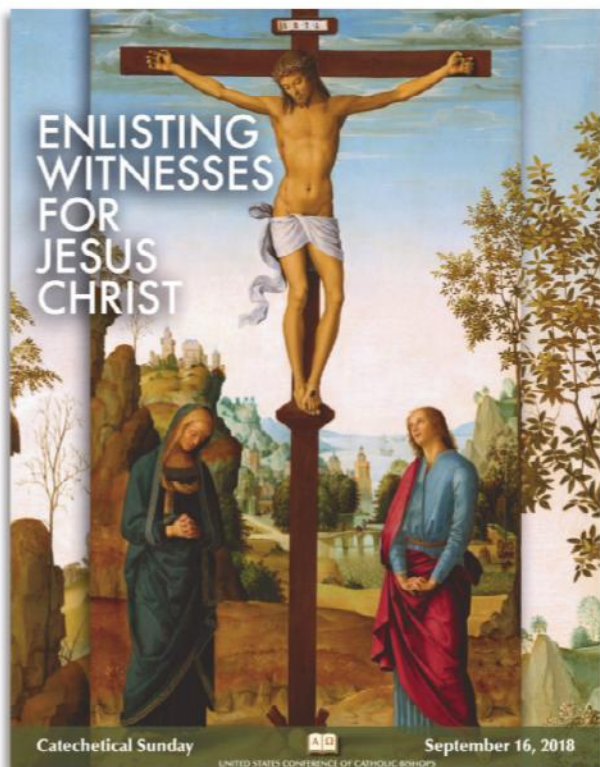
24TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

The Conditions of Discipleship

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."*

Mark 8:34





Dear Friends:

We celebrate “Catechetical Sunday” this weekend. This year’s theme is “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.” Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. The commission service will take place during our 9:00 am Sunday Mass. We thank all who serve in the catechetical ministries of our parish. Let us all remember, however, that each of us have been given a call to share the faith. I pray that our parish will be like the disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus and that our hearts will always be “burning inside us” as we listen to Jesus speak His Holy Word to us. We pray that having such “burning hearts” will lead us to accept Jesus’ invitation in Mark 16:15 to, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan
Fr. Tom Morgan

A Catechist’s Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ’s love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

*Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.
Amen.*

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Question & Mission of the Week:

Question: Is Jesus Lord, savior, king, friend, teacher, healer, or something else?

Mission: Address Jesus in your prayer throughout the week with different names. Each day choose a new answer to the question, “Who do you say that I am?” and live out the relationship that follows for that day. Share with someone what you learn about who Jesus is.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 15

Vigil for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm † Josephine Montanaro - 1st Anniversary Fr. Waters
5:30 pm † Bridget DiSanto Fr. Waters

Sunday, September 16

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Intentions of Arlene Lessl Fr. Tom
9:00 am All the People of the Parish Fr. Tom
10:45 am † Libertà Guarini Fr. Reisert
12:30 pm † Marie Santangelo Fr. Reisert
5:00 pm † Sue Leary Fr. Tom

Monday, September 17

7:00 am † Wesson Family Fr. Malloy
9:00 am † Geri Morgan Fr. Tom

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 am † Joseph Waller Fr. Reisert
9:00 am † Sister James Theresa, OSF Fr. Malloy

Wednesday, September 19

7:00 am † Joan Bonner Fr. Malloy
9:00 am † Carl G. Hawkins Fr. Tom

Thursday, September 20

7:00 am † Ann Dolan Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Marie Santangelo Fr. Reisert

Friday, September 21

7:00 am † Julian Staszewski Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Marie Santangelo Fr. Reisert

Saturday, September 22

7:00 am † Daniel Ellis Mellone Fr. Reisert
8:45 am Novena Fr. Reisert
9:00 am † Geri Morgan Fr. Reisert

Saturday, September 22

Vigil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Intentions of Sister Marlene Fr. Reisert
5:30 pm † Ana Maria Burquet Fr. Tom

Sunday, September 23

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Deacon William Mahood Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Garrett McKernan Fr. Tom
10:45 am All the People of the Parish Fr. Reisert
12:30 pm † Geri Morgan Fr. Reisert
5:00 pm † Nunzio Maiorana Fr. Tom

**Priest Schedule subject to change. **If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office.*



Scripture Readings

Prepare & Pray the Word of God

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Today's Readings:

September 16, 2018
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

Monday, September 17

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 100;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19

1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday's Readings:

September 23, 2018
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16-4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

PRAY: FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

For our Sick, especially ...

