



Theme: Perfection

This C19 pandemic has certainly highlighted many imperfections that our society has (and many good things as well!). And as hard as we try, sometimes we, as humans, just never get it right. However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Effort, resilience and determination are admirable qualities. And so is the quality of having high expectations of ourselves.

This week we move away from the Sunday Gospel reading and focused on Mary. This week sees the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is easy to confuse this with the baby Jesus and Christmas, but it is actually the remembrance and celebration of Mary being born without sin. For in order to give birth to Christ, Mary must herself have been in a sinless state. This is why Mary is a role model for our Christian community. The aspiration of leading a sinless life is what we strive for and often fail to achieve. But you just keep on trying.

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Pope Francis:

*'The attitude of Mary of Nazareth shows us that **being** comes before **doing**, and to leave the doing to God in order to be truly as He wants us'*



Prayer:

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honour of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will.