



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

105 Knight Ave N.
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9AM-5PM Mon-Fri

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“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	5:15 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:30 AM (School Mass)
Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM

See the bulletin for weekly changes to the regular schedule.

Confession Schedule

Saturday	4:00-4:50 PM
Sunday	8:00-8:50 AM
Weekdays	30 min. before Mass, ending 10 min. before Mass

Adoration Schedule

Tuesday	8:30 AM—10:00 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM—10:00 PM

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions for this Week

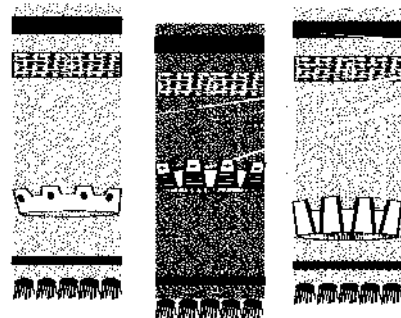
Mon., Jan. 8	No Mass	
Tue., Jan. 9	8:00 AM	Mathilda Shumway
	10:30 AM	Care Center Communion Service
Wed., Jan. 10	5:15 PM	Marshall Shumway
Thu., Jan. 11	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Schaack
Fri., Jan. 12	8:30 AM	Anna & St. Joseph's Intentions
Sat., Jan. 13	5:00 PM	Lorraine Adsero
Sun., Jan 14	9:00 AM	Pro Populo

Feasts and Readings

Mon., Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord
1st Reading:	Is. 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm:	Ps. 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Gospel:	Mk. 1:7-11
Tue., Jan. 9	Tue. 1st Week Ordinary Time
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 1:9-20
Psalm:	1 Sam. 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Gospel:	Mk. 1:21-28
Wed., Jan. 10	Wed. 1st Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20
Psalm:	Ps. 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Gospel:	Mk. 1:29-39
Thu., Jan. 11	Thu. 1st Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 4:1-11
Psalm:	Ps. 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Gospel:	Mk. 1:40-45
Fri., Jan. 12	Fri. 1st Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22a
Psalm:	Ps. 89:16-17, 18-19
Gospel:	Mk. 2:1-12
Sat., Jan. 13	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1
Psalm:	Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel:	Mk. 2:13-17
Sun., Jan. 14	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading:	1 Sam. 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm:	Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
2nd Reading:	1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel:	Jn. 1:35-42

This Week in the Parish

Mon., Jan. 8	6:30 PM	OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
Tue., Jan. 9	8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Communion Service, TRF Care Center
	5:00 PM	Faith Formation Board, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
Wed., Jan. 10	7:00 AM	Buildings and Grounds, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
	6:30 PM	RE- Grades 6 & 8
Thu., Jan. 11	8:30 AM- 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Sanctuary
	8:30 AM	OCIA, Rectory Mtg. Rm.
	9:30 AM	Bible Study, Library
Sat. Jan 13	5:00 PM	Mass with Cross Catholic Outreach
Sun., Jan. 14	8:10 AM	Lauds (Morning Prayer), Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Mass with Cross Catholic Outreach
	10:15 AM	Sunday School
	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy, St. Joseph's, Red Lake Falls




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Coming Up!

Jan. 8-19	Fr. Vasek away	Mar. 30	Easter Vigil
Jan. 21	Special Collection—Africa	Eastertime	Adoration Chapel Opens
Feb. 4 9AM	First Holy Communion Enrollment at Mass	May 4 5PM	Confirmation
		May 5	Piano Recitals
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	May 17-18	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Bemidji
Feb. 23	UND Hockey Game Youth Event		
Mar. 9	Confirmation Retreat	July 17-21	National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis
Mar. 24-29	Holy Week		

From the Desk of Fr. Vasek

Greetings,

Once a month, we have an event geared toward our youth called “Exalt.” It’s a time of praise music, adoration, confession, preaching – it’s meant to be an opportunity to encounter Jesus in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament, to draw us more deeply into a personal encounter and living relationship with HIM. It’s not just for the youth – everyone is welcome to join the evening. It’s actually been very beautiful to see how many people come to the daily Mass that day at 5:15, then stay for pizza, and join in for the event from 6:30pm-8pm. Check it out! In fact, it would be a great event to invite someone to for our “Invite 1” campaign. If Mass doesn’t seem the right place to invite someone on your list – Exalt might a great place to invite them. So, come check it out for yourself, so that you know what you’d be inviting that person to.

