

**Today in the Gospel, Jesus walks on troubled waters.**

**We all are on troubled waters, are we not?**

**3 stories to lift up your heart in these troubled days:**

**My classmate lost his wife who married another after 53 years together!**

**He has suffered a brain tumor and more recently an ear tumor. So he is now totally deaf. When I talk to him my voice goes through a machine which prints my words on his screen.**

**He then verbally responds.**

**WHEN I ASKED HIM HOW HE GETS THROUGH HIS DAYS:**

**HE LAUGHED.**

**"Oh, I keep busy just emptying my colostomy bag four times a day!"**

**He lives alone. He Never complains.**

**No bitterness. No self pity.**

He always sends his former wife a Mother's Day card.

Of such stuff heroes are made.

Story 2: Our Gardener here lost his house and all belongings including his car destroyed by fire.

When I reached out to some of my friends on his behalf, they all responded. One sent me a check for \$4000!

Story 3:

Another Gardener here labored here for 26 years. He went on vacation and caught the virus and died.

So I presided at a Memorial on our Parking Lot. There were umbrellas, masks and spacing. In the terrific heat here, an overflow crowd turned up to honor him.

Remember the song, *"Bridge Over Troubled Waters"*?

That is what we are meant to be for one another.

*Aug. 7, I turn 88. I give thanks to my parents Bill and Kitty Fitzgerald for giving me life during troubled times-the Depression. The next year my sister Mary Rose was born, but she did not survive. I am grateful for the gift of life.*