

***Hurricane Ida/Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
Emergency Special Collection
September 25-26, 2021***

The people of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux have recently suffered immense devastation caused by Hurricane Ida to their property and lives. Bishop Shelton J. Fabre reports that of their 39 parishes, 36 have suffered damage to their church buildings. Additionally, Catholic Charities and other Catholic organizations in that diocese are providing relief efforts to thousands of families, including food, water and shelter. They are in urgent need of assistance.

At the request of Bishop Olson, all parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up a special collection the weekend of September 25-26 to provide immediate assistance for those affected by Hurricane Ida in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Your gifts will go directly to bring relief to the parishioners of this diocese. On behalf of Bishop Fabre and the priests, religious, and lay leadership of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, thank you for your charitable generosity and expression of solidarity among God's people.

Please generously support this collection when it is taken in your parish, or visit <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> To donate to Hurricane Ida Relief, please select Hurricane Ida/Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux from the drop down menu.

For more information on the assistance being provided by the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to victims of Hurricane Ida, please visit <https://htdiocese.org/>

O God of justice and of mercy, you guided Saint Francis de Sales, patron of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, in promoting the full Gospel life of the Church in times of uncertainty. Through his intercession, provide for the needs of the people in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. Amen.

General Information for Parishes:

Collection Date	September, 25-26, 2021
Date Funds Due to Diocese	October 8, 2021
Intacct Account Number	214001
Intacct Fund Number	28202
Online Donation Link	https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections

Bulletin/Website/Pulpit/Social Media Announcements

THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE COLLECTION (September 18-19, 2021)

Read the letter from Bishop Olson.

THE WEEKEND OF THE COLLECTION (September 25-26, 2021)

Today we pause to remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux affected by Hurricane Ida. All parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth are taking a special collection today to help rebuild 36 of their 39 parishes and to provide emergency assistance, including food and shelter, for those who were victims of the

hurricane. Please give generously during the special collection in our parish or give online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections.

THE WEEKEND AFTER THE COLLECTION (October 2-3, 2021)

THANK YOU for your generous response to the emergency special collection for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to assist victims affected by Hurricane Ida. Our parish raised \$(insert amount). If you missed the collection, there is still time to give by making an online donation at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections.

General Intercessions for Special Collection

That those who suffer homelessness, whether temporary or permanent, as a result of the turmoil from Hurricane Ida, will know hope from trust in the Holy Spirit, we pray...

For those who are in hospitals, those who suffer from mental illness, and those who may be born during these times of suffering, that they may know the help of comforting strangers and be led to places of safety, we pray...

For those who have lost family members in Hurricane Irma, we pray...

For those who have volunteered to serve their brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Ida, that they may remain strong, dedicated to service, and wise in their decisions, we pray...

For those who have contributed their prayers to God, for relief of the suffering of thousands who have been affected by Hurricane Ida, that they will continue their prayers and not give up hope in God, we pray...

For the survivors of Hurricane Ida, that our prayers may rise up like incense for their safety, we pray...

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact **Renée Underwood, CFRE** Chief Development Officer of the Advancement Foundation, at runderwood@adv-fdn.org 817-533-7242.