Speaking of the “Invite 1” campaign, there is a basket at the lectern / ambo for you to drop pieces of paper with peoples’ names, so that we can pray for them as you prepare to invite them to something in the life of the parish. There are 10-15 slips of paper in there so far... please fill yours out so that we can pray for those people!

I will be away January 8th-19th on my annual fraternal time with classmates from seminary. There are seven of us priests that get together every year for rest, fraternity, and deep sharing of life. It’s the highlight of our year, being able to decompress and invest in each other so that we can continue to pursue holiness in our priestly lives. Yes... it’s in a warmer climate... You might be surprised to know that priests have 30 days of vacation allotted to them each year, beyond the 1 day a week “pastor’s day off”. I never go beyond the 30 days allotted, but I always try to make use of all of it. I’m grateful to Fr. Rick who will cover daily Masses and any emergencies.

On the weekend, there will be a visiting priest who works for Cross Catholic Outreach. I’m glad he is willing to come to be with the parish and to share the message of the good work CCO does in the world.

Even though I’m gone, I don’t take a “vacation from my vocation,” so please know that I’m praying for you daily, especially at Holy Mass and in the rosary.

Grace and Peace,
Father Vasek

Jan 13 & 14 Weekend Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Sat 5PM Mass	Sun 9AM Mass
Accompanist	Laura Brickson	Becca Peralta
Cantor	Darryl Tveitbakk	Doug Meyer
Hospitality	Carl Bruzek Tom Pederson Laura Williams Jeremy Williams	Janet Griffith Marge Miller Rick Reiersen Robert Wald
Sacristan	Pinky DeHaan	Norm Betland
Ministry Captain	Dave Bennett	Charlie Vogel
EMHC	Jean Janisch Arlene Thune	Kari Schaefer Jon Pederson
Lector	Chuck Walrath	Bill Fogarty
Commentator	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Tom Schaefer
Alter Servers	Eli Williams	Lenore Vogel
Technology	Pat Brickson	10th Grade Boys

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule

January 10- Grades 6 & 8 RE
January 14- 10:15 am Sunday School
January 17-Grades 6 & 7 RE
January 21-10:15 am Sunday School
January 24-Grades 6 & 8 RE
January 28-10:15 am Sunday School
January 31-Grades 6 & 7 RE
February 4-9 am Mass First Communion Enrollment:
Parent Meeting after Mass
February 4-10:15 am Sunday School
February 7-6:30 pm Exalt (Dinner at 5:45pm)

Contact Margaret Rasmussen if you have questions.

Margaret.Rasmussen@stbernardstrf.com

Youth News

Padre Apla's Leadership Program: Guatemala, June 15-23, 2024. This is an incredible opportunity! Keep in mind that it's not a trip for mission but for LEADER-SHIP. This is an application/acceptance program so applying does not mean you are committed to going. It's just the first step. Details and application are found at www.crookston.org/padreaplas. **This is the most time sensitive one so please note that January 5th is the deadline for applications.**

UND Hockey Game: Who wants to watch UND play hockey? We need a group of 10 or more fans to attend the hockey game on Friday, February 23rd against Duluth in order for us to go. Tickets are \$20 for grades 6-8 and \$25 for 9th grade and older. Tickets are selling FAST so the *NEW* deadline to sign up for the game is January 23rd. Please go to <https://bit.ly/StBUNDRegistration> to register for a fun game!

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp: This summer, the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp will be "on wheels". Students in the Diocese of Crookston, currently in grades 8-12 are invited to register for a once in a lifetime experience as this year's "camp" will be a 9-day experience, beginning at the Pastoral Center in Crookston, and traveling to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates of this year's camp are July 14-22, 2024. Registration is open! Contact me at misty.mehrakens@stbernardstrf.com or go to www.crookston.org/TOCcamp for more information.

Saint John Paul II Camp 2024: Abide in Me: July 28-August 1, 2024. Camp for incoming grades 7 & 8 will once again take place at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, MN. The theme of this year's camp is "Abide in Me" and will follow the story of Jesus accompanying his disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Registration opens Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00am. More details of camp will come in early January!



