

PASTOR'S COLUMN—SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

Hurricane Isaac has impacted many hundreds of miles of the United States in recent days. It is amazing how a storm can affect so many people in a relatively short amount of time. What is good to see is how people rally together to help their neighbors.

God's Love is a "Hurricane" of mercy and compassion for the world with Jesus as the "eye" of God Our Father's Love. This "wind" of the Holy Spirit is strong enough to blow away our old ways of viewing the world. The new-life "gusts" of Jesus' saving love for the world impact the human heart with more consistent love of neighbor.

There is a seamlessness between Hurricane love of neighbor and loving our neighbor on non-storm days. Jesus "sews" the seamless "stitch" of mercy and compassion all over the world through the constant "breeze" of the Holy Spirit. May we as members of Christ Jesus' Body be more willing to enter the "eye" of Jesus' Love in Our Father (Holy Communion) so that loving our neighbor becomes more our daily mission in the Lord Jesus.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry