

THE 'LITTLE HOLY FAMILY' MIRACLE

*granted to Ginger Baker
while praying with Rosary WMD
on Tuesday, May 2, 2023*

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Part 1 -- chats posted on Rosary WMD when Miracle occurred 5/2/2023

*Immediately after Kyle's double-jab Rosary (Joyful & Luminous),
Ginger Baker posted onto the chat (at 48:09 timestamp) the news about
The 'Little Holy Family' Miracle*

Ginger Baker Well, WFRN, i received a tiny little miracle that I will try to send you a picture of, Kyle...i took my gum out before praying the Rosary and set it on top of my water bottle cap; the gum looks like...

Ginger Baker ...a tiny sculpture of the Holy Family...i know [it's a] very small miracle, but I will try to take a picture and send [it] to you Kyle, so you all can see! I think it is an encouragement for us all !

Marie A Ginger Baker, wonderful. It is your faith.

Ginger Baker @Marie A, Yes ! I am wowed! This is a consolation for you too, Kyle!

Part 2 -- transcript of Miracle presentation on Rosary WMD 5/4/2023

Indented paragraphs are Kyle speaking

We're calling this **The 'Little Holy Family' Miracle**. So, I'm going to give you some context. Of course, if you were on the chat you read it yourself from Ginger Baker just a couple days ago on May 2nd. And, so, let's go ahead and take a look at that chat. Thank you to Paula, who compiled this chat together. As you can see, we'll read it from the top [see highlighted chats, above]. Oh, great! Ginger Baker is here—thank you so much! So, Ginger Baker was able to send me the photograph [see cover page], and here is what she said *in the email*:

“Dear Kyle: I was getting ready to pray with you and the group, when I took my gum out and put it on the bottle cap. While I was praying, the Lord directed my gaze to the gum and I saw the tiny miracle. Enjoy this tiny consolation for all of the WFRN, World Family Rosary Network. Our Lord also has a sense of humor.”

Of course—it being a chewed-up piece of gum! But let's go ahead and take a look at it [photo], and I'm just going to let you look at that. That is the original image that she sent. She sent a few different angles of the picture of the gum. This one was probably the very best as far as the shadowing. And you can see it's placed right there on top of a water bottle—which is very fascinating and interesting that it is...she did place it on top of a water bottle. Because, of course, here on this channel several...about, I don't know, almost two years ago, I discovered that 'Mater' (which is Latin for 'Mother'), when reflected, looks like 'Water': Mater Water.

So, I'm sure many of you...I know when I first saw it, I immediately saw Mary and Joseph holding Baby Jesus, right there, just like a little miniature sculpture of the Holy Family. So, I'm going to let that just kind of sit there for a moment. And I do have some comparisons to show, as well. Feel free to write what you see, in the chat. But it is quite amazing and incredible. Thank you so much, Ginger Baker, for sharing this; and you know you are more than welcome to call in. I've got the phone set up to the speaker. So, if you would like to call in, then you're more than welcome to.

I do have a couple more slides here to show—and I'll go back to this one, as well—but this one's not zoomed in or anything. [In the image below, the top-right portion] is the picture that she sent me. Like I said, she sent a few others, but I think this was probably the best of the pictures. So, let me go back to the slides here. And thank you, Paula. I told Paula, I said, well you should look for—*as if I couldn't* [laughs]—but she found an image of an ornament that's carved that looks very, very similar to the picture of the gum. And so, you see, you know, Joseph is on the right side of the image and Mary is on the left side of the image. Baby Jesus is in her arms, you know, right up to her chest, as if he's going to be nursing. So, if you can't see it there...you know, like I said, I think it's such an amazing capture, that even without this ornament you should be able to see it pretty clearly.



Now, the next picture I did zoom in a little bit, made it a little bit larger. [Standby: technical difficulties.] Oh well, I guess it will have to...she is calling in, so, let's go ahead and answer it. Hi, is this Ginger? Yes, I do hear you. How are you tonight, Ginger? Good, awesome! Well, you are on, you're live right now. So, if you wanted to share a little bit about the experience there, you're more than welcome to.

