

**SCRIPUTRE READING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

**Romans 8:18-27**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

<sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

<sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

<sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.