



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! With the arrival of Gaudete Sunday, our Scripture this week turn to the Christmas Story itself with all its wonder. How beautiful that is! How beautiful it would be if we did the same, namely turned toward the Christmas Story in all its wonder. I encourage you to do that this week via the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday and your pondering of Christmas questions.

Several years ago, I came across a book entitled *What Did Jesus Ask*. It reflects on over 70 Questions that our Lord asks in the Gospels. I found it a good read, but all those questions raised a BIG question. Namely, ***Why Did Jesus Ask?*** Ever wonder about that? God asking questions?!!! YES. Why? Well, He knew that questions are a human way of engagement and encounter. Questions evoke not just information but relation and that is what our Lord desires most: Our relation with Him.

So as we enter this 3rd Week of Advent and hear of St. Joseph, I want to commend to you a song about St. Joseph by the Christian Artist Michael Card. The lyrics are below but I ask you to listen and pray with the song this week. It's called ***Joseph's Song***. This song has great power and it would do all of us -- especially the men of our parish -- to reflect, pray and wonder with Joseph about the Mystery that is unfolding For Us this Christmas. May that Mystery with all its wonder be ours this week.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

Joseph's Song, Michael Card

How could it be this baby in my arms
 Sleeping now, so peacefully
 The Son of God, the angel said
 How could it be
 Lord I know He's not my own
 Not of my flesh, not of my bone
 Still Father let this baby be
 The son of my love

Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours
 How can a man be father to the Son of God
 Lord for all my life I've been a simple carpenter
 How can I raise a king, How can I raise a king
 He looks so small, His face and hands so fair
 And when He cries the sun just seems to disappear
 But when He laughs it shines again

Christmas Mass Schedule

There will be 7 Masses celebrated over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve: 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:15PM/Christmas Day: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM

All 3 Christmas Eve Masses and the 9:00AM Mass on Christmas Day will be livestreamed