Ginger: "I sure do. Well, I was just thrilled to be able to have this tiny little miracle; and I know it's tiny. But that day...*I had been praying a lot that day.* And then I was so glad to make it to the, you know, the Rosary WMD channel and be able to pray there. And it's...this is highly unusual—because I've never actually looked at a piece of gum for...to see anything, you know! And also, I wear bottle-cap glasses and so I don't see all that well. And the way it was...the bottle was positioned underneath the light. And the Lord just directed my gaze to it; and it was very close to me at the desk, *so I was able to see it—that's a miracle right there!* So...and it was amazing also that I was able to even get a picture. I tried that night, but my phones were barely working. They've been just really on the blink. They're seven years old. [Their memory was] really, really full. I can't even get enough of them to even clean them, and or even..and they don't charge. *So, just the fact that I was able to even get that picture that night...the couple pictures...that I actually got a couple pictures—it was amazing! Very miraculous just to even be able to do that!"*

Yeah, this is amazing! Sorry, I have a couple other things to share: One thing I wanted to share, too, is when I was talking to Paula about it...you know, about it being an encouragement to the WFRN—and I see Mr. Tapley is here—we all know that Mr. Tapley is a very accomplished sculptor himself. And I actually have a slide here to show some of the sculptures that he's done before; he's done numerous sculptures.



So, it's quite amazing that God had you chew and sculpt up a tiny little Holy Family in your mouth, and then, you know, set it right there on top of a water bottle! It's just absolutely amazing.

Ginger: "It really, really is. A sculptor, yes, found that...I thought of that, yes!"

Yeah, isn't that amazing? And what's also interesting, too, is...you all know, you who are part of the WFRN or Rosary WMD, that I've started a devotion to Saint Joseph—and he sort of made an appearance here with the WFRN, as far as this sculpture...this tiny little miracle, the Holy Family...you know, Saint Joseph makes an appearance! And I think that's pretty [incredible] timing, you know? Because I did just recently (probably last week)...started praying, after the Rosary, the Pope Leo the 13th prayer to Saint Joseph!

Ginger: Yes, and in the sculpture I know different people see it a different way. Strangely enough [at first] I saw that Saint Joseph was holding the Baby Jesus, and Mary was actually looking over her shoulder, because the...I don't know, with that particular view, but her face, the one on the right looks more rounded and you can see the cheek, and it's, you know, it's more of a rounded face; and, to me, it just looked like Saint Joseph was holding the Baby Jesus. And I thought, how unusual for a nativity picture; because they always show Mary holding Baby Jesus. So, I know that...you know, you can see it either way."

Right, right, and Paula and I were kind of debating on that, too. We weren't sure exactly who..which one was which. I tend to think that the one on the left is Mary, because she has a softer, kind of a softer face. And Paula found that ornament where Saint Joseph is wearing sort of like, I don't know what they call it, like a hood on his head; and you really see the ripples of that on, you know, on the right-hand side of the image. But I think you could see it either way; and no matter which way you see it, it's there. It's absolutely amazing.

Ginger: "It sure is! And, you know, I've never looked at a piece of gum before. [Laughter] I've chewed gum all my life, and I've never actually looked at a piece of gum to see what it portends. And, to me, that would be somebody that had way too much time on their hands!"

Yeah, especially since you said you don't have the greatest sight in the first place. So, that's a miracle in itself, that you even saw it! But, yeah, I can imagine that. It's very similar to when I saw...I don't know if you remember, Ginger, when I found an image of the Annunciation on the Rosary walk at my church probably two years ago. I shared that on my channel; there's a video about it. And it was the same sort of thing: I was directed by our LORD to gaze down, and I immediately saw Our Lady in the [stepping] stone of the Rosary walk. It's a very similar feeling...you just kind of knew...I didn't really think to look down; I was directed to gaze down, and I immediately saw it. And, yeah, it's very similar to that.

Ginger: Yes, and I knew that I had to share it right away...[I thought] I'm gonna have to share it with you, with you all, right away. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get you the picture that night. This is soon enough, I believe, for everyone...and everyone that was there, that night when we were praying...you mentioned it, thank goodness. So that it was one of those immediate miracles that needed to be shared right away.

Let's see...oh, wait. You know what? I think I was able to...let me go back to the monitor display, and yes, I did put this together. This slide shows Mr. Tapley and many of his sculptures that he's done [see page 4]. Of course, he's the founder of the World Family Rosary Network. So, I think that connection is very, very significant, you know. It was just a tiny little sculpture.

