



Vox Populi

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On Monday, December 8, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Church teaches: "To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary 'was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.' The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as 'full of grace'. In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace."

The Solemnity fittingly occurs just after the second Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a season which prepares us and constantly speaks to the coming birth of Jesus Christ.

In this same way, the Immaculate Conception prepares the way for Jesus Christ.

The Immaculate Conception positions the Blessed Virgin Mary as the first to be redeemed, and a prototype of the Church and humanity's sanctification.

It sanctifies her as a pure, New Eve, whose graced freedom enables the Incarnation. It magnifies Jesus Christ's redemptive power and invites all Christians to participate in this same grace that first filled our Blessed Mother.