O.C.I.A.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Faith? Consider St. Bernard's O.C.I.A. program (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Through O.C.I.A. you will be able to learn more about what the Church believes and teaches and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

If you'd like more information, contact Carolyn Holecek at Carolyn.holecek@stbernardstrf.com or call the parish office.



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St. Bernard's parish happily welcomes the Hadland family; Natasha and Carl were brought into full Communion December 17th as they received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion! Their son Alaric received First Holy Communion December 15th during the School Mass! We also welcome Eilif, a preschooler at St. Bernard's!

Stewardship

Sunday Stewardship

December 30 & 31, 2023

Weekly Offertory Budget \$ 11,231.00
Weekly Offertory Total \$ 8,308.50

Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget (Through Dec) \$297,499
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total (Through Dec) \$307,658

St. Bernard's Building Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$ 3,488,116.59
Received to Date: \$ 3,152,629.20



Calling all snow-birds!

If you need to temporarily halt offering envelopes or change your winter address, please contact the parish office at (218) 681-3571.



Recommended Sacrificial Giving Distribution

As percentage of total income.

Parish	5%
Diocese	3%
Other Giving	2%

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Help us reach our goal!

St. Bernard's has donated/pledged \$44,182.73 with 147 parish donors participating as of December 29, 2023.

St. Bernard's goal for this year is \$49,448.00. Help St. Bernard's reach our goal by donating online at www.crookston.org/onlinegiving/daa

Thank you to all that have participated!

Stewardship Includes Time and Talent as Well!

Getting involved in weekend ministries is a great way to share in parish life. St. Bernard's is looking for individuals to be trained and scheduled to be Sacristans (prepping Sacred vessels and books before Mass), Pianists, Cantors, Extraordinary Ministers (distributing Communion during Mass and to the homebound), Altar Servers, MC-s (junior & senior boys and young men to assist altar servers), and Hospitality Ministers. To learn more, please call the parish office.

Prayer Intentions

Parish Prayer List

Jackie Hunt, Matthew Kaiser, Kaelyn Diaz, Roger Amundson, Ron Winter, John Sherack, Tom Super, Mary Hemstreet, Jim Breth, Robert Walrath, Elliana Rose Viktora, Tim Kramer, Christine Oliver, Margaret Koldon, Luke Noreen, Sid Brouse, Gale Schmitz, Tori Hovelsrud, Ray Hedlund, Emil Vanyo, Jan Kramer, Tim Bulger, John Barry, Alberta Johnson, Daniel Bernard, Alice Stancyk

If you wish to have someone placed on, or removed from, the prayer list, please call (218) 681-3571 or email norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com

Pope Francis' Intentions for January

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Church, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Mass Requests

If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention, you can request a Mass in multiple ways. You can stop by the parish office, send them by mail or drop them in the collection basket. When requesting a Mass for the deceased, be sure to indicate this with a + before their name. The customary offering is \$10. Masses are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, and can be scheduled up to 1 year in advance.

Parish Life

NEW KNIGHT AVENUE ENTRANCE

Beginning on Christmas Eve and all weekends moving forward, the **north side** of the new entrance on Knight Avenue will be available for entering and exiting the Church. Please note that the elevator is not installed yet, and this entrance is not handicapped accessible at this time. On weekdays this entrance will be closed as construction continues, so please use the west entrance and ramp in the school parking lot.

St. Bernard's Adoration Society

Perpetual Adoration

The St. Bernard's Adoration Society desires for our parish to have the first perpetual adoration chapel in the Diocese of Crookston. To make this dream a reality, we need 2 parishioners to cover each of the 168 hours of the week.

As we begin to build the perpetual adoration schedule, the Adoration Society invites you to experience Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 10 PM in the Church. Adoration is time to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in a profoundly deep and intimate way, which builds a deeper personal relationship with the Lord.

If you would like more information, please contact Norm at the parish office (218) 681-3571.

2024 March for Life Rally

Saturday, January 20, 2024 @ 12 PM
Beltrami County Courthouse
629 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji

Soup and sandwich lunch to follow at St. Phillip's Catholic Church.