I do want to say a couple of other things that, if I can get that [email] open. I'm really...my computer is really working [hard] right now. A couple of things that Paula mentioned, she said that *the little sculpture looks like CLAY*. You know, it doesn't really even look like gum, if someone just didn't know it was gum; it kind of looks just like clay. And she said that that's very appropriate, since the members of the Holy Family were all fully human [man was formed from the clay of the earth]. Another thing she said was, you know the old saying 'good things come in small packages' [microphone feedback confirms this truth!]*—well, without a doubt, WFRN's patron saint, the Little Flower, had something to do with this. And I agree with that, as well. This is a great little comment she said, too—she said, “It's sitting on top of a pure white bottle cap that serves as a corona foundation for the little Holy Family, perhaps to show that the humble Holy Family—whose three crowns join into one (upon which they rest, united in love)—stands in contrast to the soon-to-be-crowned figurehead monarch [of UK].”*

Thank you so much, Ginger, for sharing that. It is really a great consolation, as well, for all the hard work we've put in, praying each night and every day.

Ginger: Thank you, Kyle. Well, I'm gonna go now, and thank you, Paula, for all your work and your beautiful comments. I did share it with some other friends who are devout, and they saw it right away—they were wowed. And then I shared it with some people in my family who are not devout at all; and they said, they just said, oh that's just nutty, you are just too nutty.

[Laughs] Yeah, yeah. You know, we get kind of used to that, for sure. But yeah, thank you so, so much for sharing that with us.

Thank you, Ginger! Great talking to you. Hey, call anytime. Bye-bye. All right, well that was nice. So, let's go ahead and take a look here at the chat. Oh, we have another caller coming into the program. Here's Paula. Hi, Paula, how are you today?

Paula: Oh, fine. I thought that I would share about who's who in the gum image.

Okay, let me go ahead and put the image up, real quick. I do have it up again, and this is the larger image of it, which I think is good, too. I kind of zoomed it in a little bit; but yeah, go ahead, and it is showing now. So, go ahead and share what you were thinking.

Paula: Well, when you and I were looking at it, because if you...I had wondered about it myself, but then I came to my conclusion. And then when we spoke on the phone, you had indicated you thought maybe Joseph was on the left of the image. And I explained how I came to my conclusion: I thought the face on the left of the image is more refined, smooth; and the figure on the right side of the image is very bulky-looking, like it would be a man. And besides, when I got that ornament picture (which is *perfect* for this)...I had really been looking for [images of] people. But then I found this [ornament] sculpture, and I was like, *Well, 'sculpture' that's perfect!* And the ornament looks like it's—well, it's probably fake wood—but it looks like it's *carved wood* (which Joseph would have done). And what I like about this ornament is their faces are *anonymous*, just like they are in the gum sculpture! So, that's why, you know...because [when] you look at paintings, you're going to find faces [with facial features]. So, this was really *very* appropriate. And the other thing I noticed was, I'll call it Saint Joseph's hood, in this little ornament you can see the folds of the gathers, where he has that band to hold it onto his head—and there are folds and gathers on this [gum] figure, too! And it does look like perhaps Baby Jesus might be nursing [or about to nurse]. So, I do think that the figure holding the Baby to the chest is Mary. That's my opinion, and I'm sticking with it. [Laughter]

I agree with you, Paula, definitely, especially looking at the ornament that you found.

Paula: Oh, by the way, that ornament is available on Amazon if anyone's interested [laughs], but I think it's like fifty dollars (perhaps it's real carved wood).

Yeah, it looks like ones I've seen at Hallmark. There's a...what is it? It's like Willow Tree, or something like that. I can't remember; but it's very similar to those I've seen before. (I've been to Hallmark too many times, I think!) [Laughter] Yeah, it is absolutely amazing. And thank you again, Ginger, for calling in.

Paula: And also, on a different figurine that I had been looking at, to confirm the hood thing...I saw another figurine that was wearing a mantle around his head, but he was standing (and that statuette was from holyart.com). And its description reads, 'this nativity-scene statue of Saint Joseph is made entirely of terracotta'—and then I was like, *Yeah! terracotta —CLAY! Okay, we're on the right track!*

Yes, and I have it on the screen now: The ornament and the gum [see page 3]. And if you follow my mouse, you can see in the two images that Joseph's left arm helps hold Baby Jesus at an angle [similar] in both.

Paula: There is an image in the Pieta Prayer Book of a sketch of Mary's face, drawn by an Italian mystic, whose hand was guided by Our Lady; and that image shows Mary with a **pointy chin**. So, I think that the figure on the left in the gum image is Mary, because she's sometimes portrayed with a pointy chin in *other* artwork, too.



