

HURRICANE IVAN

Diocese of Pensacola- Tallahassee

On September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan came ashore as a strong Category 3 hurricane, wreaking havoc on the western half of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Winds in excess of 130 m.p.h., more than 15 inches of rain, a storm surge that in places exceeded 20 ft., and numerous tornadoes ripped into churches, schools, rectories and convents. In some parishes, estimates are that more than 40% of parishioners lost their homes.

The photos shown here appear in chronological order of the date on which they were taken.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, downtown Pensacola, 9/19/04



St. Joseph Catholic Church, downtown Pensacola, 9/19/04



Our Lady of Angels Chapel at St. Joseph, downtown Pensacola, 9/19/04



Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Gulf Beach Highway, across from Grande Lagoon subdivision.
9/19/04



Gulf Beach Highway area, Holy Spirit Catholic Church parish neighborhood, 9/19/04



Gulf Beach Highway area, near Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9/19/04



St. Michael's/Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04.



St. Michael's/Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04. Restoration of power to the convent's old wiring is thought to have been the cause of the fire.

Copyright 2004, The Florida Catholic. All rights reserved.



Bishop Ricard at Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04



Pensacola Fireman Brock Jester recovers crucifix and Tiffany sconces from Mercy Convent after fire.



Catholic Charities staffers work to stock St. Anthony Recovery Center, 9/20/04



Third grader Christian Mendez helps to clean up St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Warrington. 9/21/04



Pre-K4 classroom at St. John the Evangelist, 9/21/04



Parishioner at St. John the Evangelist, Warrington, helping clean up grounds around school with baby on hip. 9/21/04



Navy Point home, Warrington, St. John the Evangelist parish. 9/21/04



Navy Point, 9/21/04.



Navy Point resident displays a bible that washed into her home from an unknown owner during Hurricane Ivan, 9/21/04.



Catholic Charities' Mark Dufva and Dr. Richard Turcotte arrange to shuttle water and ice to Perdido Key comfort station, 9/21/04.



Mark Dufva and Richard Turcotte, Catholic Charities, and Fr. Mark Franklin of Bossier City, La., unload water at Perdido Key comfort station, 9/21/04.



Perdido Key home debris, 9/21/04



Debris field from Ivan storm surge, Perdido Key, 9/21/04.



Gulf Beach Highway, Holy Spirit parish, 9/21/04



Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



“Roofless” Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



Our Lady of the
Assumption, Pensacola
Beach, 9/22/04



Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



Statue of the Blessed Mother showing storm damage from Ivan. Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, exterior, 9/22/04



Sister Patricia Ann Pepitone with St. John the Evangelist parishioner Dave Roberts whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan, 9/25/04.



Home of St. John the Evangelist parishioner, destroyed by Hurricane Ivan, 9/25/04



St. John the Evangelist parishioner Dave Roberts holds family photos recovered three blocks from his home that was destroyed by Ivan, 9/25/04.



Home destroyed by Ivan, St. John the Evangelist parish neighborhood. 9/25/04



Remains/debris from home in Grande Lagoon subdivision, Holy Spirit parish neighborhood. 9/29/04



Grande Lagoon resident shows the nativity set he recovered from the rubble of his home in the Holy Spirit parish neighborhood. 9/29/04



Grande Lagoon home in the Holy Spirit parish destroyed by Hurricane Ivan. 9/29/04