

AT MASS CATHOLICS SEE JESUS

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

For the last seven weeks I have tried to explain why, for Catholics, going to Sunday Mass is not optional, but essential for our eternal salvation. I have also tried, in a small way, to provide ways to explain the “real” presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist to anyone who may question why we believe what we believe.

We believe in the “real” presence of Jesus through a simple “ACT OF FAITH”. FAITH is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). The testimony of so many eyewitnesses who lived with Christ is enough for us. The Church has held these beliefs from the beginning.

Contrary to what the proverb says, actually “seeing is not necessarily believing” as we saw in John 6:66, when many of his disciples stopped following Jesus because they found it difficult to accept that his body could be real food and his blood real drink.

To our benefit and consolation, God has allowed, in his mysterious design, that Eucharistic miracles take place from time to time in various countries of the world.

A well known young Catholic of our time, Blessed Carlo Acutis, had put together the numerous accounts and well documented Eucharistic miracles that have occurred all over the world.

Sometimes Jesus lifts the veil from our eyes and allows himself to be experienced in a tangible way, present in the Tabernacle. This is what happened with the famous “MIRACLE OF LANCIANO” and “BOLSENA in Italy; in Argentina, Poland, France, Colombia, Egypt, India, etc.

Did you know that we have had a Eucharistic miracle in Canada? It occurred on July 18, 1946, in a little town nestled in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies in Southern Alberta, by the name of Cowley. You can find it in the internet.

When we go to Mass with the proper disposition, with the intention to offer God our praise and adoration, and the gift of ourselves with sincere love, we do experience a spiritual transformation, a new way to look at people and events, and we leave church with a deep sense of peace which can only come from Christ.

TRUE STORY:

About ten years ago, a parishioner shared with me her experience that during Mass, one day, at the moment of Consecration in place of the priest she saw the image of Jesus lifting the host. She wanted to know my opinion about it. I replied: “Why doubt? Isn’t this what we believe as Catholics? Though Jesus does not normally show himself that way, nevertheless He is really there at the altar, at every Mass; the priest is acting in the person of Christ. Jesus wanted to show you that it’s really him at Mass, so you may conduct yourself accordingly, be composed and recollected when praying, and thus set a good example for everyone to follow.

GOING TO MASS IS TRULY SEEING JESUS WITH THE EYES OF FAITH!