Follow-up info: Notice **the middle sketch with the bold border** (a close-up sketch of Michelangelo's famous Pieta, entitled 'Pieta Mother Mary', by artist Ruchi Pahuja) **bears a striking resemblance to the gum sculpture—not only by Mary's pointy chin, but also in the detail of the *fold and gathers of Mary's veil atop Her head.*** How wonderfully GOD provides confirmation!

Paula: What I really love about the [gum *and* ornament] images is that Joseph's arm is supporting Mary's arm, which is supporting Baby Jesus. [And Joseph looks as though his right arm could be wrapped around Mary, in a loving and protective way. *Also, note the long, slender fingers of Mary's right hand holding the Divine Infant.*]

I forgot to ask Ginger if she's preserved it in some...I hope she didn't put it back in her mouth and chew it all up! [Laughter] I'd put it under a glass dome or something, I don't know, and put it in a curio cabinet.

Paula: Definitely! The other thing I like about [the gum sculpture] is...because it's *little*. The fact that it's little is important, because it represents the Remnant being so little. You know, just because something's little doesn't mean it's insignificant. I mean, look at a diamond ring...the jewel...a diamond is so small (typically), but it's highly valued. So, it represents the Remnant, WFRN. I feel it's definitely for WFRN. I feel it's an encouragement and confirmation that we're all on the right track, doing as many Rosaries as we can each day. And, Kyle, the fact that you just became a devotee of Saint Joseph...and that prayer that you just prayed tonight, it talks about the darkness; he's helping us against the darkness. ["Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness."] And you see [in the gum image] that they're on this illuminated circle of the cap, but the whole background is dark! Ginger, by the way, that's a fantastic photograph, just fantastic...don't try to take anything better than this one—this one is the one that was meant to be. Well, I have nothing else to share. I think that's it for me.

Ginger posted in the chat her reply about preserving the gum:

"I preserved it, but it was just a miracle for the moment. It has dried out and gone out of shape now."

Really? Well, at least you've got the picture, and that's what counts, I guess.

Wow, it's absolutely amazing. And the more I look at it...I can kind of see like the definition of Mary's forehead and her eyes. It's just, the more I look at it, I just...the more detail I see, to be honest.

Thanks for calling in, both Ginger and Paula. And goodnight, Paula, have a blessed evening. Thank you all.

Part 3 -- chats posted on Rosary WMD during the presentation 5/4/2023

Pieta Rosary (Multicast) That is so cool! Thanks Ginger and Kyle!

Afro 5 Ginger that is so beautiful.

Afro 5 I see the Holy Family.

Afro 5 Amen.

Tino33 I see a similarity.

Jeri G Thank you for sharing this!

Afro 5 Thank you Ginger and Kyle.

Thirdeaglebooks I see Mary on the right looking to her left. I see Joseph holding the baby on the left. You can even see his pointed beard!

Doug Boal A Late [night] Blessing.

Jon A Definitely a miracle! Praise God!

Afro 5 Amen Jon.

Tino33 To me, it is hard to tell who is holding the baby Jesus, but it is there.

Doug Boal I have a statue of Mary Help of Christians. It is red, blue and white, and hollow. I looked in the hole on the bottom, and there is Mary's head and veil appearing to stand behind a cloud.

Sandra Lavini Thank you, Ginger Baker! What a gift!

Ginger Baker TY Kyle, and Paula and everybody, for your positive comments! Yes! Praise GOD!

Ginger Baker Doug that is very cool about your statue; maybe you should also send that to Kyle! It just adds!

Ginger Baker Sandra, Yes! a gift, that is a great word for it!

Tino33 With the Miracle of the Beads and this one here, we are definitely on the right track. Praise be to God.

Ginger Baker Kyle I preserved it, but it was just a miracle for the moment...it has dried out, and gone out of shape now!

Ginger Baker Tino33, Very Well Said, Tino ! Stellar!

Thirdeaglebooks Sure, I will post it on my website: thirdeaglemedia.com

Doug Boal Hi Ginger. The statue is 12 inches and the hole is about half an inch, so i have to put it up to my eye; but the colors make a blue sky and white clouds, and Mary with a blue and white veil.

Ginger Baker Doug, Very Special!

Ginger Baker TY Kyle, & Paula for all your efforts, & Sir William, Sam and all, for all you do for our WFRN. May you and ALL be most encouraged during these more difficult times!

