

## 2025 -2026 GOSPEL VALUES

MONTH	GOSPEL VALUE	SCRIPTURE	QUOTES FROM JEANNE DE MATEL
August 2025	Love	"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." - John 13:34	"By a totally singular love, He told me that He wanted to give Himself to me by making an imprint of Himself in me and a vivid representation of his goodness so as to be a Gospel of love within me....He said that I should always and everywhere proclaim the Gospel of love and goodness. He was happy to teach it to me and have me see its divine excellence." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal II</i> , OG-05, Ch. 59, p.392]
September 2025	Service	"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10	"If You want me to serve my neighbor, pour the oil of Your grace into me. I will be Your Christ-bearer, because You will not only be guiding me, Source of grace; since You will be in me, You, rather than I, will meet others." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Collective Letters</i> , OG-03, Letter 64 to Father Joseph Gibilan, SJ from Lyon, 1634]
October 2025	Forgiveness	"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32	"God, You are my mercy. Remove from my heart anything that is not You... Grant me the grace to imitate You by rendering good for evil. Through Your infinite mercy, pardon me and them our faults." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Autobiography 1642-1665</i> , OG-02, Ch. 175, p. 1260 ; Ch. 158, p. 1129]
November 2025	Peace	"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9	"'Blessed are the peacemakers.' (Matt. 5, 9) Peace is God's dwelling place... PEACE has three aims or characteristics. The first is PEACE with God... The second is PEACE with oneself... [Third], we must preserve PEACE with our neighbor... 'Go, my disciples, to evangelize the world, bringing my PEACE to humanity. But before preaching it to others, first possess it within yourselves. I will never leave you...'" [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal I</i> , OG-04, Ch. 9, p. 80 ; Ch. 98, p. 585]
December 2025	Joy	"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	"'Be it done to me according to your word.' From that Fiat, the Virgin accepted the Cross on receiving the JOY of the coming of the Incarnate Word in her womb... So great was the JOY of this incomparable Virgin when she conceived the Incarnate Word that... He alone was the Object of her JOY." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal I</i> , OG-04, Ch. 68, p. 440-441; Ch 83, p. 506]
January 2026	Humility	"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." - James 4:10	"From Jesus Christ, you learn these two virtues: humility of heart and meekness. Whoever possesses these two virtues reaches Jesus Christ, Who came to save the humble and gives Himself to the meek... May I humble myself in truth, and may I bless You in time and in eternity." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal I</i> , OG-04, Ch. 192, p. 1085; <i>Autobiography 1642 – 1665</i> , OG-02, Ch. 175. p. 1261]
February 2026	Discipleship	"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." - Genesis 1:27	"I have called you to establish the Holy Order of the Incarnate Word... Carry the Bread of Life, not only to those privileged to follow such a noble enterprise, but to a world of people who have never known either their obligations to the Word Made Flesh for them or the honor and love due to the Person of the Incarnate Word... This Institute is to be established for the glory of the Sacrament of Love which will give life to all who receive Him through this Order of Love." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal I</i> , OG-04, Ch. 103, p. 602]
March 2026	Renewal	"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13	"In this conversion to God, the soul is elevated. Anything we had loved prior to it appears different to us. One is transformed by the Spirit of God and united to his goal in which one finds true liberty, adoring Him in spirit and in truth. ... Love flows from this and makes the loved ones equal so as to bind them more closely and effect a marvelous transformation in them. The Spouse changes his bride into Himself, transforming her from one light to another... He told me that it was a great favor and tremendous blessing for me to be God's love and delight." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Spiritual Journal I</i> , OG-04, Ch. 40, p. 298]
April 2026	Empowerment	"And do not forget to do well and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:16	"I thanked the Incarnate Word, our Love, who has demonstrated that He cares for His own and that He protects them on sea and on land. He gives them strength and health when they have the courage to want to proclaim Him in His service and through grace, to do everything possible to extend His glory, as they work for the salvation of the neighbor." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>Collective Letters</i> , OG-03, Letter 110 to Father Fang, a missionary priest, from Lyon, February 25, 1642]
May 2026	Faithfulness	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philipians 4:6	"You are this vessel equipped by my grace, armed by my love and governed by the Spirit that directs the Church. He has placed two banners within you: the love of God who loves you and love of your neighbor. You bring your Bread from afar, meaning Me. With joy, You will arrive at port and, through Me, will triumph despite all tempests. [Be strong] and fear nothing. My heart trusts in your fidelity." [Jeanne Chézard de Matel, <i>First Draft of the Autobiography 1596 – 1641</i> , OG-01, Ch. 73, p. 348]