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Welcome *home*.

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Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Happy feast of the Immaculate Conception! This solemnity recalls the dogma that Mary, the Mother of God, was conceived without any stain of the Original Sin. Mary as the Immaculate Conception is our national patron. I did not always appreciate this teaching, but it has grown on me over the last ten years. I became fascinated by it after reading a section of *Behold Your Mother*, a short book where priests talk about their relationship with Mary. There is a section where the priest talks about his having the honor to be in charge of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception which serves as a sort of church for all Catholics in the United States. This image of our lady as the sinless Mother of God is super hopeful. She protects us. She loves us. She guides us. If you do not have a regular relationship with our lady, now is the best time to start.

Getting the Most out of Advent | Here are a few ways that you can get a little more out of advent. Every Wednesday evening we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 6 PM until 7:30 PM. Each evening is recorded and tied into the previous Sunday homily as a guided prayer experience. The videos are available on our Facebook page. I am going to be available for lots of time for confession, direction, or counseling. 12/15 from 4p-8p, 12/16 from 8a-1p, 12/17 from 1p-4p, 12/18 from 12p-3p, 12/21 from 4p-8p, 12/22 from 3p-7:30p, 12/23 from 8a-12a, and 12/24 from 12p-3:30p

Hurricane Ida | Beginning this weekend you should start to see some forward progress regarding our hurricane Ida damage. I want us all to be grounded in the reality that this recovery involves FEMA. This means that there will be times of progress followed by times of no movement. There is no end date for all of our projects. The next steps for us will be some amount of debris removal from our Family Center. I will keep us up to date with all of the goings on regarding recovery. There is a serious reality that the recovery of Christ the Redeemer will take place over the next two years along with our other local churches.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet