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What is a Eucharistic miracle in the Catholic Church?



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There are a variety of requirements for the Catholic Church to officially declare an authentic miracle.

When being introduced to the Catholic faith, apologists will often point to the reality of Eucharistic miracles as a visible sign that what the priest says at Mass is not a set of empty words.

Yet, sometimes the vast number of Eucharistic miracles that exist, which were once catalogued by **St. Carlo Acutis**, can be confusing, as they are not all the same.

What precisely *is* a Eucharistic miracle? What happens during such a miracle?

The anatomy of a Eucharistic miracle

First of all, it all starts with the Mass, during which the priest repeats the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, "Take this, all of you and eat of it: **for this is my body**, which will be given up for you."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains what happens at this point in the Mass: "By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place **a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord** and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood" (CCC 1376).

This means that while **the appearances of bread and wine remain**, the **substance is changed** (through the power of God) completely to the body and blood of Christ.

We could say that the substance is the underlying "being" of the thing. Before the words of consecration the host is simply "bread," but afterwards it is substantially changed into the "body of Jesus."

At Mass, the substance of the host is changed, but typically the "accidents" or "appearances" do not change. This means the host still looks, tastes, and smells like bread. The external part of the bread is not changed by the words of the priest. Sometimes, teachers might compare this to the way that, say, a girl could change the color or the cut of her hair or get a tan in the summer. She looks different but is still the same girl.

So what is a Eucharistic miracle?

This change of the substance of the Eucharist is certainly miraculous at every single Mass, in the sense that God changes a thing from what it was into something it was not -- from bread to his body. However, **miracles are generally considered things visible to our human senses**, and in the case of what happens at every Mass, our human senses perceive nothing. We can't see, feel, or taste the difference that is happening. An English translation of the way that Thomas Aquinas beautifully and poetically summarized this says: "*What the senses fail to fathom*, let us grasp through faith's consent." But this is where **Eucharistic miracles** come in.

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On rare occasions both the substance **and** the accidents change, through the power of God. The veil is lifted and God changes the bread into Jesus' body *in a visible way*. When tested, the human tissue that becomes visible is often a portion of a human heart. Typically **blood** appears in such a miracle, as the *appearances* of bread and wine are miraculously changed into visible body and blood.

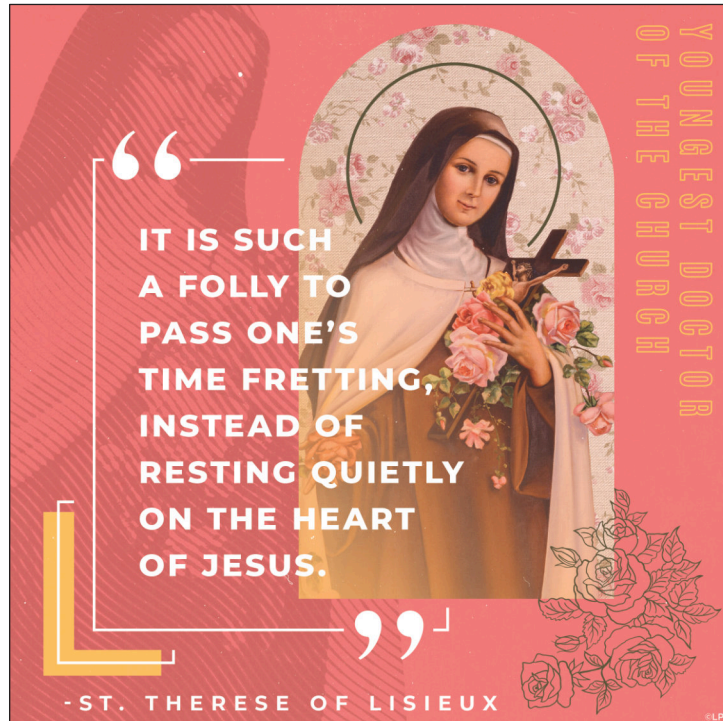
Does it really happen?

As with all miracles, Eucharistic miracles are investigated first by the local bishop. He will initially determine whether or not what is reported is actually nothing more than red bread mold, which is a common occurrence and can easily be confused with an authentic Eucharistic miracle. That is why the bishop will also appoint a team of experts to study the events from every angle, gathering all relevant data. This will include **priests, theologians, canon lawyers, medical professionals, molecular biologists, and others.**

Only after an unbiased study, conducted by a panel of experts, will the local bishop consider declaring a Eucharistic miracle. If the bishop does, it is for the benefit of the faithful to see that God still works miracles in our age and that the Eucharist is always much more than a piece of bread, whether or not we can see that with our eyes. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, whether we can see that with our eyes or not.