Bob Nicola, Matthew Johnson, Antoinette Brenner, Elizabeth Gavin, Karelene Tellone, Carla Levesque, Brian Johns, Josephine Kopchian, Nick Martinez, Celia Szumowski and James Kinney
... May they again experience health of mind and body.

For our Deceased, especially ...

Leon Francis Mowinski and Lauren Halle
May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

International Day of Peace – September 21st! “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.” All are invited to take this pledge and start making a difference in your community: I wholeheartedly pledge that I will strive in my own community to end poverty and prejudice, work for justice through serving others, and promote the faithful stewardship and protection of our Earth in an effort toward global peace.



A Journey of Discovery!

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic or if you are Catholic and want to better understand your faith, we invite you to join us on a journey of discovery. St. Jerome RCIA will have regular sessions beginning September 19th in the Education Building. We journey together and that is exactly what the RCIA is all about, journeying together toward a deeper relationship with Christ and a deeper understanding of our

Catholic Faith. For more information contact Deacon Fred Kunder at the office 727-595-4610. You need not wait any longer, our Lord waits for you and he longs for you to know him better.

St. Jerome's Altar Society
invites **YOU**
to come, hear and see
what we do!

Tuesday, September 18th,
at 7pm in the Parish Center

The Altar Society
has 5 major committees:
Candle Committee
Plant Committee
Linen Committee
Housekeeping Committee
Arts and Environment
Committee

Further questions,
contact Debbie Col
at 727-460-8964
or email
Debbiec1012000@yahoo.com.

LEGION OF MARY



The object of the Legion of Mary is the Glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals, nursing facilities, ALFs, and through collaboration in apostolate and missionary works sponsored by the parish. Every Legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. We meet weekly in the Ed Kilroy Center on Thursday at 10am. For more info call Rhea Gasway 727-815-6400 or Elrita Basak 727-421-7894.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our study of St. Paul's Letters.

DATE: Sundays through November

PLACE: Ed Kilroy Outreach Center

TIME: 10:15am – 11:45am

Please contact the Parish Office. We will try to order books for you!



Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 8pm in the Ed Kilroy Outreach Building. All Meetings are Open.

Al-Anon meets every Monday at 1pm in the Ed Kilroy Outreach Building.

SHARE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE!

Offertory Collection - September 2, 2018

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$	12,564.00
Loose Cash.....	\$	2,647.00
Loose Checks.....	\$	1,945.00
e-giving.....	\$	3,363.00
Total Offertory	\$	21,134.00



Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish!

**Annual Pastoral Appeal Update
As of September 9, 2018**

2018 Goal	\$292,644.00
Pledged.....	\$117,855.00
Paid.....	\$112,815.00
# Participating Families: ..	341



We appreciate all who made pledges to the 2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Thank you!

This weekend St. Cecelia School families will be in the Gathering Space selling raffle tickets. Money raised through this raffle will go toward renovation of their school buildings. Please be generous!

St. Jerome Ministry To The Homebound

St. Jerome would like you to be our Guest for a Special Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday, September 19th

Please join us for 11:00am Mass in the Parish Center.

This will be followed by a Special Box Lunch provided by Oak Manor.

We'll also have a Sing A Long with *The Silly Sinatras*. You are welcome to join in!

Please RSVP by Friday, September 14th. Parish Office 727 595-4610



**Homebound
MINISTRY**

Parish Center
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You are welcome to invite a homebound friend or neighbor!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



“LET THE CHILDREN COME”
MATTHEW 18:14

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Open House last week!

It was a wonderful way to begin our year together. Many families noticed the new Parent Atrium, formerly known as the entrance to the Education Building. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to pop-in for a visit!

Faith Formation classes begin this week and will continue through May. Continue to check the bulletin for updates about Faith Formation.

Weekends of 9/20-21 and 9/27-28

We will be collecting for our annual **Care Packages for College Students**. Please place school supplies, religious items and nonperishable snacks in the boxes provided in the Gathering Space. Our college students will appreciate a touch of home through their home parish. Thank you for your generosity!



Come join the CHILD CARE MINISTRY

Serve God by serving the families of our parish. Be screened & trained to provide short term child care while parents attend church sponsored programs.

