

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?

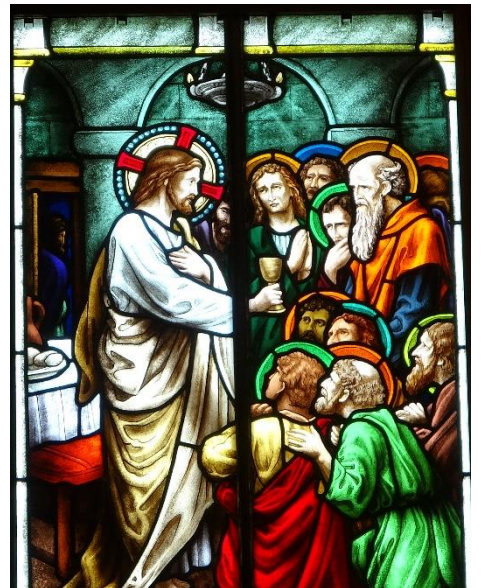
- In ancient times, whenever Pelican babies were starving and about to die, the Pelican will pierce itself and let its children drink the blood so they don't die!
- The Church has always used this as an image of what Jesus does for us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus had Himself pierced for us so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

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.

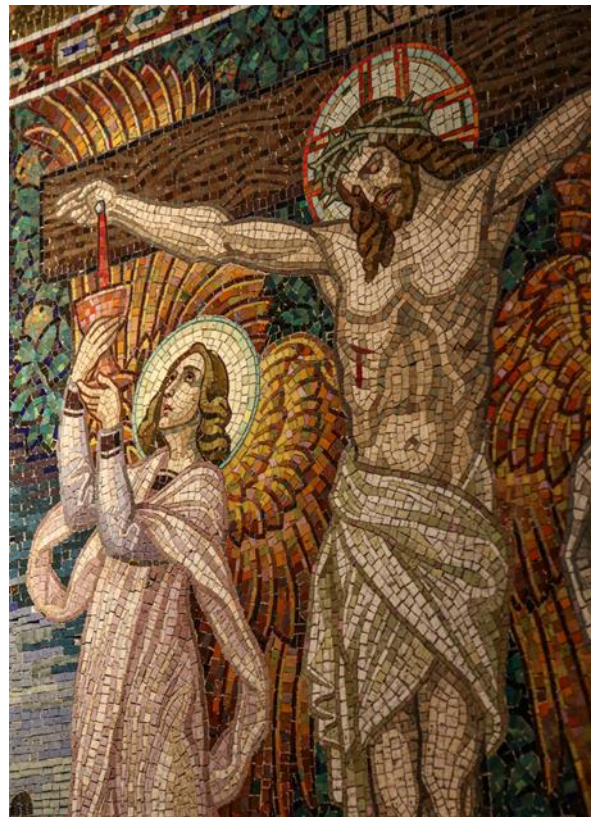
How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

- 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
- Luke 24:27-35
 - ✘ The *Breaking of the Bread* is the Sacrament of the Altar. That is where Jesus reveals Himself to us.
- 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.