Part 4 -- chats posted on Thirdeaglebooks the following day 5/5/2023

Morning Rosary Intention:

“Thanksgiving for Ginger Baker's Miracle of The Little Holy Family”

Dale Foti WOW! That is incredible, @Ginger Baker.

Ginger Baker @Dale, Believe me, I am as wowed as you are!

Carolyn Couch What is that picture of ?

Susan Kovach The Holy Family.

Susan Kovach Very amazing sculpture.

Sandra Lavini In t-giving 4 the little miracle....

The Shepherd's Boy Awesome miracle of the Holy Family!

Josephine H Praying for all intentions. @ Ginger Baker. What a beautiful and amazing depiction of the Holy Family. And it was the outcome of a piece of gum.

Ginger Baker @Josephine H Yes! I am still so amazed!

Josephine H What a special blessing, Ginger.

colletteryan56 amazing Ginger!!! I agree with William.

Swamp Dweller This is a bit disgusting. Would Heaven really use *used* chewing gum?

United Hearts America When i first saw it, i thought it was cookie dough.

Amy Blount This is quite detailed!

Tino33 A sign...yes.

United Hearts America At first it seems gross; but then ponder that we eat His Body, and we chew on the Word of God.

Carolyn Couch Sorry but you can also see a frog face and tooth indentations in that gum. I wouldn't bring any attention to it, as you may end up as the butt of jokes on Late Night.

Ginger Baker @colleteryan56 Yes me too! but as long as they see the Holy Family...it's all good!

Josephine H I had a bar of soap show an image of Jesus' face one time, it happened on Good Friday. I never showed it to anyone, I don't know why. But I did tell my sister. I was very young then.

Susan Kovach That's wonderful Josephine H.

Ginger Baker @Peter That song is a thanksgiving song for the miracle ...yes Peter I was saving it [the gum] for later! big laugh! GOD has a wonderful sense of humor !

Face Museum Proof you cannot chew gum and pray at the same time.

Tino33 Those who make fun of these images now, might cry later.

Face Museum As humans we are programmed to see faces.

Deborah B please Jesus hold me close. I thought this was a *clay* sculpture, not chewing gum.

Ginger Baker @Face Museum Yes, I thought it would be disrespectful, so i took my gum out....

Josephine H We are seeing through the eyes of our faith.

Alma Medrano I believe that is Mary and Anna at the presentation.

Ginger Baker @Deborah yes! Paula made a comment about that [i.e., sculpture looked like clay], last night on Rosary WMD!

Kathleen Christine Di Valerio Joseph has the Child in his arm, Mary is on our right! Her hand is still under the Child!

Susan Kovach My Dad was a photographer for our newspaper many years ago, had an assignment for swimming competition on Good Friday. He got a picture of a diver that looked like Jesus on the cross, a cross under him.

Kathleen Christine Di Valerio *God is confirming Ginger is doing His Work on this channel.*

Maxula Pretto Susan Kovach. Do you have the picture of Jesus still?

Peter Perrine *There you go @Kathleen Christine Di Valerio, I totally agree [that the Miracle is GOD's confirmation to Ginger that she is doing His work on WFRN.]*

Kathleen Christine Di Valerio The light is on the divine child! William, you are a sculptor so you are qualified to make interpretations! You are correct about St. Joseph.

Susan Kovach Maxula Pretto I have to look and see if it's in the photographs my Dad gave each of us. But it is somewhere. I'll have to check. I am not computer savvy though.

United Hearts America But Ginger had eyes to see.

Josephine H @Susan that would be great to see.

Maxula Pretto Susan Kovach. If you find it please make a copy and mail it to Mr. T. He will show it to us, I am sure. Just a suggestion.

Face Museum God is everywhere, even in chewing gum. That's the real moral of the story.

Susan Kovach *I thought as Kathleen did, that it was an appreciation signal grace for Ginger Baker's posting the feast of each day.*

Sandra Lavini I wonder what else God will use to send us signs...the mind boggles.

Part 5 -- analysis presented by Paula on Thirdeaglebooks 5/7/2023

(Includes a third Scripture she found later, and her closing remarks)

Swamp Dweller had posted on May 5th, "This is a bit disgusting. Would Heaven really use *used* chewing gum?"

Yes, indeed! And it's not far-fetched. According to Scripture, Jesus performed three healing miracles that all contained one element correlating to the 'Miracle of The Little Holy Family'. The common element was human spit!

