

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid' (Matthew 14:27)



Like Peter, we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage, Do not be afraid.' In that moment Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

*(Flor McCarthy)*