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“SO LONG AS
SHE IS IN
YOUR MIND,
YOU ARE
SAFE FROM
DECEPTION.”

ST. BERNARD



“A TABLE WIDE ENOUGH FOR EVERY HEART”

PARISH INFORMATION

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Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, **God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

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Every Friday at 6:30pm–7:30pm
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Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass
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Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.
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Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
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Thursday & Friday 8am–1pm

Saturday Closed

Fourth Sunday of the Month 10am–1:30pm

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Monday–Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

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Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

Our Gifts to God

AUGUST 9, 2028

First Collection	\$ 12,779.00
Second Collection	1,137.00
Online (7/25).....	3,247.87
TOTAL	\$ 17,163.87

AUGUST 02, 2026

First Collection	\$ 12,011.00
Second Collection	2,399.00
Online (08/01).....	2,157.72
TOTAL	\$ 16,567.72

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and generous support for our church ministry!)**

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 15

9:00A.....Confession
6:15P.....Rosary for Peace

Sunday, August 16

1:00P.....Baptism

Monday, August 17

6:30A.....Adoration
1:00P.....Movie Mondays
7:00P.....Young Adult Group

Tuesday, August 18

6:30A.....Adoration
9:00A.....Legion of Mary Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

6:30A.....Adoration
2:00P.....School of Christian Formation
4:00P.....SoulCore

Thursday, August 20

6:30A.....Adoration
9:00A.....Anointing of the Sick
3:00P.....Holy Hour
6:30P.....AA Meeting

Friday, August 21

6:30A.....Adoration
6:30P.....Taize Holy Hour

Saturday, August 22

9:00A.....Confession
6:15P.....Rosary for Peace

Sunday, August 23

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 15

8:30pm †Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Christine & John
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Alex Campbell by Le Family

†Suzanne Savino by Great-granddaughter
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†JoAnne Keenan by Family

Sunday, Aug. 16

7:30am *Fr. G. Zamora by Linda Aldrich
9:00am †George Untener by Linda Untener
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Salvatore Coppola by Daughter Lina
6:00pm †Janet Colicchio by Roberta McNeil

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Gomez & Carroll Families by Family
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
*Maggie Zaharoiu/Birthday by Mother
†Realino Santoro by Daughter in-law

Monday, Aug. 17

7:30am †Joe & Vi Allen by Dorothy Canazaro
8:30am †Sandoval Family by German & Carol Sandoval

†Eugene Langel by Family
†George Nassor Sr. by Wife

Tuesday, Aug. 18

7:30am *Yannis Family by Dorothy Canazaro
8:30am †Emma Guerrero by Laura Azua

†Eugene Langel by Family
*Stephani M. Vlasek/Birthday by Gail Vlasek

Wednesday, Aug. 19

7:30am †Pasquale Vacca by Daniel D'Acierno
8:30am †Anthony Amoriello by Wife

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Jack Hester by Paricia King

Thursday, Aug. 20

7:30am †Elimar Sa by Maria Watt
8:30am †Sharon Carney by Linda Carney

†Judith Everts by Son
†Eugene Langel by Family

Friday, Aug. 21

7:30am †Christine Thurman by Family
8:30am *Pierre Berlus/Thanksgiving by Family
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

†Angeli Tricerri by Viviana Busato
†Eugene Langel by Family
FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Aug. 22

8:30pm *John & Leny Bengua by Family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Eugene Langel by Family

*Danny Olkeril/Birthday by Dana
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†Christine Murphy by Brenda & Doug Suffield

Sunday, Aug. 23

7:30am †Boleslaw & Helena Skoczylas by Daughter
9:00am †Concetta Pappalardo by Rose
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Daniel Buckley by David & Marcia White
6:00pm †Mathew Kutch by Doris Kutch

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Msgr James Fiore by Carmella
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
*Harina & Francis by Daughter
†Lina Guiotto by Lisa Santoro

