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On Monday this week, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. You recall that Jesus died on the cross for our sake. One of the opening prayers for that day says: "We should **glory in the cross** of Our Lord Jesus

Christ". How do we glory in the cross of Jesus? We might wonder if Jesus really 'gloried' in it, or if he simply had to **put up with it**? I know I would have a difficult time 'glorying' in it. I usually have to pray to even '**accept**' my crosses. Let us pray for each other that we can both **accept and glory in our crosses**. May God give us all the graces we all need to accept our crosses.

Then on Tuesday of this week, Sept. 15th was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. I believe that Mary, too, must have felt many great sorrows throughout her life, especially when she met her son on the way to his crucifixion. If you had been there, what would you have wanted to do? One of the Stations of the Cross has a woman who wiped the face of Jesus with her veil as his face was all bloodied & soiled. That Station in our chapel pictures an image of Jesus on that veil. If he really did leave a picture of his face on her veil, she likely held on to that veil for many years. Perhaps she **thought** it only looked like his face on her veil, but she most likely treasured it for years anyway.

May God lead and guide you in all you do – in your studies and in all your other activities, and let me know if you would like a prayer partner.

God bless you!

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