

Dear Parishioners and Guests to Gainesville,

We have been monitoring closely Hurricane Irma and when it may affect our area. Alachua County is now under a hurricane watch, meaning hurricane wind conditions are possible within the next 48 hours. Alachua County Emergency Services have also stated: "Right now, tropical storm-force winds are likely to arrive in Alachua County beginning Sunday morning, so please be in your designated safe place well before Sunday morning."

Thus, at Holy Faith we shall celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass (5pm) on Saturday.

All other Sunday Masses (8am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 6pm) are cancelled. The Monday and Tuesday daily Masses are also cancelled.

Parishioners *are not* obligated to attend Sunday Mass due to the threat of tropical winds, rains and flash floods. It is better to be safe and prepared at this time.

Let us pray for one another and for all who are in the path of this terrible storm. I will offer the Sunday Vigil Mass for all of you and your loved ones and especially for those fleeing the hurricane from South Florida.

Yours, Fr. John