

4th Week of Advent – Year A

I. “Fear Not”

- In the midst of crisis fear is natural
- But Joseph and Mary were operating from a different perspective
- Mary had experience of Annunciation – An Angel in her bedroom
- Joseph had this dream – An Angel speaking with Him
- In every crisis they will experience – they know God has something more
How is God going to be glorified in this

Romans “All things work for the good for those that love God”

IN YOUR CRISIS – how will God be glorified – Fear Not!

Joseph finds his fiancé is pregnant – **How is God glorified**

Bethlehem

Jesus is lost – **How is God glorified**

They find Him in the Temple

Mary is witness to His Ministry

Triumphant entry into Jerusalem – Crucifixion

Imagine Mary on Holy Saturday

How is God glorified in this - Easter

II. When I was a boy – I loved “Coming Attractions” – sneak peek,

But it’s not the whole show

- Advent is just like that – it’s a coming attraction.
- Advent is a season of expectation – Jesus is coming
- WHY – Easter!
- The real show is Easter
- The reason Jesus came, is our redemption – the goal is Easter

In our lives we will have good & bad

We will have joy, and sorrow

– and we will have fear.

Fear Not!

We have Easter.