

EMMANUEL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY ~ MAY 3 ~ DAY 1

Today's theme is the name of our encounter- *Emmanuel*. God is with you in the midst of this Pandemic. He has been with you since your birth, became alive in you at your baptism and sacramental journey, and promises to never leave you. And yet, we sometimes do not see Him or make room for Him. Today, we declare Him to be our Lord, Savior and Friend. Today we welcome Him- Emmanuel.

If you desire to get an **EMMANUEL Youth and Young Adult Encounter T-shirt** as part of this online event, be sure to order it by Tomorrow, Monday, May 4th at 11:59pm.



Scripture passages to read, and spend some time in silence with:

Isaiah 7:14 ~ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 ~ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

John 3:16-17 ~ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Romans 8:11 ~ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reflection/Discussion

Questions

What does the word Emmanuel mean?

How have you experienced Emmanuel in your life?

How has God been present in our life during this Pandemic particularly?

We often sing songs about Emmanuel during Advent. How is God preparing us for, right now, for something to come in the future?

Speaking of Advent, makes me think of Christmas, what is your favorite part of celebrating Christmas, why?

In the year 2000, 2.5 million young people gathered in Rome for World Youth Day. Have you ever been to Rome? Why is Rome so important to us Catholics? What is the largest gathering you have ever been a part of?

Devotional Prayer

Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it a place for Yourself. Enkindle in my weary soul the fire of your Love so that I may be only Yours. I believe that when You dwell in me, You also prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Therefore, come into me, Consoler of abandoned souls, and Protector of the needy. Help me when I feel afflicted, strengthen me when I am weak, and support me when tired. Come and purify me. Let no evil desire take possession of me. You love the humble and resist the proud. Come to me, bring me new life, fill me with zeal and by your grace may I always be pleasing to you. Amen. ~ Based off a prayer by Saint Augustine of Hippo

Activity

Make an altar/shrine in your room or home. God wants to dwell among us, so make a home for Him. Create a regular place to spend time with Him; this can be a great grace. Be creative; do not hold back! Collect your statues, images, cross, and prayer cards. If allowed use a candle, material/cloth or lights to create a setting to help you focus on the Lord and His presence- Emmanuel, God is with us! Post a pic of your altar or shrine #allsaintsparish

WORLD YOUTH DAY FACTS FOR THE DAY

Year- 2000 – The Great Jubilee Year

Location- Rome, Italy Attendance- 2.5 Million

Theme- Emmanuel Holy Father- St. John Paul II

Scripture- "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14