For more information please contact: Tina Bowen at youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org.



Middle and High School Parents: This weekend, September 16th, we will begin our regular meetings. Edge will meet on Sundays at 10:15am and 12pm in the Education Building/TV Lounge. High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday evenings following the 5pm Mass in the Education Building/John Paul II Room. We are excited to begin this new year of growing in faith together!

For more information, please contact Tina Bowen at youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org or 727-595-4610 ext 302.

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

Denise Roach, ECC Administrator
preschool@stjeromeecc.org

Tel: 727-596-9491
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St. Jerome Early Childhood Center: School is back in session! Space available in our three and four year old classes for this school year! St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and four. Our VPK classes are free to all eligible four year olds. Full and half day options are available. St.

Jerome ECC is the only nationally accredited (NAEYC) Catholic preschool in Pinellas County and was voted Best Preschool by

TBN. All are welcome! For additional information and forms, please call the ECC office at 727-596-9491, email at preschool@stjeromeecc.org or visit our website at stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org.



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Everyone is Invited to the Free Family Faith Fest!

The Family Faith Fest is expected to be the largest event in the 50-year history of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. All are invited to take part in this one-time event that will bring our community together like never before! Everyone is invited -- your neighbors, cousins, best friends, especially anyone who is searching for hope, faith and the love of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers Needed for the Free Family Faith Fest

Your help will make the Family Faith Fest a success for the thousands who will be attending to enjoy themselves through fellowship, prayer, faith, music, and most of all FUN! There are many volunteer opportunities available. Visit www.familyfaithfest.org/volunteer-information for complete list as well as volunteer requirements. Participants must be at least 16 years old to sign-up to volunteer for the Family Faith Fest. Deadline to sign up for volunteering is Friday, October 5.

Bishop Gregory Parkes invites everyone to the Family Faith Fest, the Diocese of St. Petersburg's 50th Anniversary celebration, Saturday, October 27th from 10 am to 6 pm at Al Lopez Park in Tampa. Visit www.familyfaithfest.org for more information.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who is curious. The videos are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment! No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

How does it work?

Alpha is eleven sessions with a day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short video and discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. There is no pressure, no follow up and no charge!



How much is it?

There's no charge to do Alpha, but any donations would be gratefully accepted.

When and where is this Alpha?

The next Alpha will be **Sunday nights** beginning on **September 23rd** and ending on **December 16th**. It takes place **starting at 6:00 PM** in our **Parish Center** and **includes supper** each evening. Register by filling out a form at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place or online at www.stjeromeonline.org or by calling Madonna Jones at 727-403-6771.

I'm shy and I don't know anyone who is coming.

We promise that you will be warmly welcomed and included. If you like, bring a friend! **Come and check this out on September 23rd** and decide from there. We'll be delighted to have you!

Daily Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 7:30am in the Reservation Chapel. Every Wednesday after the Rosary join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Every Friday after the Rosary we will have the Stations of the Cross.

Weekly Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed every Wednesday at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

Morning Prayer

You are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours Monday through Friday at 8:40am.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

The Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is held every Saturday at 8:45 am.

The Gift Shop will be open again beginning Sunday, September 16th. Come and check out our religious articles and books!



The Martha and Mary Guild cordially invites all women of the Parish to attend a complimentary lunch on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 11am in the Parish Center.

We will have a speaker from Oak Manor who will inform us about their FREE Lunch 'n Learn Seminars.

The Martha and Mary Guild is a Social Ministry which donates money to St. Jerome through our fundraisers.

You are also welcome to join us at 10:45am Mass on Sunday, October 7th, which we attend as a group.

Lifeline is continually in need of the following non-perishable food items which can be left in the LIFELINE bins in the church:

- boxed macaroni and cheese
- boxed mashed potatoes
- beef stew
- hearty canned soups
- canned pork and beans
- peanut butter and grape jelly
- canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots, tomatoes)
- pasta/spaghetti
- pasta sauce
- canned fruit
- canned tuna
- rice (2 lb. bag)
- cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

Do you need food? In addition to every Wednesday 8:30am – 11:30am, St. Jerome LifeLine food pantry will be open on the last Saturday of each month for you or someone you know who needs food assistance. We are thankful to Catholic Relief Services for this new program. Our next Saturday is September 29th from 9:30am – 11:30am. 727-351-4756



50+ Singles
Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 25th in the parish center at 6:30pm.