UNSCHEDULED

By Maureen Villanti: †Agnes & John Bedner †Richard Villanti *Jason & Sonia Villanti & Family *Anthony & Rachel & Family
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Shrine Flowers

PRAYER LIST

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces: AND FOR:

Maggie Dolan	<i>Monasterio</i>	<i>Wiczowski</i>	Mark Walsh
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Carmen Jones	Delma Langel	Philip Charles	Deb Martin
Bill Hamilton	William Ward	Avangaline Ezeilo	Don Martin
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Ramona	Griffin Bates	Jennifer Nicholas	Ionela Stoia
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Joseph Salamone	<i>Julia Lea Buddendorf</i>	Gregg Dollinger	Yehuda Brener
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		Irving Corkette	
		Carmella Donnino	

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God.

May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection.

We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illnesses that may threaten us in the coming seasons.

Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy.

You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain.

You alone bring peace, calm, and safety.

Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

- Sunday:**
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Monday:**
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:**
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:**
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:**
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:**
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:**
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:**
Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday, August 15**
8:30A Fr. Zamora 4:00P Fr. Theo
5:30P Fr. Zamora
- Sunday, August 16**
7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Theo
10:30A Fr. Timothy
12:00P Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Padit
- Monday, August 17**
7:30A Fr. Zamora Fr. Zamora
- Tuesday, August 18**
Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy
- Wednesday, August 19**
7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo
- Thursday, August 20**
7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Timothy
- Friday, August 21**
7:30A Fr. Padit 8:30A Fr. Theo
6:00P Fr. Zamora
- Saturday, August 22**
8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Zamora
5:30P Fr. Theo
- Sunday, August 23**
7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Theo
10:30A Fr. Zamora
12:00P Fr. Zamora 6:00P Fr. Padit

The Table is Wider Than We Think

There's an old story about a small parish that decided to hold a potluck dinner for the whole neighborhood, not just parishioners. Some worried: what if strangers come who don't share our faith, our language, our customs? The pastor's answer was simple: "Then we'll have more people to feed, and more people to feed us." That evening, the parish hall filled with faces the regular congregation had never seen — recent immigrants, lapsed Catholics, a Hindu family from down the street who brought a dish nobody recognized but everybody loved. By the end of the night, no one could say where "insider" ended and "outsider" began. The table itself had done the work of communion.

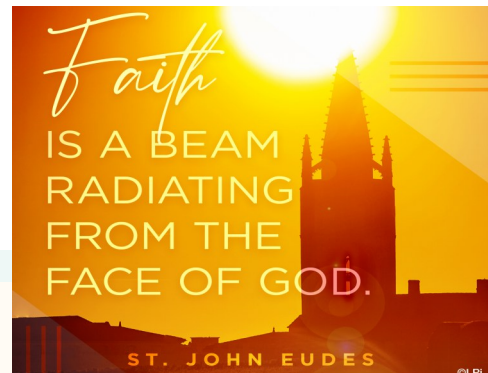
Today's readings insist that God has always intended a table wider than we imagine. Isaiah startles his hearers by promising that foreigners who hold fast to the covenant will be brought to God's "holy mountain" and given "joy in my house of prayer" — a house, he says, "for all peoples." Psalm 67 picks up the same wide-angle vision: "May all the nations praise you." This isn't a grudging inclusion; it's the whole point. God's blessing on Israel was never meant to stop at Israel's borders — it was

meant to flow outward until it reached everyone.

Paul, writing to the Romans, pushes the logic further: God "consigned all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all." Not some. All. Mercy is not a reward for the already-righteous; it's the reason anyone stands righteous at all.

Then comes the Canaanite woman in Matthew's Gospel — a foreigner, a woman, someone with every social reason to be turned away. She won't be. Her persistence and her faith — "great is your faith!" Jesus tells her — break open the boundaries his own disciples wanted to keep closed.

