

**ST ANTHONY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

August 9, 2026

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus comes to His disciples walking on the water and invites Peter to step out of the boat in faith. As long as Peter keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus, he is able to do the impossible. But when he focuses on the wind and the waves, fear takes over and he begins to sink.

How often we experience the same struggle. The storms of life—family concerns, illness, uncertainty, or the challenges of our world—can easily overwhelm us. Yet the Lord continues to say to each of us: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." He is always present, even when His presence is not immediately obvious.

As a parish family, let us renew our trust in Christ. May we keep our eyes fixed on Him, knowing that He never abandons us. When our faith weakens, may we have the humility to pray as Peter did: "Lord, save me!" And may we always discover that Jesus is ready to stretch out His hand and lift us up.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with His peace, courage, and unwavering presence.

In Christ,

Fr. Rolando