

Pastor's Letter

June 23, 2024—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

Do you remember this old picture?



It's called, "His Masters Voice" and was used by RCA Victor to sell records. In our Gospel reading for today, the disciples are stunned when Jesus stills a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee that has been threatening to sink the little boat they are traveling in simply by saying, "Quiet! Be still." In their amazement they say to themselves, "Who then is this whom even the wind and the sea obey." Jesus is able to command the sea because he is the one who made it. When Jesus speaks, creation recognizes the voice of the creator. The sea hears its master's voice and obeys.

Jesus continues to speak with power today, not just with commanding words, but with the example of his sacrificial love calling us to imitate him by giving our lives to him and for him and for his sake to serve others in charity. As St. Paul says in our second reading, "The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

The voice of the Master who made all things as an expression of love calls us to be renewed by love, to be restored to that original closeness to him that humankind once enjoyed when he first spoke us into being. If we accept his call to love, he will bring peace to the storms that rage in and around us and help us become instruments of peace in the world. May we always have ears that are open to hear our Master's voice.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott