

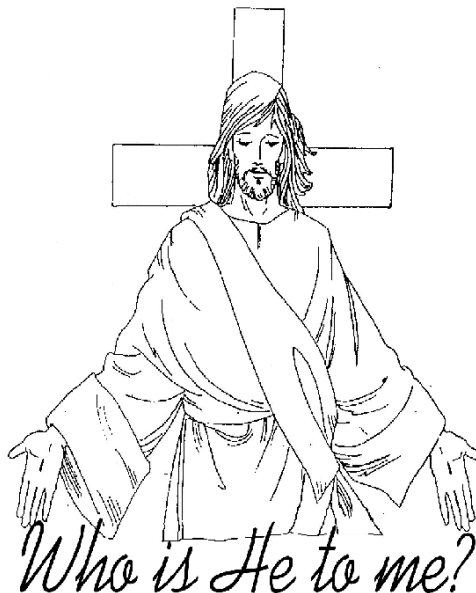
**OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CHACKBAY, LOUISIANA**

**September 13, 2009**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Pastor's Corner...**



- ⊕ **Our website ad: [www.parishesonline.com/olopschackbay](http://www.parishesonline.com/olopschackbay)**
- ⊕ **Thoughts on the Sunday Gospel ... *Mark 8:27-35*... **Lead, follow or get out of the way...** What a joyous event the first steps of a child are! Breathlessly we watch as tiny feet step out bravely, letting go of our sheltering hands. We applaud even though we know there are skinned knees ahead. Walking is just one hard lesson children face and wise parents allow their offspring to “get on with it.” We lead a little, follow a little and then finally, we have to get out of the way. So God does with us - holding our hand when we reach out and releasing it just as readily. Patiently He waits while we run ahead, even if we choose roads He would shun. Because He loves us God will not stand in the way of our growth. Yet our heady freedom can be a greater obstacle than any divine barricade. In our eagerness we can forget the One who sees infinitely further down the road. Like children we rush around the next corner, only to stumble and fall. And if the pain is severe enough, we become Peter: fearful, an immovable obstacle in God's path and our own. Today, take a closer look at the path of your life and ask yourself, am I leading, following or just in the way?**

⊕ **St. Theodore of Studios said...** “How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A

tree had destroyed us, a tree now has brought us life.”



⊕ **The Triumph of the Cross...September 14 ...**

September 14 is the feast of the Triumph of the Cross-, previously called the Exaltation of the Cross. Christians have celebrated this feast on this day since the first half of the fourth century. According to an Eastern text, the empress

Helena discovered the Lord’s cross on September 14, 320. Fifteen years later, on September 13, two churches on Golgotha in Jerusalem were consecrated (the Church of the Cross and the Church of the Resurrection). On the following day, the relic of the cross-found by Helena was solemnly exposed for public veneration. An annual commemoration began in Jerusalem, and churches in other cities that had relics of the cross brought them forth this day for veneration by the faithful. The ceremony was called the *exaltatio* (lifting up). What follows are some words our ancestors in the faith have used to describe the mystery, glory and power of the cross of Christ. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14–16

Faithful Cross, above all other,  
One and only noble tree,  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit your peer may be;  
Sweet the wood and sweet the iron  
And your load, most sweet is he.  
Bend your boughs, O Tree of glory!  
All your rigid branches, bend!  
For a while the ancient temper  
That your birth bestowed, suspend;  
And the King of earth and heaven  
Gently on your bosom tend.

Venantius Fortunatus, 6th century

How splendid the cross of Christ!

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⊕ **September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows.. pray for us!**



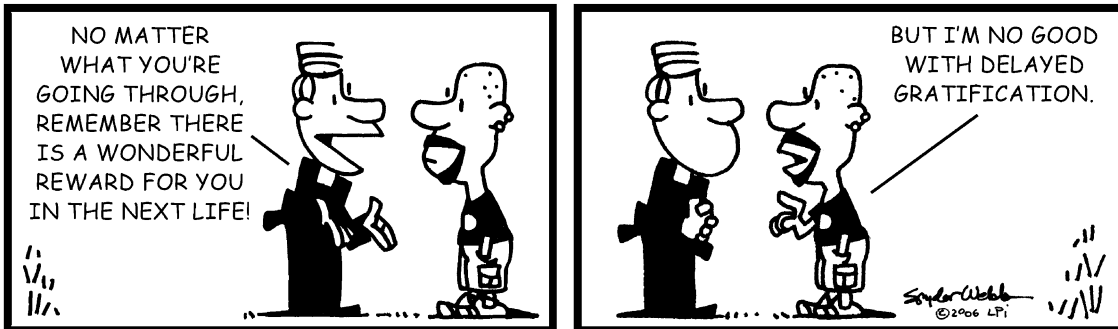
- ⊕ **Fr. John...** This weekend we say goodbye to Fr. John as he goes back to the Eternal City.... In Rome... to continue his studies in the Angelicum. We thank him for his ministry with us and wish him well and the blessings of our Father in heaven. Fr. John.. may the Lord bless you and guide you, may the Good Lord hold you close in His heart and may Mama Mary always cover you with her maternal love and care... until we meet again, God be with you always! Thank you for your love and ministry here in OLOPS-Chackbay. We will miss you!
- ⊕ **Diocesan Celebration honoring San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila– September 27** — **All are invited!** as Bishop Sam Jacobs celebrates the Mass in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila (St. Lawrence Ruiz), together with the Filipino people in our diocese on Sunday, September 27, 2009, here at OLOPS, at 6:30pm. A reception will follow in the Church Hall with some native Filipino dishes. Please come and celebrate...



- ⊕ **Blessings of Animals...** On Saturday, October 3, 2009, after the First Saturday Mass, about at 8:40am, in front of the Church, we will have our annual Blessing of Animals. We invoke the help of St. Francis as we bless all our pets and/or other animals. The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is on Sunday, October 4. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

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

24TH ORDINARY SUNDAY / TAKING UP OUR CROSS



**Fr. Flood**

**Sep 13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 50:4-9

Ps 116

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

**Sep 14 The Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4-9, Ps 78, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

**Sep 15 Our Lady of Sorrows**

Heb 5:7-9, Ps 31, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Sep 16 Cornelius and Cyprian**

1 Tm 3:14-16, Ps 111, Lk 7:31-35

**Sep 17 Weekday, Robert Bellarmine**

1 Tm 4:12-16, Ps 111, Lk 7:36-50

**Sep 18 Weekday**

1 Tm 6:2-12, Ps 49, Lk 8:1-3

**Sep 19 Weekday, BVM, Januarius**

1 Tm 6:13-16, Ps 100, Lk 8:4-15

**Remind me....**

**Dear God, When I am lonely perhaps I feel despair,  
Let not my ailing heart forget that YOU hear every prayer.**

**Remind me that no matter what I do or fail to do,  
there is still hope for as long as I have FAITH in YOU.**

**Let not my eyes be blinded by some folly I commit.**

**But help me to regret my wrong and to make up for it.**

**Inspire me to put my fears upon a hidden shelf.**

**Give me the restful sleep I need before another dawn, and bless me in  
the morning with "the courage to go on.**



**All for the Greater Glory of God!**

Fr. Robert ☺