Mark your calendars for the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, to take place May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Bishop Cozzens, and Bishop Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to this collaboration between our dioceses to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Immediately following the congress, the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin at the headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca State Park. The Eucharistic Congress will inspire your devotion to the Eucharist through power talks, witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, and confession. Register at crookstoneucharist.org

LITURGICAL VESTMENTS

The Cope & Humeral Veil

The cope is a semicircular cloak, usually richly ornamented. It is open on the front and fastened by a clasp near the neck. The vestment is never worn during Mass, but is typically worn during exposition or reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and during Eucharistic processions.

The humeral veil is an oblong cloth that is placed over the shoulders and clasps in front of the best. It is used during Benediction, during Eucharistic processions, and when transferring the Eucharist from one tabernacle to another.



Epiphany Sacramentals

Fr. Vasek has blessed Epiphany Chalk in the gathering space for use in blessing your homes today. Please take only one piece of chalk per family.

Epiphany water (a special type of holy water) is also available. Please take only one bottle of Epiphany water per family.

God Bless!



Nations
walk
by your
light

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Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul can once again be given to a newborn child.



Volunteers are needed to pray the Rosary with residents of Valley Home on Mondays at 6:30PM. If interested, please contact the parish office at 218-681-3571.

St. Bernard's is Hiring!

Funeral Coordinator

The Funeral Coordinator directly assists the pastor when the parish is notified of a funeral need. Duties include meeting with the family and the pastor, following up on logistics such as coordinating musicians, organizing altar servers, notifying the kitchen team, and communicating with the funeral home and family.

For inquiries and applications, please contact Norm at the parish office at (218) 689-3571 or by email at norm.betland@stbernardstrf.com



Hour of Mercy

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 3:00 PM. Mercy Hours are services of healing for marriages and families. -married, single, divorced, widowed - every person belongs to a family and has a place in this experience. Mercy

Hours include exposition/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Bishop Cozzens, prayers and intercessions, music and prayer stations all culminating in an intimate moment of a Eucharistic encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple or as a family. Saint Joseph's is located at 112 Edward St NE, Red Lake Falls, MN. All are welcome. For more information: www.crookston.org/revival.

New Parishioner or Change of Address?

If you are a new parishioner or need to update your contact information, you can register or update your information on our website at stbernardsc.org or by calling the parish office at (218) 681-3571.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number).

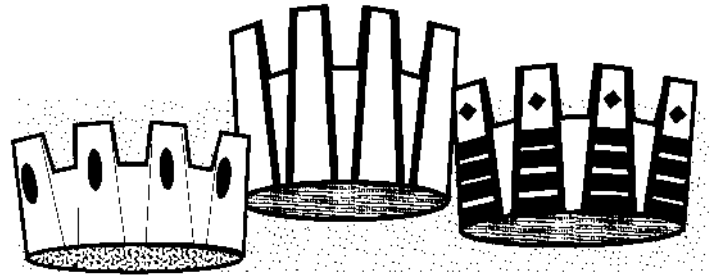


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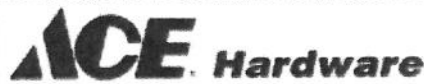
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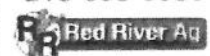
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Epiphany House Blessing - January 7, 2024

Begin by having all family members gather outside the front door. All make the sign of the cross. One person will then read this prayer:

Priest/Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Enter the home and pray the Magnificat while sprinkling this area of the home with holy water.

All:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead and lead us not into temptation,

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee- Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers are recited, walk throughout your home sprinkling each room with holy water.

Then with the blessed chalk write the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) connected with crosses at the top of your front door.

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Then the numbers of the year. The numbers will be split so that they are on each side of the initials.

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Eucharistic Miracle of SANTARÉM

PORTUGAL, 1247



The Eucharistic miracle of Santarém, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles.

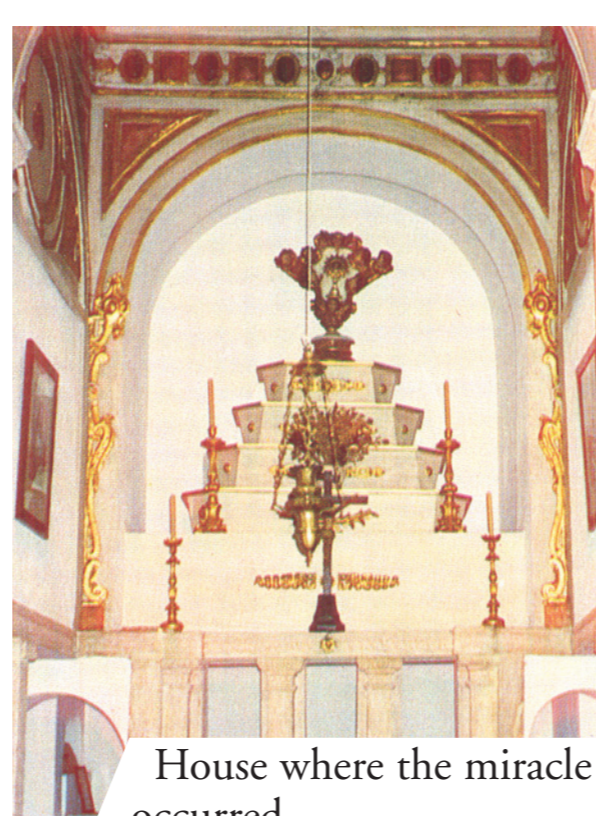
Numerous studies and canonical analyses were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of the Blessed Sacrament. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarém.



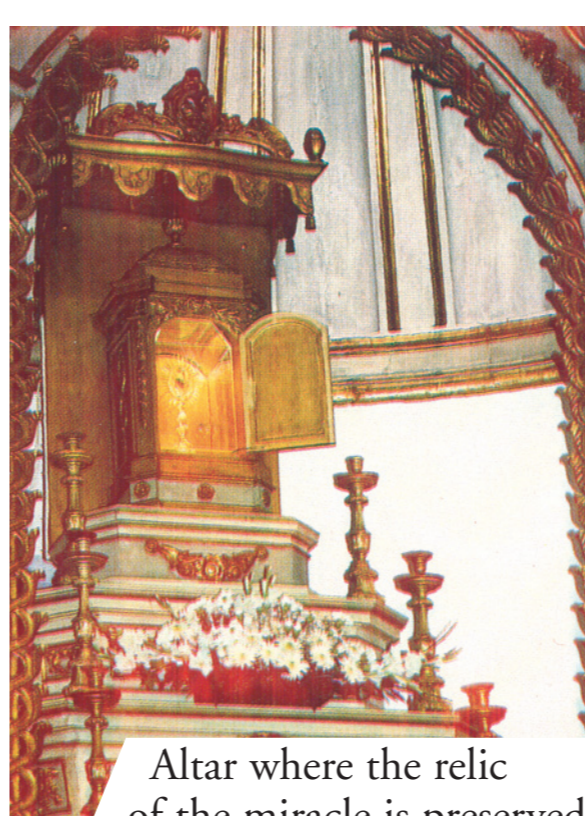
Interior of the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle, Santarém