Mark 7:32-35

32 And they bring to Him one **deaf** and **dumb**; and they besought Him that He would lay His hand upon him. 33 And *taking him from the multitude apart*, He put His fingers into his ears, and **spitting**, He touched his tongue: 34 And looking up to heaven, He groaned, and said to him: Ephpheta, which is, Be thou opened. 35 And immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke right.

Mark 8:22-26

22 And they came to Bethsaida; and they bring to Him a **blind** man, and they besought Him that He would touch him. 23 And taking the blind man by the hand, *He led him out of the town*; and **spitting** upon his eyes, laying His hands on him, He asked him if he saw any thing. 24 And looking up, he said: I see men as it were trees, walking. 25 After that again He laid His hands upon his eyes, and he began to see, and was restored, so that he saw all things clearly. 26 And He sent him into his house, saying: Go into thy house, and if thou enter into the town, tell nobody.

John 9:1-7

1 And Jesus passing by, saw a man, who was **blind** from his birth: 2 And his disciples asked him: Rabbi, who hath sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? 3 Jesus answered: Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, whilst it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had said these things, he **spat** on the ground, and **made clay of the spittle**, and spread the clay on his eyes, 7 And said to him: *Go, wash in the pool of Siloe, which is interpreted, Sent*. He went therefore, and washed, and he came seeing.

The above three passages have some shared similarities. Altogether, they relay the mercy of Jesus upon the deaf, dumb, and blind. These three healings are the only ones we know of that Jesus performed with the use of His sacred spit. (Tragically, our LORD is repaid with unholy spit throughout His sorrowful passion.) Notice that in John's Gospel (chapter 9, verse 6), Jesus made CLAY of His spittle and spread the CLAY on the blind man's eyes. Ginger's gum sculpture (also the product of spit) looked like CLAY. What an amazing correlation!

You probably know that the chewing of gum increases the production of spit, which is **99% water**. And the Blessed Virgin Mary is often symbolized by water—remember Kyle's revelation: that the word 'Mater' (Latin for Mother) reflects as the word 'Water'. Recall, too, that Ginger Baker had placed her spittle-moistened wad of chewing gum atop a water bottle, to respectfully pray Mary's Rosary—specifically the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries!!

Significantly, in all three Gospel passages, the men whom Jesus intends to heal He directs *away from the crowd*. Only when they are apart from the general public does He bless them with healing. **These are Bible prophecies about Jesus directing the Remnant *into refuges* and then healing them!** Interesting, too, is that we must flee to avoid the Mark—and 2 of the 3 [2/3 = .666] prophecies are inscribed in the Gospel of Mark! And John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation from his 'refuge' on the Island of Patmos. These Scriptures testify to the veracity of WFRN's mission to teach about the importance of refuges (to which we fly on the two wings of an eagle: Mary's Rosary and Scapular).

Ginger Baker's mini-Miracle also tells us something else: WFRN has now been given a third Madonna and Child—with *Saint Joseph* thrown in, for good measure! True, like the short-lived signal grace of a scent of roses (sometimes detected during Mary's invisible presence), Ginger's gum figurine didn't last long. But the memory and encouragement of the Miracle will remain in our hearts. *“Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may our hearts be united to yours forever!”*

During discussions of this Miracle, one or more Hailstones expressed skepticism that the Virgin Mary would ever be depicted in fine art as nursing Baby Jesus. But the fact is, there are a great many such depictions, including some with Saint Joseph nearby—and even a rare few with him overseeing the feeding! For your private and profound edification, simply do an online search of 'Baby Jesus Nursing'.

The saints have revealed that the birth of Jesus was painless for the Virgin Mary (“as light passes through glass”). She did not experience labor as other women do: She was neither harmed or weakened by the miraculous process that retained Her virginity. After being delivered, Mary's great joy was embracing and nourishing her Divine Infant. Likewise, the Blessed Babe's great joy was being embraced and satiated by Her, in whose womb He had been embraced and nourished for nine months! Joseph's role was to be attentive, to lead, to provide, and to protect. In the depiction below, he walked tall and carried a big stick! Notice that the folds of his crimson headdress are reminiscent of the gathers on the headdress of the right-hand figure in the gum photo. Did Joseph ever hold the Infant Jesus? Of course, but not in a nursing position, which prerogative was reserved for the Madonna and Child.



The Major Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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