

## Devastating Storm Hits Cathedral Close

July 31, 2023



**A massive, destructive storm hit the Washington, DC, area Saturday afternoon, July 29, 2023.** As described by The Washington Post, winds exceeded 80 mph and 200,000 homes and businesses lost power. Although the damage was not the result of a tornado or a derecho, it was the result of a “very localized downburst” that was facilitated by days of hot, muggy air. Fortunately, we have not heard of any injury to individuals, though St. Albans’ Little Sanctuary was damaged by a falling tree.

**The effects of the downburst on our beloved gardens and grounds** at the Washington National Cathedral are depicted in the pictures here. The groundskeepers are working tirelessly and will need much support for restoration.

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Please consider making a donation today to assist with the cleanup efforts over the next weeks.

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