



WHY ARE THE SACRAMENTS IMPORTANT?



#173: WHY DO WE NEED SACRAMENTS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

We need Sacraments in order to outgrow our petty human life and to become like Jesus through Jesus: children of God in freedom and glory.

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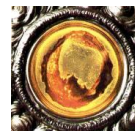
ST. TARCISIUS

St. Tarcisus was an acolyte (altar server) whose fidelity and courage impressed the leaders of the Church during the persecution of the first Christians that he was entrusted with taking the Blessed Sacrament secretly to the Christians who awaited martyrdom in prison. He was caught, and suffered a cruel death rather than surrendering "the divine Body of Christ".



MIRACLE OF LANCIANO

This miracle was the first and the greatest Eucharistic miracle in the Catholic Church.



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THEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE GOVERNOR TOOK JESUS INSIDE THE PRAETORIAN AND GATHERED THE WHOLE COHORT AROUND HIM. THEY STRIPPED OFF HIS CLOTHES AND THREW A SCARLET MILITARY CLOAK ABOUT HIM. WEAVING A CROWN OUT OF THORNS, THEY PLACED IT ON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND. AND KNEELING BEFORE HIM, THEY MOCKED HIM, SAYING, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" THEY SPAT UPON HIM AND TOOK THE REED AND KEPT STRIKING HIM ON THE HEAD

- MATTHEW 27:27-31

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
