

## FROM THE PASTOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

As I write this in preparation for the weekend, it is 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. At the time, I was pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Arabi (St. Bernard, LA). The parish was completely erased and the parishioners scattered. Among those who kept in touch, it is agreed, we survived, but nothing has ever been the same. As far as I am concerned, the less said about that hideous event, the better.

Yet, it is impossible to ignore Hurricane Harvey, which has already devastated Texas, and is currently stalking Louisiana. By the time you read this, one hopes that the Harvey event will be in the past, and our own cleanup underway. May we all have strength and patience to endure what is to come.

Otherwise, to keep you updated, I offer the following: The audit of the parish and school ended this week, Monday: 28 August 2017. We await the written report before additional financial restructuring takes place.

On Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> September, our school children will participate in the 10:30 am Mass, and the faculty will be present to receive a special blessing. The school will host a reception in the Lorio Center following mass.

On Saturday: 16<sup>th</sup> September, SLKF will have a Family Picnic Day at Pontiff Playground. Archbishop Aymond has given permission for me to offer a vigil mass at the playground at 4 pm, which will fulfill your Sunday mass obligation. For those who cannot attend, Father Suvakin will officiate at the regular 4 pm vigil in the parish church.

Congratulations to the Ludovicium Knights of Columbus, who celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the same day as the Family Day Picnic.

More details to follow, after the Hurricane Harvey cleanup. Stay safe.

St. Louis King of France, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.