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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

How beautiful the work of God! When the serpent (the devil or Satan) thinks he can go to the woman Eve (in the absence of Adam) and cause this great Fall, it is God who immediately goes searching for Adam and Eve. God cares immensely about His most cherished of all creation. After all, man and woman are created in the image and likeness of God. Does the devil really think he will have the final say? God does something utterly amazing – as the angel Gabriel tells Mary, “nothing will be impossible for God.” You don’t mess with the Almighty! “I will create again”, God says, “and restore what this disobedient and fallen angel has corrupted. I will this time use a woman, preserved from sin, to show the devil that from a woman will come forth a Savior for all humanity. She will be ‘preserved... from every stain by virtue of the death of [My] Son, which [I] foresaw.’” Mary the new Eve brings forth Jesus, the new Adam. Mary had free will and all heaven awaited her answer. She could have said no but she answered as a true daughter of Israel: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” “And the Word was made flesh!” Two angels and two women. A fallen angel leads to the Fall of humanity. An angel named “God’s strength” (Gabriel) brings a message to another woman to prove that God is indeed more powerful than any fallen angel.

Thank you, Mary, and continue to pray for us sinners!

God Love You!

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