Like that parish hall, God's house keeps turning out to be bigger than we planned it. The question the readings leave us isn't whether God will welcome the stranger — that's already settled. The question is whether we'll pull up a chair, or spend the evening guarding the door.



St. John Eudes, Priest:

A Heart Turned Towards the Excluded

St. John Eudes (1601–1680) knew something about widening the table. Born in Normandy, France, he was ordained a priest during one of the most turbulent centuries in French history — an age of plague, war, and religious upheaval that left entire communities on society's margins. Rather than retreat into safer, more prestigious ministry, Eudes ran toward the people others avoided.

During repeated outbreaks of the plague, he volunteered to minister to the dying when many priests fled the danger. Later, moved by the plight of women trapped in prostitution with nowhere else to turn, he founded a religious community — the Our Lady of Charity Sisters — dedicated to their care and dignity. He preached tirelessly across the French countryside, often to rural poor who rarely saw a priest, insisting that the Gospel belonged to them as fully as to any noble in a cathedral pew.

Eudes is best remembered, though, for something quieter: his deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He wasn't interested in hearts as pious symbols. For Eudes, the "heart" meant the whole interior life turned toward love — and a heart genuinely conformed to Christ's could not help but ache for whoever stood outside the circle of belonging. His theology and his ministry were the same conviction lived two ways: God's mercy has no boundary, so neither should ours.

Like the Canaanite woman who refused to be waved off, and like Isaiah's vision of a house of prayer for all peoples, Eudes structured his whole priesthood around the belief that no one is too foreign, too fallen, or too forgotten to be welcomed to God's table.

For reflection: Where in your own community — parish, neighborhood, workplace — is there a group easier to overlook than to welcome? St. John Eudes didn't wait for comfort or certainty before reaching out. This week, consider one concrete way you might pull up a chair for someone who feels, or has been made to feel, like they don't belong.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."
- Mt 15:22, 24-25

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Questions of the Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?

Second Reading:

Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

Gospel:

The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt heard by Jesus?



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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.





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SALE DAYS & TIMES
SATURDAY AUGUST 29
9:00AM - 2:00PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 30
9:00AM - 2:00PM

 **Proceeds benefit our Religious Education Dept.**




 **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear Lord,
As our children begin this new school year, we ask for Your blessings and guidance.

Give them wisdom to learn, confidence to try their best, and kind hearts to treat others with respect.

Keep them safe and help them grow in knowledge, faith and love each day.

Amen.



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN A RELAXED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT?

Emmanuel Catholic Church continues to host the School of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Palm Beach. This program offers a series of courses for adult Catholics who wish to learn more about the rich traditions of their faith.



The classes are offered in a three year cycle. Here at Emmanuel, we are in the second year of that cycle. You may take the offered classes in any order, and, while you are encouraged to complete the three year program, there is no obligation to do so.

Each class meets from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoon in the Big Classroom for a total of six sessions (12 hours) per course. Registration is \$10 per course; textbooks generally range from \$10 to \$20 per course. Please register at the first class.

This Fall, the classes, taught by Lily Potito, M.A. Theology, Ave Maria University '21, are:

Ecclesiology: August 12, 19, 26; September 2, 9, 16

Liturgy & Sacraments: October 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 18

The Diocese strongly recommends these courses for all the faithful, especially those serving in liturgical, educational and spiritual ministries.

EMHC WORKSHOPS

FALL 2026

ALL WORKSHOPS: 9AM - 11:45AM

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

- Training for both new and veteran EMHCs with formation in:
 - Background theology and spiritual preparation
 - Principles of good liturgy
 - Ministry to the sick and general procedures
- Hands-on practice for new ministers

***PLEASE NOTE:** Veteran EMHCs have a three-year term and must attend a workshop to be recertified.



Call the parish office (561) 496-2480 with your choice of date and location.