While Catholics are not required to believe in Eucharistic miracles, the Church continues to invite the faithful to witness the awe-inspiring power of God and to affirm Jesus' presence in the Eucharist at every Mass.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26, Vigil for Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. The Comeau and La Rosa Families (dec)

Sunday, September 27, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Michael Grimm (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Thomas Condra (liv)

Monday, September 28,
8:00 a.m. Jim Carideo (dec)

Tuesday, September 29, Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
8:00 a.m. Jean Bischoff (dec)

Wednesday, September 30, Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 1, Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, October 2, Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 a.m. Maria De Losangeles Williams (dec)

Saturday, October 3, Vigil for Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Helene Logue (dec)

Sunday, October 4, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Lina D'Azzo (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Lynn Doyle Schuberth and Tommy (dec)

“
 HAVE IN YOU
 THE SAME
 ATTITUDE THAT
 IS ALSO IN
Christ Jesus.”

(PHIL 2:5)

September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
 THE
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Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 | Mt 21:28-32

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Ask any long-time educator, and they'll tell you we often learn more from our mistakes than from doing it perfectly from the start. Today's Gospel also seems to send the same message: Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders. Perhaps this is because they – having lived a sinful life – know firsthand the emptiness of not following God's ways. Having gotten it wrong, they now earnestly seek what is right. The mystic Julian of Norwich writes, “First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God.” Even in our wanderings, God is at work, drawing us to return to him. Ezekiel tells us that when we respond to that grace and turn from the wickedness we have committed, doing what is right and just, we will surely not die, but receive the gift of eternal life from the God who is Mercy itself.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Speaking to the Christian community at Philippi, St. Paul reminds them to have “the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.” The previous lines offer a glimpse of what that attitude entails: encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility, regarding others as more important than ourselves. These attitudes should shape our way of relating to those whom we are trying to evangelize. Rather than judging them or thinking of ourselves as more important, we are called to serve them with humility, offering them our encouragement to seek the Lord who loves them so much that he gave his life for them.

REFLECT

Today's Gospel includes the story of a son who initially says no to his father's request but then changes his mind and does it. The Gospel ends with a line about how the chief priests and elders did not change their minds even when they saw tax collectors and prostitutes responding to John's call to repentance. Indeed, the Greek word for conversion is *metanoia*, which has been defined as “a change of mind that leads to a change in action.” Take some time today to do an examination of conscience, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of thinking that need conversion and change. What might the Holy Spirit want to change your mind about this day?



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Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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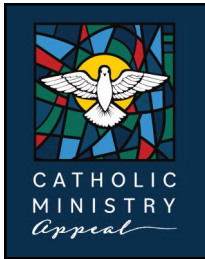
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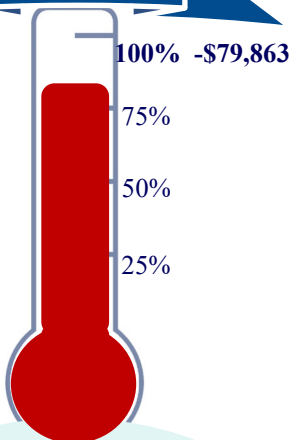
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800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi, commemorating his passing into eternal life. Fr Randy Toberts, OFM, will lead this service sponsored by the St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity. Join us Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg. There will be a reception between the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and the 6:00 pm Transitus service. Contact Jim Gillis, 727-564-1733.

Everyday Stewardship

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations,
Masses will be held in Parish Center.**

Saturday, September 26

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, September 27

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH
Faith Community Nursing-BP Screenings CYH

after 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses
1:00 pm BT Bowling outing at Ten Pin Lanes

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

Wednesday, September 30

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul FF
5:30 pm Adoration PH

Saturday, October 3

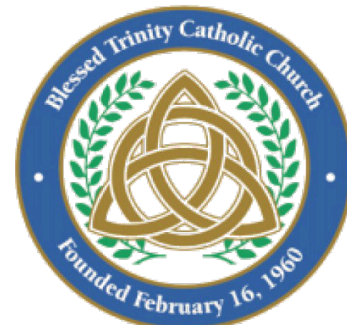
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, October 4

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall,
MC=Ministries Center, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1,
CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room, PL= Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm
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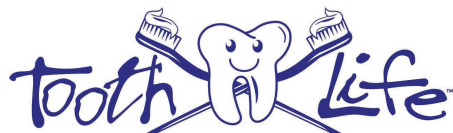


To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

Grief Support

At this time, individual/ one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867- 3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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