Church of the Most Holy Miracle, Santarém



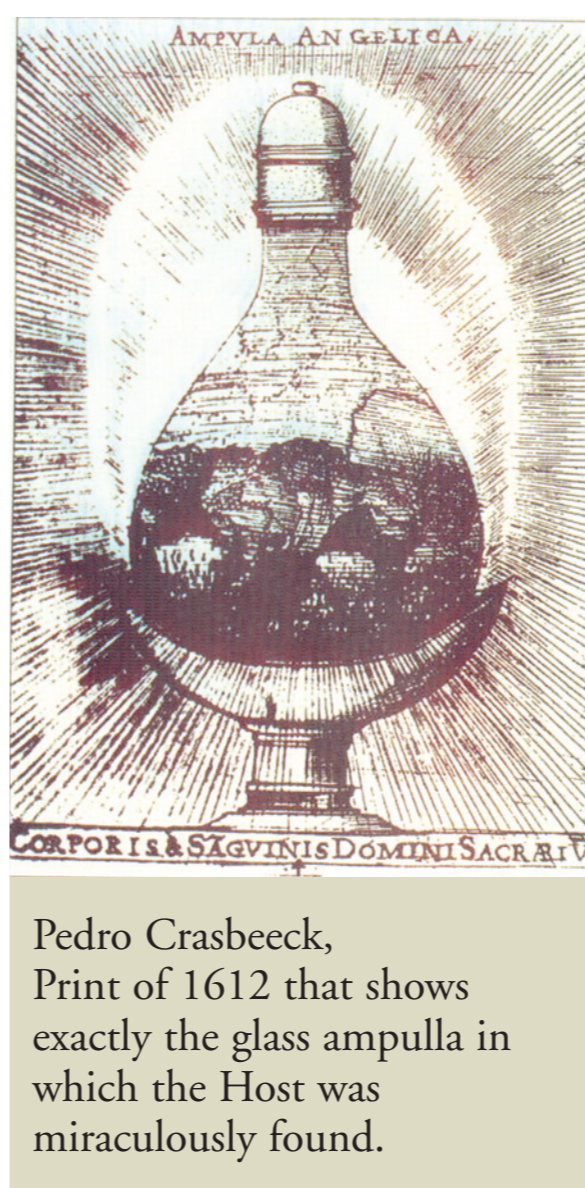
House where the miracle occurred



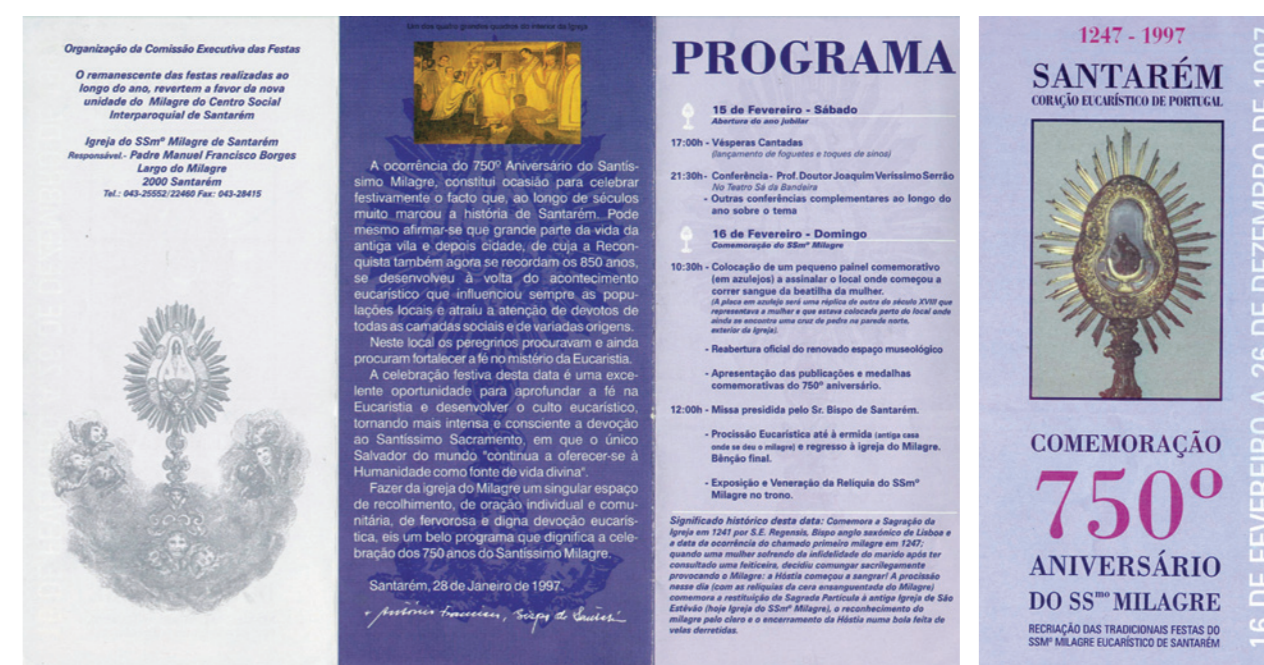
Altar where the relic of the miracle is preserved



Cruet containing the Blood from the Host



Pedro Crasbeeck, Print of 1612 that shows exactly the glass ampulla in which the Host was miraculously found.



Interior of the church



Relic of the miraculous Host

Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV. Still today, in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarém, it is possible to admire these precious relics.

According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266 in Santarém, a young woman overcome with jealousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid the Holy Eucharist in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. The

confused woman stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband was also aware of the strange phenomenon and questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything.

