

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary time September 3rd
2017**

Theme: The Cross

Introduction

**In the Gospel today Christ says to us “
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
himself take up his cross and follow me”.**
**Everyone one of us here has a cross. The
issue is what to do with that cross .Do we
deny it , rebel against it ,kick it , curse it,
numb ourselves with addictive substances to
make us forget it or do we take it up and
follow the Lord with it and in doing so come
to profound spiritual maturity?The Lord
teaches us the great truth of the Christian
faith that the cross is our way to life, an
honest life , real life , to eternal life. It is a
school for every person.**

**It teaches us the truth that sin damages
everything it touches .It teaches us that true
love is sacrificial. It teaches us the truth
about discipleship , that to follow Christ is to
follow him not in spite of the cross we have
but through it. AMEN**