For more information contact Barbara Austin (coordinator) at 727-459-7664.

P.S. Save the date! Saturday, December 1st – Christmas Party!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an evening of great entertainment and better food. Join us for.....“St. Patrick’s Got Talent”..... The Best Talent Show This Side Of Hollywood!!!!!! We will be serving a tasty BBQ dinner for only \$10.00 a person. Kids 14 and under are \$3.00. We will have pizza for non-BBQ eaters We will have special GUEST Performers throughout the evening by some of St. Patrick’s best. Sign up to sing, play an instrument, dance or do a comedy skit. Impress the Celebrity Judges and you might be the winner of \$25.00 in Fun Fair food and game tickets. Who knows, some of you might earn a spot on the Big Stage at Fun Fair to perform your act. Contestants can perform by themselves or in a group. The Knights of Columbus will be donating a sizable portion of the proceeds to the School for improvements. It will be held Saturday, September 22, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 Dinner from 6 to 7. Cash bar .Talent show starts after dinner. Use the form below to sign-up for the talent show and purchase tickets. Make checks out to The Knights of Columbus Call David Ruppel at 727-560-0063 for tickets or details on the talent show.

Name of Student _____ Yes I want to enter talent show _____

Parent must sign consent _____

#of Children Tickets _____ x \$3.00 = _____

#of Adult Tickets _____ x \$10.00 = _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Occasionally, various items belonging to a parishioner or visitor are found in the church, one of our buildings, or on church property. If you find something, please bring the item to the sacristy or the front office so it can be placed in the Lost and Found drawer. The front office will be notified of all found items. If you lose something, call 727-595-4610 or stop by the front office to inquire about the lost item. Don't forget St. Anthony: "Dear St. Anthony, look around, something's lost and must be found."



The Bethlehem Centre invites all of our senior parishioners and friends to join in the activities listed below in the Education Building. For info on classes or to register, please call Joanne Biamonte at 727-596-9394.

Bethlehem Centre

Art (Acrylic)	Fr	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Rm 5/6
Art (Watercolor)	Tu	10am – 2pm Rm	5/6
Bridge	Tu, Fr	11:45 am - 3:00 pm	Hall
Exercise	Tu, Fr	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hall
Pinocle	Tu, Fr	12:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Lounge
Tai Chi	Tu & Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Hall
Yoga	We/Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lounge
Zumba	We	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Hall

Bingo is a fun, social and good time every Thursday in the Parish Center. Doors open at 10am.

Early bird begins at 12pm followed by the regular games, ending around 3pm.

In keeping with the generosity of our church, if you bring in a can or a box of food for the poor, we will give you a free bingo card for a special game. One card per can every week!

We could use your help! We are looking for more BINGO volunteers. If interested, please contact the Parish Office 727-595-4610.



GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are Thursdays and are held in the Education Building TV Lounge from 10am – 11:30am every Thursday. Each session is self contained so you may begin anytime. During the meetings we view a video and then have an open discussion that is voluntary. We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience in our meetings. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Selak 727-415-8742.



You are invited to join The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study which meets in the DuBois Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Dunedin every week starting Wednesday, September 19th from 9:30 – 11:30 AM and continues for 20 lessons.

This year we will be taking an exciting journey through the Book of Revelation. We will learn of God's great promise to protect His people and defeat their enemies. The first words John hears from

Jesus are "Do not be afraid" (Revelation 1:17). As you study the Book of Revelation you will find compelling reasons to embrace hope through courage and patient endurance and be led to God's promise to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study is for men and women and promises to lead you on a faith journey that transform your heart and mind and can increase your awareness of God's presence in your daily life.

For more information you can contact Ellen at 727-595-4610 or visit our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org.

St. Jerome Health Ministry

stjeromehealthministry@gmail.com | Dr. Shyler Neveaux D.O.M., Chairman

***Volunteers always welcome!!!

Hurricane Season Safety

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. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- **Evacuation Shelters:** If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to preregister prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.
- **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 and Updates:** If a storm threatens our area, please visit the Diocese of St. Petersburg website for the latest updates relating to parish and school closings. Also, follow the diocesan Twitter <https://twitter.com/DioStPete> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete/> and Spirit FM 90.5 for the latest news updates.

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

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.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957



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