SAT · SEP 12

8:45am Registration

St. Juliana Parish
4500 South Dixie Hwy.
WPB, FL 33405

English/
Spanish

SAT · SEP 26

8:45am Registration

St. Mark Parish
643 St. Mark Place
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

English/
Spanish

SAT · OCT 3

8:45am Registration

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
930 SW Tunis Ave.
Port St. Lucie, FL 33414

English
Only

SAT · OCT 17

8:45am Registration

Sacred Heart Parish
425 N. "M" Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460

English/
Spanish

SAT · NOV 7

9:00am Registration

Cathedral of St. Ignatius
9999 N Military Tr.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

English
Only



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Note that the registration deadline is three days before each scheduled date!

Everyday Stewardship

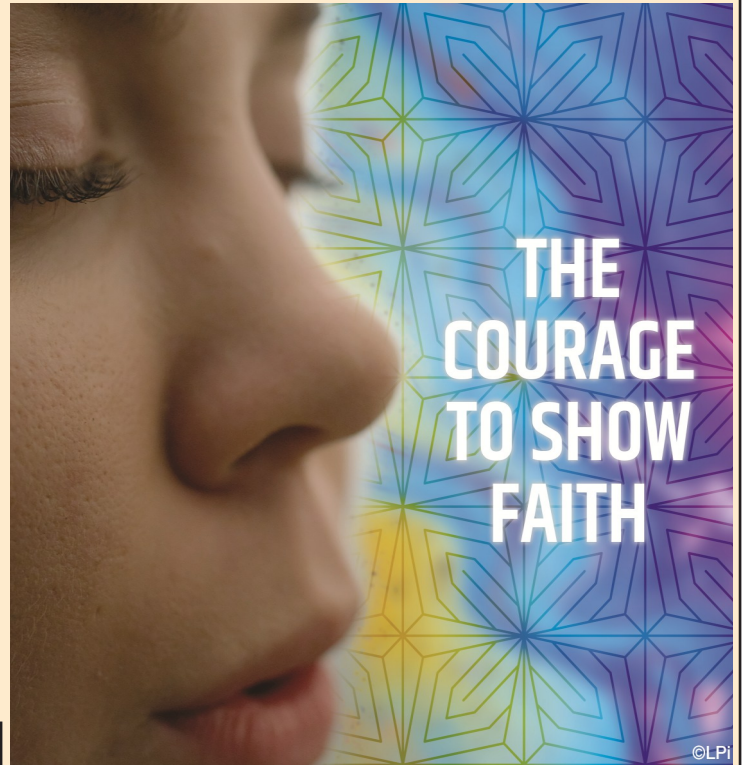
The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves

that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications



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NEW SCHEDULE BEGINNING THIS AUGUST!



**1st & 3rd Wednesday
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2026 Women's Emmaus Retreat



Step away from the noise and pressures of everyday life and give yourself the gift of a weekend filled with prayer, reflection, and fellowship to reignite your relationship with Jesus Christ.

The retreat will be held on **September 11-13 at the Amoris Christi Retreat Center**—15820 S. Military Trail—right next door to our church. The donation to attend is only \$250 and includes room, meals, snacks and supplies.

To register, scan the QR code or go to **bit.ly/EmmausLadies** and fill out the registration form **by September 6th**. For more information, contact Kathy De Santo at 954-732-4476 or MomDeSanto@gmail.com.



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MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

ENTER THROUGH THE PADRE PIO DOOR

Are you a young adult (18-39) at Emmanuel Catholic Church seeking community and deeper faith? Join Fully Alive Young Adults, a group centered on growing in the spiritual life and better understanding the Catholic Faith.

What to expect

- Guided discussions on the Foundations of Faith series by Ascension Presents
- Lectio Divina (Meditation and prayer using Sacred Scripture)
- Opportunities to serve the poor in local communities
- Casual hangouts for fun and games!



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"The glory of God is man fully alive." - **ST. IRENAEUS OF LYONS**