The next day, the couple informed the pastor, who went to the home to remove the Host and return the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of St. Stephen in solemn procession, accompanied by many religious and lay people. The Host bled for three consecutive days, and was then placed in a beautiful reliquary made of beeswax. In 1340 another miracle occurred. When the priest opened the tabernacle, he found the beeswax vase broken into many

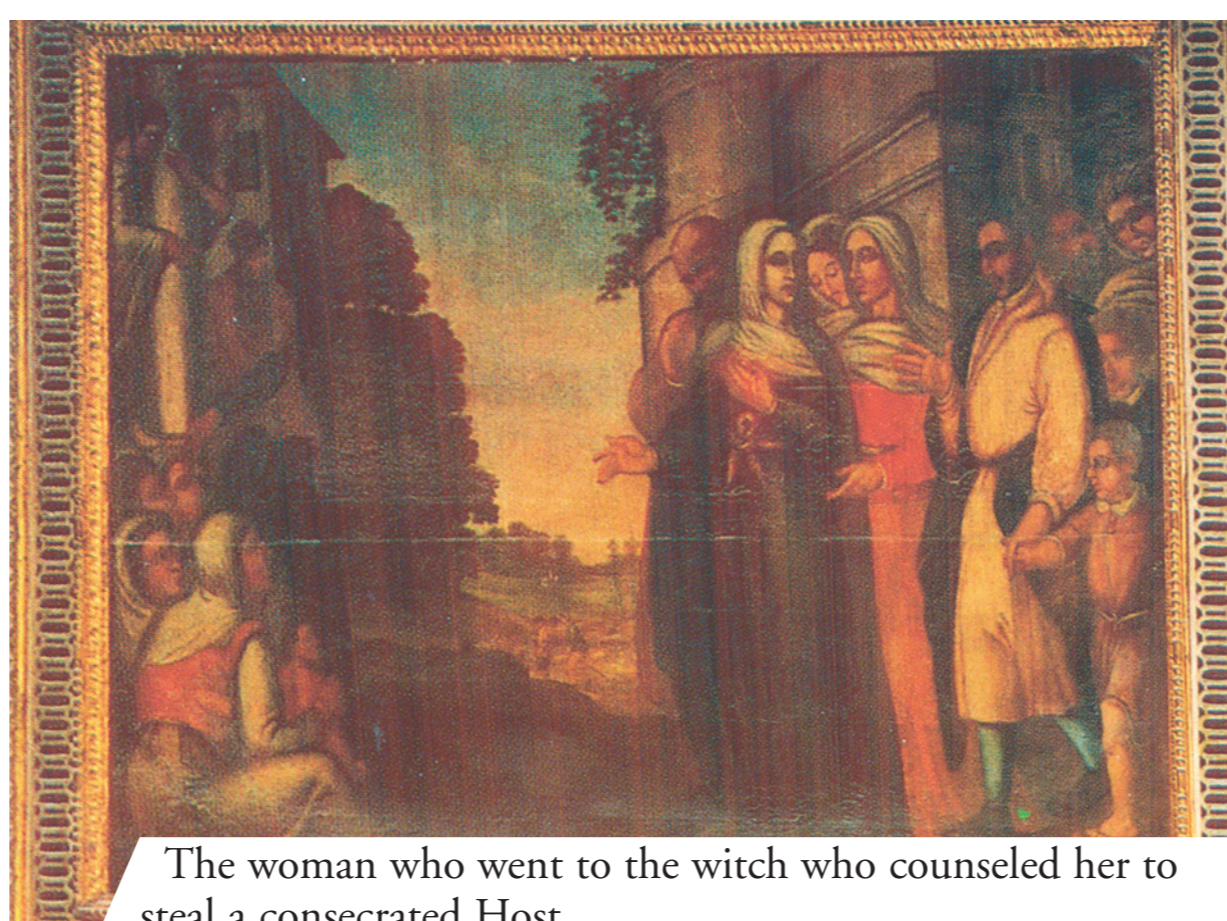
pieces: in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with the wax. The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne above the main altar. The Church of St. Stephen is now known as the Shrine of the Holy Miracle. Throughout the centuries, on various occasions the Host gave new emissions of Blood, and in some cases various images of Our Lord were seen in the Holy Eucharist. Among the witnesses of this prodigy is St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions. Every year since the miracle occurred, on the second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684.

