

# Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano



## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "MIRACLE"?

A miracle is a direct intervention by God in the natural order which causes something extraordinary to occur. God's miracles never occur for their own sake, but rather to show us that God is real, to deepen our faith and to help us to see even more how real God's love is. Can you name some miracles that Jesus worked in the Gospels?

## TRANSUBSTANTIATION - BIG WORD, EVEN BIGGER REALITY!

What do Catholics believe happens at Mass with the bread and the wine? The "substance" (deepest reality) of bread and wine are changed by the Holy Spirit to the "substance" of Christ's Body and Blood. The "accidents" (appearance or physical attributes) of bread and wine remain. (see CCC 1376) This is known as transubstantiation. What looks like bread and wine is actually, in reality, the Body and Blood of Christ, not a mere symbol, but His full true presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.



## WHAT HAPPENED IN LANCIANO?



Did you know that 135 Eucharistic Miracles from all over the world, right across the centuries, have been investigated and approved by the Catholic Church? The most famous of these miracles occurred at Lanciano, Italy in the 8th century, when a Basilian monk who was beginning to seriously doubt the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist witnessed an incredible transformation in the bread and the wine while celebrating Mass. Not only did the substance change to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but the accidents, the physical appearance changed also.



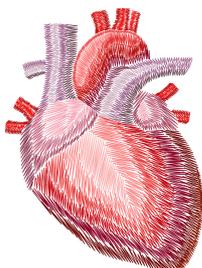
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## SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS

Almost thirteen centuries later, the Miraculous Host and Blood is still preserved in Lanciano, despite being left in their natural state and exposed to the action of atmospheric and biological agents for almost twelve centuries. The most recent investigations occurred in 1970-71 and 1981 by experts in the field of anatomy, Pathological Histology, Chemistry and Clinical Microscopy. The reports state:



The Host is real flesh. The Blood is real blood. Both are human in species and the flesh originates from muscular tissue in the heart. The flesh is a "heart" complete in its essential structure e.g. in the flesh we see present in section the myocardium, the endocardium, the vagus nerve and also the left ventricle of the heart. Blood type AB is present in both the flesh and blood. Blood type AB is extremely rare, with approximately 5% of the entire world's population possessing it, and is most predominant in the Middle East. The Blood contains the same proteins in the same normal proportions as fresh blood. One globule of Blood weighed on its own weighs the same as all five globules together (15.85g).

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THE EUCHARIST IS NOT A MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED. ...BUT A MYSTERY TO BEHOLD.



# Other Eucharistic Miracles

"IF THE PEOPLE OF NAZARETH TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT'S THAT GOD COULD BE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN RECOGNISE HIM."  
- MARK HART -



## SANTAREM, PORTUGAL - 12TH CENTURY

A woman who believed her husband was cheating on her, in desperation reached out to a sorceress for help. She asked for a consecrated host as payment. The lady hid the host in her veil, but it started bleeding as she left the church. Rushing home she hid it in a trunk, but during the night was awakened by bright lights emanating from the trunk. She confessed everything to her husband, and then to the local priest, who brought the host in procession to the local church. Encased in a miraculous crystal pyx, the host and still liquified blood remain there to this day.



## BOLSENA, ITALY - 1263

Fr Peter of Prague, wracked with doubts about the real presence, witnessed blood from the host trickle over his hands and flow to the altar during Mass. The host and corporal were brought to Orvieto and still are on display there today. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi one year later, and commissioned St Thomas Aquinas to compose special liturgical texts, including the Tantum Ergo and Panis Angelicus. Blood type AB.



## TUMACO, COLOMBIA - 31 JANUARY 1906

As a devastating tidal wave approached the island of Tumaco, parishioners and their priest, Fr Larrondo, walked in procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the seashore, where Fr Larrondo made the sign of the cross with the Eucharist. The wave disappeared before their eyes and water levels returned to normal.



## BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - 18 AUGUST 1996

A discarded host at the back of the church was placed in a container of water to dissolve. Days later the host had changed in appearance to a bloodied flesh-like substance, which increased in size. Kept a secret for 3 years, Archbishop Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) commissioned an investigation. New York forensic team, led by Fr Frederic Zugibe did not know the origins of the sample but found that it was real human flesh and blood, blood type AB, heart muscle, and that the "heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."



## TIXTLA, MEXICO – 21 OCTOBER 2006

A host which appeared to be bleeding in the pyx during the distribution of Holy Communion was later tested and found to be human heart muscle, with blood type AB. Furthermore, the host was bleeding from the inside, as the wound appeared and acted just as a living wound would, with coagulation on the superior part of the wound, and fresh blood in the underlying interior layers. Blood type AB.



## SOKÓŁKA, POLAND - 12 OCTOBER 2008

A discarded host which did not dissolve in water changed in appearance to resemble a blood clot. When tested, it was found to be heart muscle, the person the sample was taken from was shown to be near death, and the remaining host was so tightly interconnected with the fibres of human tissue that it was as if the bread was transforming into flesh. Blood type AB.



## LEGNICA, POLAND - 25 DECEMBER 2013

A discarded host which did not dissolve in water changed in appearance to resemble a bloodied flesh. Forensic examination found it was real human tissue of the muscle of the heart, appearing under the strains of agony. Blood type AB.

