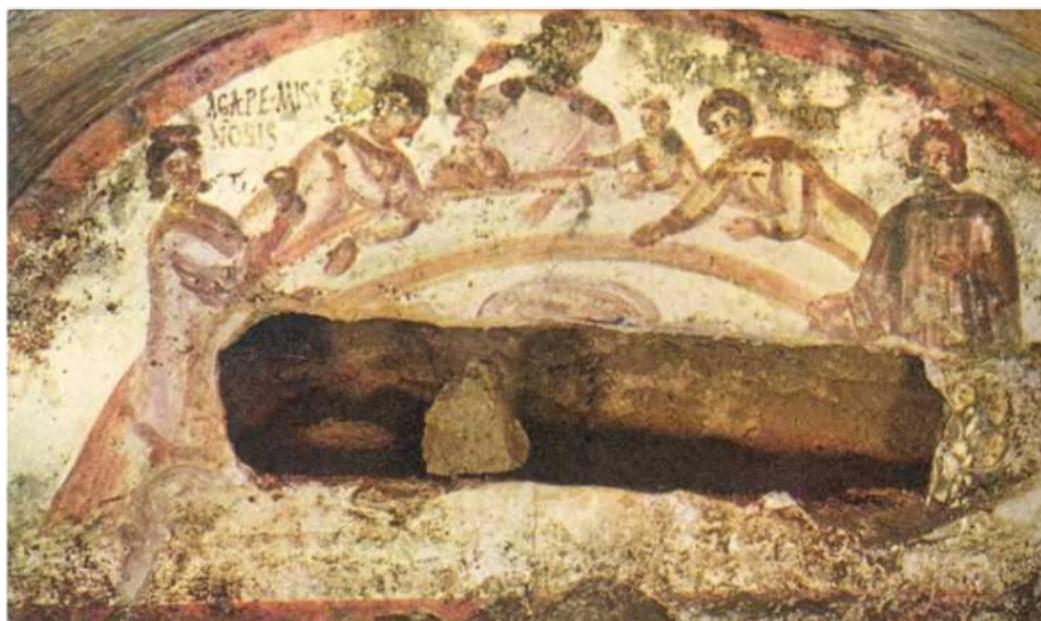


Year of the Eucharist

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Wedding Feast at Cana

References to the Eucharist in the Catacombs of Rome

Roman Christians of the second century were forbidden to bury their dead in the city at regular cemeteries, so they had to use catacombs, the underground labyrinths of vaults used largely by the city's poor. A year after burial, those wishing to honor the deceased would gather at the tomb for an anniversary banquet.

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MUSIC

Music through the Ages
Renaissance & Baroque
Periods

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DEVOTIONS

First Friday Adoration
August 7, 8:30 a.m. -
9:00 a.m.

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LITANY

Make the Eucharistic
litany part of your daily
prayer. You will find
cards in the vestibule.



Pastoral Letter

Bishop Daly announced a Year of the Eucharist for the Diocese of Spokane. His pastoral letter is available on the Year of the Eucharist website and there are copies in the parish office.



Year of the Eucharist website

Here you will find resources to assist you during this Eucharistic Year.

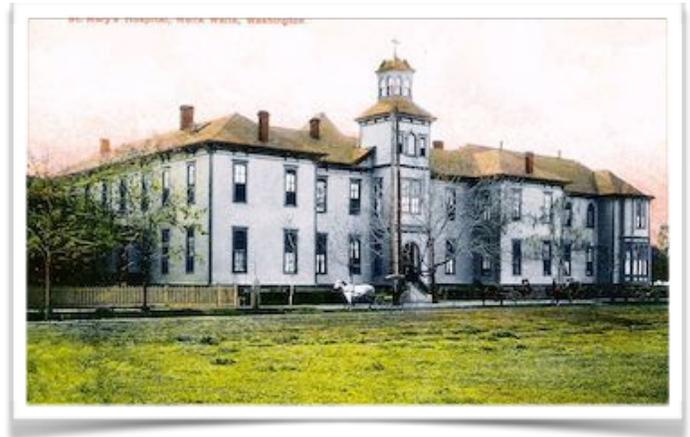
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Eucharistic Testimonial

Fr. Balducci's Madcap Dash

One thing every priest learns in his priesthood is that every parish and town has its own particular character. My first assignment as a priest was in 1978 to Walla Walla, Washington, a time when Walla Walla was known not for its wines but for its onions. One of the characteristics of the Walla Walla Catholic community was how parishioners passed on from one generation to the next the stories of those priests who had served there. One such story concerned a Fr. Balducci. Fr. Balducci was from Florence and came to Walla Walla in the early 1900's to serve the Italian community there. He was much loved and served the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for many years. While the stories about him were many, this is one that I should never forget.

It happened that on a night in 1915, St. Mary's Hospital caught fire. The chapel of the hospital was on the third floor, as the fire raged Fr. Balducci arrived at the scene and dashed up the flights of stairs to the chapel in order to save the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. By the time he reached the chapel and recovered the Blessed Sacrament the whole building was ablaze. He managed to descend one flight of stairs and then realized that the only escape route left to him was



that of jumping from a second floor window. He jumped and he survived but in his fall he broke his leg. No matter, he had saved the Blessed Sacrament. Now, I would guess that many of us, most of us, well alright, maybe all of us would figure that in such a circumstance Our Lord could take care of Himself. Yet, never was a sermon preached in Walla Walla more convincing than Fr. Balducci's madcap dash and leap that what is reserved in the tabernacle, what is received at Mass, is most truly the Body of Christ.

“Fr. Balducci ... dashed up the flights of stairs ... to save the Blessed Sacrament.”

EUCHARISTIC SAINT OF THE MONTH – SAINT TARCISIUS

MARTYR OF THE EUCHARIST BOY

Tarsicius was a 12-year old Roman acolyte. He was accosted and beaten to death on the Appian Way by a mob while carrying the Eucharist to some Christians in prison. Pope St. Damasus wrote a poem about this “boy-martyr of the Eucharist” and says that, like St. Stephen, he suffered a violent death at the hands of a mob rather than give up the Eucharist to “raging dogs.” Tarsicius is the patron of first communicants and altar servers. His feast day is August 15.

