



Peace

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From time to time, it's helpful to move beyond our principal ways of thinking or communicating. I use words. A lot of words. I speak and write them. Some of you communicate best with music and song. Others paint or sculpt. We have our go-to approach for conveying meaning. When we shift out of our primary mode, however, we can activate other ways of thinking and feeling. We might find or convey new meaning.

For example, I have some toys, gidgets, rocks, buttons, and similar small items on my windowsill. I collect little doodads that remind me of places or people. I touch and move them around now and then. Today, through more photos than words, I share their story.



This Fall, three sisters (Big Sis, Middle Sis, and Li'l Sis – I'm the last one) looked toward me; I added a blue paper umbrella for their protection. The Joseph and Jesus figurine gazed at them, as Jesus does...all the time.

How do we experience Jesus' ever-present gaze, even when busy with our lives and families?

Over the Thanksgiving break, someone moved my sisters to look toward Jesus. I don't know who shifted their positions though I have my suspicions. The holiday brought visitors to my house, including my two sisters, the likely culprits. I liked what I saw.

What turn might we make in our lives toward Jesus?



Today, they moved again.

In our Advent Scripture, we hear the call of John the Baptist, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matt. 3:2). In repentance, we turn...not just toward Christ, but with Christ.

What would Jesus have us see?

May your Advent journey move you toward -- and with -- God Incarnate.

