

The Pelican

"Thou like the Pelican to feed her brood, didst pierce Thyself to give us living food"



How does the Pelican teach us about Jesus?

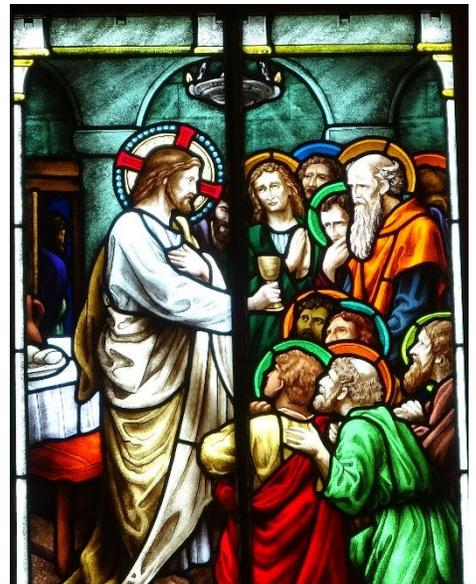
- In ancient times, whenever Pelican babies were starving and about to die, the Pelican will pierce itself and let its children drink the blood so they don't die!
- The Church has always used this as an image of what Jesus does for us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus had Himself pierced for us so that we too could drink His blood in the sacrament of the Altar

What is the sacrament of the Altar?

- It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

- The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in



remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

- These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

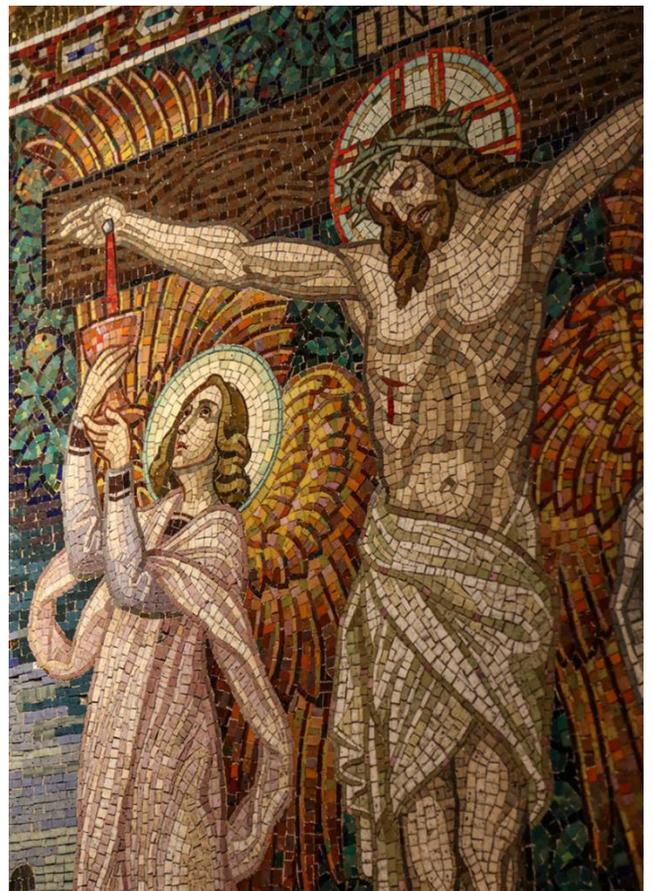
How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

- Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

What else does the Bible say about this Sacrament?

Find the following bible passages and discuss with your family!

- 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-29
 - ✘ St Paul talks about the "participation" we have with God in this Sacrament.
- John 6:48-58
 - ✘ The manna in the Old Testament saved God's people from dying. But now, Jesus the TRUE MANNA, saves us from dying eternally
- John 19:31-37
 - ✘ This is where Jesus is pierced on the Holy Cross. The same Body that was on the Cross, and the same Blood that poured from His side is what is given in the Sacrament.



Follow the dotted lines to trace in the Hymn Stanza, the Catechism, and the Bible Verse!

Jesus said, "My flesh
is true food and my
blood is true drink"
John 6:55

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Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

