

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

FIVE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE NOW TO BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

Step 1 — Identify Your Support Network and Key Emergency Contacts

Build your support network and emergency contact list now, while things are calm.

Do this now:

- Add your support network to your phone or tablet, labeled as emergency contacts — and make sure they have your number too.
- Call them. Confirm they have your information and talk about what to expect in an emergency.

Step 2 — Get Connected

Turn on local alerts so officials can reach you the moment something happens.

Do this now:

- Enable your phone to receive local alerts and warnings. It is quick to set up — and it matters.
- When emergencies strike, public safety officials use wireless emergency alerts to “ping” every enabled device in the affected community.

Step 3 — Assess Your Needs

Think through what you, your family, and friends would need — and act on it now.

Do this now:

- Add your medical information to your phone. (Use your MyChart app)
- Build an emergency essentials kit for your home and a “go bag” for your car. Keep a charged power bank in each.
- Ask yourself about your needs for medical care, animal care, shelter, food, water, clothing, and more.

Step 4 — Safeguard Key Records and Document Valuables

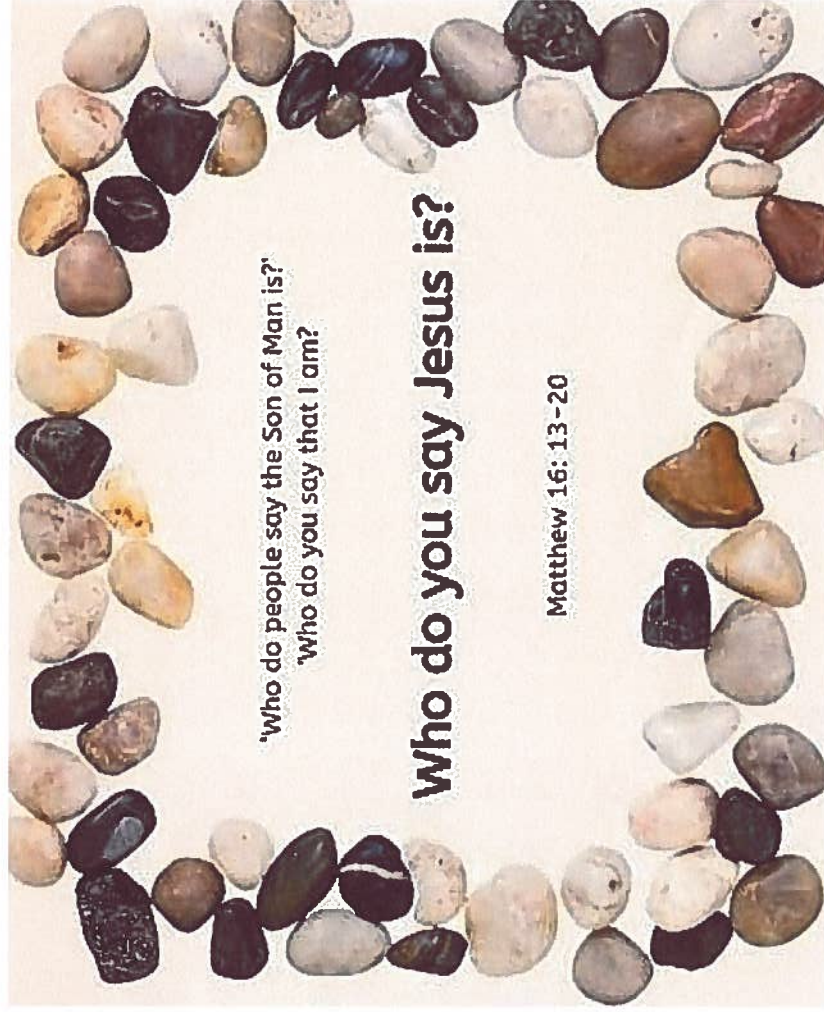
Protect the documents and belongings you would need to recover after a disaster.

Do this now:

- Use your phone to photograph key documents and your valuables.
- Keep electronic copies password-protected on a flash or external drive and store in a fireproof, waterproof box or safe, or on a secure cloud service.

Step 5 — Fill out an Emergency Contact Information Sheet at Church

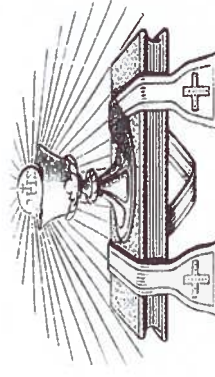
If you are not a registered church member or if your contact info has changed over the past year, please fill out an Emergency Contact Information Form in the church foyer so that we can contact you and make sure you are all right in an emergency.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 23, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00AM and 10:30AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Weekly Announcements

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ON TUESDAY AUGUST 25

We will have a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. All parish ministry and organization chairpersons are asked to attend. You will have received by email a copy of the minutes of the last meeting and an agenda for this meeting.

PRAY FOR HURRICANE SAFETY

As we enter prime time for the hurricane season, let us pray for safety for all and that everyone be spared damaging storms. Let us also pray that everyone will take prudent precautions, prepare early, and have a plan. May government officials, civic leaders, and emergency responders be prepared and ready to assist. Let us pray that all will heed the warnings and advice of public authorities. In the event of a prolonged power outage after a storm, our Parish Activity Center will be open as a respite center to provide a charging station for devices and serve as a cooling station.

Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season.

from all harm.

Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
hasten to help us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING

We will celebrate the inauguration of our Community Lighthouse at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, September 14 at 4:00 PM. We expect many of our public officials as well as Bishop Duca to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this launch. In the meantime, if we have a storm, we will be ready to serve as a respite center and cooling station before the ribbon cutting.

Happy Birthday

August

RUSSELL	8/24
BELINDA	8/24
HENRY	8/24
JARED	8/24
MAUDE	8/24
KAREN	8/24
CAROLE	8/24
DAPHNE	8/25
YVONNE	8/25
RALEIGH	8/25
CINDY	8/25
YOLANDA	8/26
JACOB	8/26
KODEY	8/26
JARED	8/27
LAWRENCE	8/27
TONYA	8/27
NICHOLAS	8/28
CALVIN	8/28
ASHLEIGH	8/29
EDITH	8/29
PAUL	8/29
DORIS	8/29
PAT	8/29
BEVERLY	8/29
TIFFANY	8/29
MARLENE	8/30
JACOB	8/30
ELAN	8/30
KIRT	8/30
OSAZUWA	8/31
KYLEIGH	8/31
QUINCY	8/31
KONNER	8/31
BRANDON	8/31

STUDENT COMMUNITY DINNERS AT MLK

If you know a student at Southern University, please let them know that MLK Catholic Student Center is providing a free community dinner for SU students every Thursday at 5:00 PM until food lasts. They may eat in or take out. We hope to ease food insecurity, but also build community, fellowship, and hospitality among students. Let them know that within a few weeks we will be opening a computer/study room.

Weekly Mass Readings
August 23rd-August 30th

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22: 19-23

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

Monday

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Revelation 21: 9b-14

John 1: 45-51

Tuesday

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17

Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18

Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and

the Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 1: 17-25

Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the

Baptist

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Mark 6: 17-29

Sunday

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Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27