

### **3rd Sunday in Advent**

*Mary reads up on home birthing which proves to be a good thing.*

Jan Hynes, 2002.

Oil on canvas. 120 x 150 cm

### **Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2: 1-7 [The Message]**

The birth of Jesus took place like this. ...

**Reflection:** (look carefully at the image from left to right.)

What do you first see? Whose perspective is the painting from?

Joseph often gets overlooked in this story. In fact he had all of the responsibility with none of the pleasure. What questions might he have been asking himself (and Mary)?

He acts selflessly and without judgment even before God tells him what is going on.

What situation do you need to look at from someone else's perspective?

### **Ritual:**

Each time you light your third candle this week pray for the grace, insight and courage you need to see a situation from a different perspective.

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