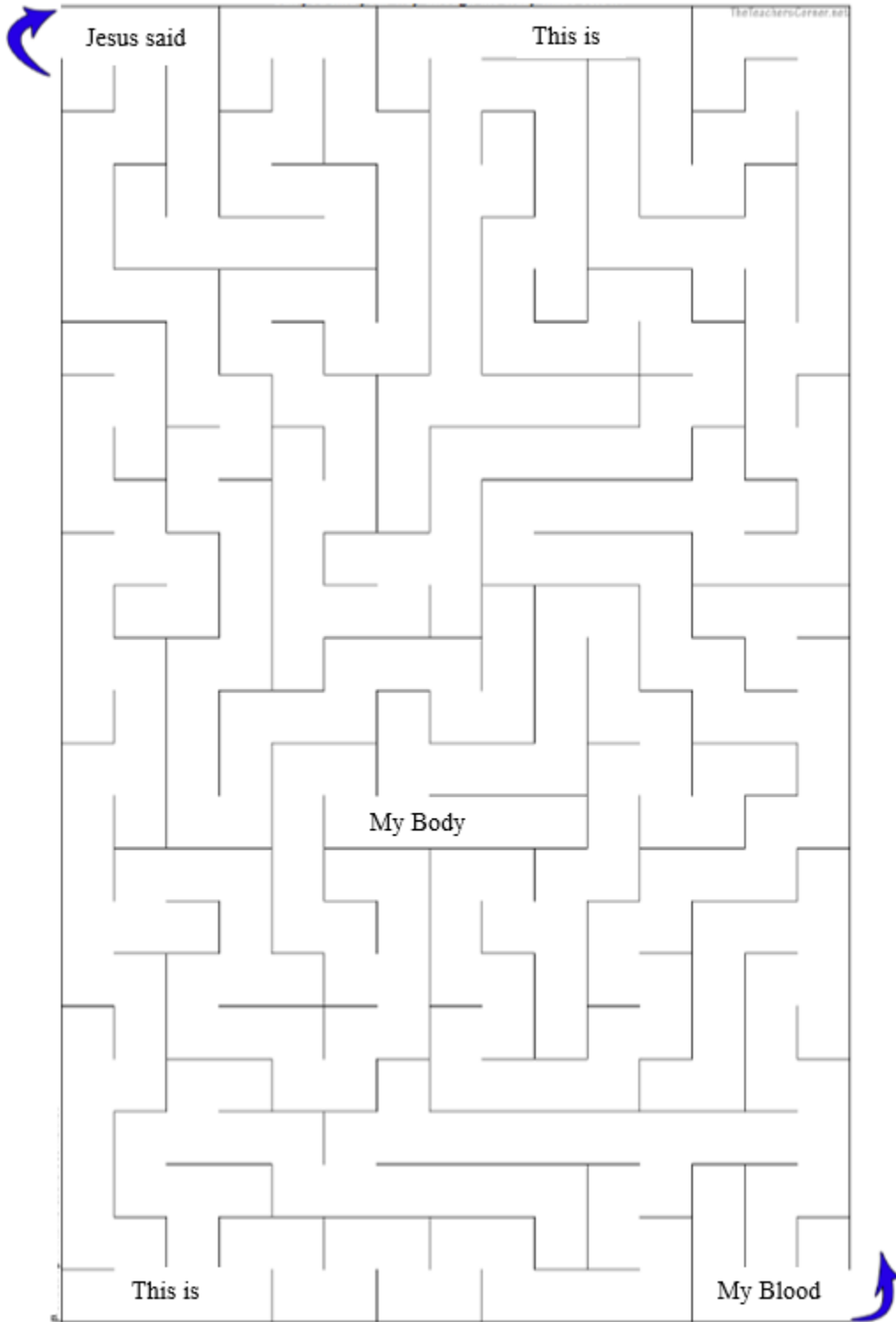
Can you match the correct answer to the sentence?
Write the letter in the space next to the number!

1. _____ body	a. Jesus said "I am the living _____ that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this _____, he will live forever" John 6:51
2. _____ wine	b. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and said...
_____ forgiveness	c. This Mascot pierces itself so it's children can live
3. _____ of sins	
4. _____ flesh/blood	d. At the Altar, Jesus gives us His Blood in the _____
	e. Jesus said "My _____ flesh is true food and my _____ blood is true drink" (John 6:55)
5. _____ Pelican	f. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
6. _____ bread	g. The Sacrament of the Altar IS the True Body and True Blood of Jesus Christ. IT IS NOT A _____
_____ this is my	h. At the Altar, Jesus gives us His _____ in the bread
7. _____ body	
_____ this is my	
8. _____ blood	
9. _____ symbol	i. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

Can you complete these True/False Questions??

1. ___ Whatever is on the Altar is what was pierced with nails. And whatever is in the Chalice is what flowed from His side.
2. ___ The sacrament of the Altar is just a symbol.
3. ___ In the Sacrament of the Altar, we receive the forgiveness of sins.
4. ___ We can use grape juice and crackers instead of bread and wine.
5. ___ The Pelican is an image of Jesus letting Himself be pierced so that we can drink His blood in the Sacrament and live.
6. ___ We shouldn't take the Sacrament of the Altar very seriously.
7. ___ About the Bread, Jesus says "This is my body" and about the Wine He says "This is my blood"
8. ___ In 1 Corinthians 10:16, Saint Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a symbol of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a symbol of the body of Christ"
9. ___ Jesus reveals Himself in the Breaking of the Bread.
10. ___ The Catechism says that the Sacrament of the Altar 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.

Follow the Words of Institution and complete the Maze!



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!

