BIBLE READINGS – September 17, 2023
Psalm 103:8-13

[8] The L ORD is compassionate and merciful,
  slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
[9] He will not constantly accuse us,
  nor remain angry forever.
[10] He does not punish us for all our sins;
  he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
[11] For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
  is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
[12] He has removed our sins as far from us
  as the east is from the west.
[13] The L ORD is like a father to his children,
  tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

Romans 14:1-12
Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

[2] Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. [3] Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

[4] Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. [5] Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

[6] Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

[7] We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. [8] If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. [9] For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

[10] Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. [11] For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." [12] So then, each of us will be accountable to God.