

# EMMANUEL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT ENCOUNTER

## MONDAY ~ MAY 4 ~ DAY 2

Today's theme is *Baptism*. It is through baptism that sins are washed away and we become a member of God's family, the Church. We become living temples and sanctuaries as God makes His dwelling in us! On the day of our baptism, Jesus who is the Light of the world, make us children of the Light. We are called to let our light shine.

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

Matthew 5:14-16 ~ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

John 8:12 ~ Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

1 John 1:5 ~ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Ephesians 5:8 ~ For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

### Reflection/Discussion Questions

Who has been light, in the midst of darkness for you?

Can you recall, when you were a child, a time when you were scared of the dark? What did turning on the lights bring about?

On the day of your baptism you became full of light, in fact your parents and Godparents were entrusted with a baptism candle to be kept burning brightly. When has your flame been its strongest and when has it been dim?

What helps you to keep your flame burning?

When was the last time you spoke or reached out to your Godparents?

What would your life look like, if you lived your baptism to the full each day? Would you be happier, have more joy; or would you be miserable?

How do you see yourself as a sanctuary, a dwelling place of God, a temple? Does this resonate with you?

### Devotional Prayer

Renew your baptismal promises today:

V. Do you reject Satan? R. I do.

V. And all his works? R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

(If possible, bless yourself with Holy Water).

### Activity

Ask your parent(s) about your baptismal day, have them tell you any memories that have?

Write and send a letter, text or email to your Godparents to thank them for praying for you throughout your life.

If you are a Godparent, send a message to our Godchild as well.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FACTS FOR THE DAY

YEAR- 2002 LOCATION- TORONTO, CANADA  
ATTENDANCE- 800,000 THEME- LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
HOLY FATHER- ST. JOHN PAUL II  
SCRIPTURE- "YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH ... YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."  
MATTHEW 5:13-14