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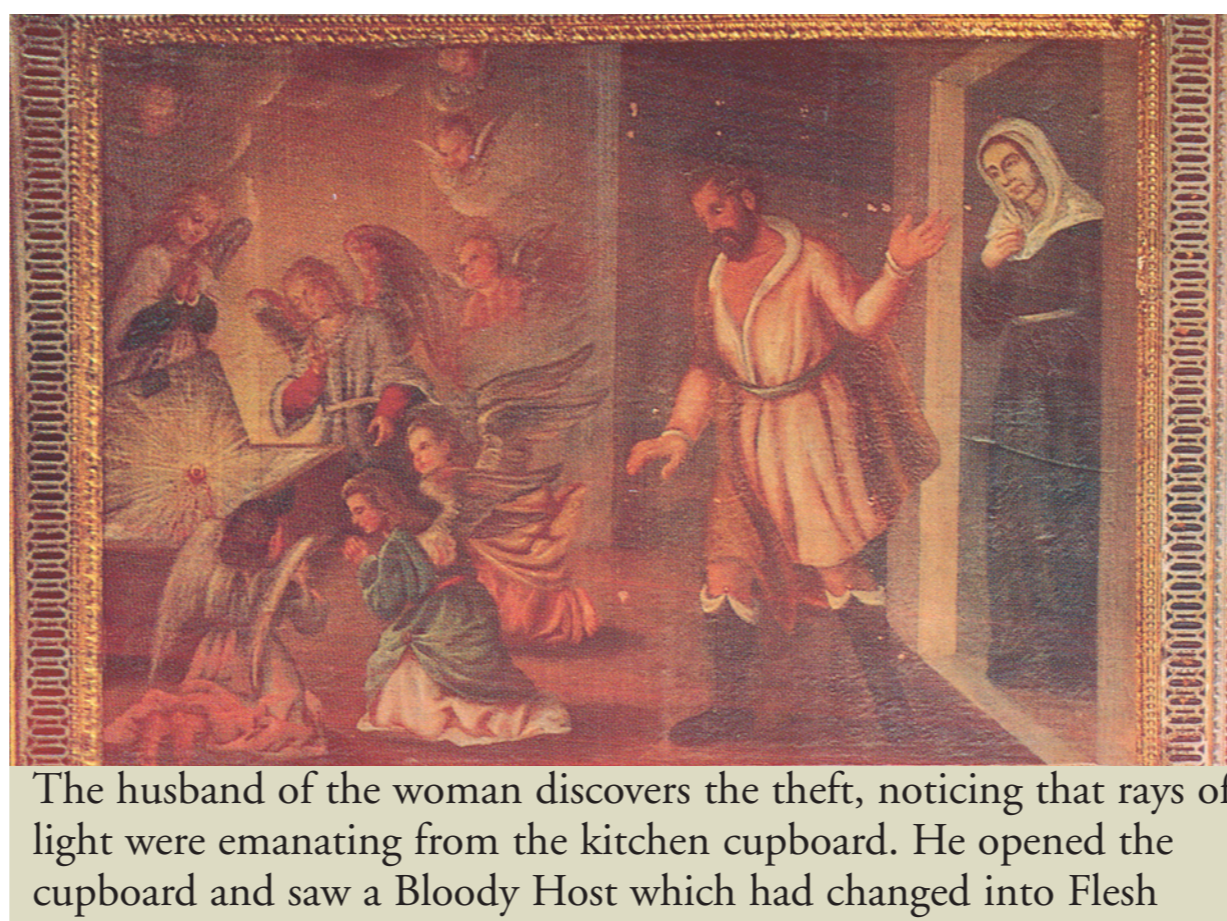
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The woman who went to the witch who counseled her to steal a consecrated Host



The woman takes communion and steals the Host without realizing it



The husband of the woman discovers the theft, noticing that rays of light were emanating from the kitchen cupboard. He opened the cupboard and saw a Bloody Host which had changed into Flesh



Commemorative medallion of the miracle of Santarém



The home of the sacrilegious woman who was converted in the small chapel, Santarém



Pedro Crasbeeck, Print of 1612 that shows exactly the glass ampulla in which was miraculously found the Host of the miracle



The local authorities rush to return the miraculous Host to the church

