

**OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHACKBAY, LOUISIANA**

September 6, 2009

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor's Corner...



- ⊕ **Our website ad: www.parishesonline.com/olopschackbay**
- ⊕ **Which side of the street are you on? ...** Whenever the Lord and His disciples entered a town things began to happen. For good or for ill, Jesus' presence stirred things up. The ill came for healing, the hard of heart looked for His downfall, but whatever "side of the street" people chose, they were talking about God and His power. And as always, once God has our attention, He will not only open deaf ears, but pry stones from dead hearts. The Messiah was on earth to heal more than the frail of body, He was here to reclaim the heart of the world, to heal the rift between God and Man. Just as in the days of Jesus, God's presence today can be overlooked, but should never be ignored. When He walks into your life, God can be denied or welcomed, loved or reviled, but He will not merely be put out of mind. Which side of the street will you be on?
- ⊕ **Thoughts on the Sunday Gospel ... Mk 7:31-37 ... Just busting to tell somebody ...** There is nothing more delightful or amusing than a child with a secret. Their eyes and feet dance with excitement, small lips tremble with barely contained words. It's almost impossible not to feel giddy with them. Looking into a face so bursting with pent-up joy, we long to hear the news but then we can't help regretting the loss of their enchanting anticipation. What an extraordinary thing to know God has felt the same! When Jesus began to cure the

lame, deaf and blind, He asked those healed to tell no one. And for a few delicious minutes, maybe even hours, the Messiah and His children shared a precious secret – the healing power of God’s love. They felt the same bubbling joy of a miraculous story not yet told. But, alas, the story, the secret, was too good not to tell and the healed spilled their good news, proclaiming Jesus far and wide. What about you? Have you shared a secret with the Savior? Has God worked miracles, small or large, in your life? Go ahead, let it bubble over. Tell somebody what God has done for you – He’ll be glad you shared the secret. ©Copyright 2008 C L Enterprises

⊕ **September 7 is Labor Day...** Let us praise the Lord for the gift of work... les us take a moment to thank God....

⊕ **Brother Lawrence wrote...** “The time of labor does not differ from the time of prayer. In the noise and confusion of the place where I am at work, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament.”



⊕ **September 8 ... Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

⊕ **Prayer for Peace...** Lord remind us of both Your infinite power and Your mercy in dealing with those who are weaker. Remind us of our terrible wrongs and your amazing forgiveness. Then Lord, teach us to show that mercy and forgiveness to here on earth, when our brothers and sisters fail us. Give us peaceful hearts, seeking unity instead of conformity. Amen



Let us pray for our country!

- ⊕ St. Joseph... pray for us!
- ⊕ Our Lady of Prompt Succor... hasten to our help!

Offering to God



The Gift of Our Labor

Spur us to work, Lord

At night after their labors
You give rest to our bodies
Our bodies born to much toil.
By day you spur us on to work
And do what pleases you
That shunning the dark
We may haste on to that day
Which no sad night shall overwhelm

St Gregory of Nazianzus

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sep 6 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7

Ps 146

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Sep 7 Weekday

Col 1:24--2:3Ps 62, Lk 6:6-11

Sep 8 Birth of the Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30, Ps 13, Mt 1:1-16.18-23

Sep 9 Peter Claver

Col 3:1-11, Ps 145, Lk 6:20-26

Sep 10 Weekday

Col 3:12-17, Ps 150, Lk 6:27-38

Sep 11 Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2.12-14, Ps 16, Lk 6:39-42

Sep 12 Weekday, BVM

1 Tm 1:15-17, Ps 113, Lk 6:43-49

A word in your ear....

“He who gossips with you will gossip about you.”



All for the Greater Glory of God!

Fr. Robert ☺