



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

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St. Thomas More Site

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Holy Trinity Site

Parish Office

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site
in the Confessional between
10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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Reminder for all volunteers

Please complete your

Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the
website; <https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org>

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 23, 2025

Monday	6/23			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/24	9:00 am	STM Site	† Special Intention
Wednesday	6/25	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Lucille & Leroy Pinter
Thursday	6/26	9:00 am	HT Site	† John & Dena Bussa
Friday	6/27	9:00 am	STM Site	† Daisy Kopek

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 28-29, 2025

Saturday	6/28	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	6/29	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Joyce Gillan

Eucharistic Miracles: Jesus Real Presence Is Scientifically Proven

When we think about Eucharistic miracles, we may be tempted to think that most of them are unsubstantiated stories that only happened in the "old days" and couldn't happen today in our age of science.

The last few decades, however, have seen a surge in Eucharistic miracles, which cannot be explained by science. And in most of these recent miracles, the Eucharist turns into human flesh and blood.

The consistency among the scientific results is startling. Let's begin with the oldest-known verifiable case of the Eucharist transforming into physical flesh and blood—the Miracle of Lanciano, which took place in 750AD and underwent testing in the 1970s. The facts of this case are stunning.

- The coagulated substance is human blood, AB blood type, with the same protein distribution as found in normal, fresh blood.
- The host is human muscular striated tissue of the myocardium, left ventricle (heart); arteries, veins, branch of vagus nerve, and adipose tissue all can be identified.
- Like the blood, the flesh is also fresh, living tissue, because it "responded rapidly to all the clinical reactions distinctive of living beings" as if the flesh and blood samples had been taken that day. Histological tests revealed no sign of preservation techniques of any kind.

Since then, there are many other eucharistic miracles that took place all over the world. Of all these, the church has approved over 100 as true eucharistic miracles and each of these have been thoroughly and scientifically proven by various scientific means.

Why has the Lord suddenly multiplied Eucharistic miracles in the last few decades? Are we, like Doubting Thomas, refusing to believe unless we see, touch, and feel for ourselves? Perhaps because nowadays so many young people have rejected religion as "unscientific." So, here's the science to prove our faith. Others say they don't believe in religion because it's just opinion or contrary to "reason." Here's quantifiable, measurable, physical evidence.

It's as if Jesus, by using all these miracles, is crying out to us, "I'm here! I love you! My heart yearns for you! Please approach me; receive me; quench my thirst for your love." (Excerpted from an article by Jeannette Williams "media.ascensionpress.com")

Catholic Outreach—Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. The vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

Latest Offering's

June 15th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$2022.00

HT site \$1137.00

STM site \$885.00

Missionary collection

total \$1011.00

Next Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. June 28th

10:30am-11:15am

HT site in the

Confessional



The Man of the Shroud

EXHIBIT

"One of the most perplexing enigmas of modern times"
—National Geographic

"A distinguished relic linked to the mystery of our redemption."
—Blessed John Paul II

"An icon written with the blood of a whipped man, crowned with thorns, crucified and placed on his right side."
—Pope Innocentius Benedict XVI

The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history. As science has progressed, so has the speculation on how the image of the crucified man of the Shroud was made.

After decades of exhaustive and medical, historical and scientific research, the Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The centerpiece is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud made by the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. In addition, the mobile exhibit contains a large crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 11 pop-up display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

The Man of the Shroud Exhibit will be hosted by
St. Louis Catholic Church
in Harkrader Hall
616 S. Cozart Blvd. Princeton, IL
Friday, June 27th - Monday, June 30th
8am - 8pm

Free Admission: Free will donation appreciated.
Schedule of Events available at stlouiscprinceton.org

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Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1-9
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1-12,
17-18
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16
or 16:6b-12,
15-16
Mt 7:21-29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11-16
Rom 5:5b-11
Lk 15:3-7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1-15
Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8,
17-18
Mt 16:13-19

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