

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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*“Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to those on whom
His favor rests” Luke (2:14).*

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE At Christ the King Church Kerala, India

Dear sisters and Brothers,

The picture you see on the Card is a genuine Eucharistic Miracle happened in one of the Parishes in my state, Kerala. My home Parish is just 15 miles away from this Parish; so I had the opportunity to visit this Church and see this miracle with my own eyes.

How it Happened: Fr. Thomas Pathickal, the Pastor of this Church was offering the weekday morning Mass on November 15th 2013 as usual and there were less than 40 people attending the Mass. During the Mass he consecrated the host and after elevating it, he placed it in the Paten. To his great shock he saw the image of Jesus on the Consecrated Host. First he thought that it was just a black shade. But as he looked closely he could see the image of the face of Jesus, as you see in the picture. Out of amazement and shock Fr. Thomas had a dizzy spell and for a few moments he sat in the celebrant’s chair. He got up soon and elevated the Eucharist again for the people.

Soon the news spread around and hundreds of people gathered in that rural parish. It is amazing to notice that this miracle happened a few days after an anti-Catholic leader had conducted a convention in the nearby town and distributed a lot of anti-Eucharistic pamphlets among the people. The head of that group was a fallen away Catholic who formed his own Community. He was very popular at that time. After this miracle had happened, up to this day nobody has heard much about him and his whereabouts.

As the news reached the Diocesan Office, the Bishop sent two priests who came and questioned the Pastor and the sacristan who was serving at that Mass. They took away the Eucharist and made a thorough study over this miracle, with experts. They kept the

Eucharist in the Diocesan Chapel for the next five years to see whether any changes would happen in the Host. (*It is a fact that in my state the hosts are made very thin and fragile. With high heat and humidity in the area the host cannot remain intact for more than 2 months*). As the host remained unchanged, the Diocesan Office was convinced that it was a genuine miracle and in 2018 they sent the Eucharist back to the same Church where the miracle happened.

I reached home in 2018 and came to know that the Eucharist is kept in the Church in a Monstrance and I rushed to see that. This is the picture I myself photographed with my cell phone at the time of my visit. I spent quite some time in prayer. In course time, Fr. Thomas was transferred to another parish and I went there to see him and hear from him directly. So the account I have given is from his words. Meanwhile, I heard that the Congregation of Faith in Rome took away the Eucharist and studied and found it as a genuine miracle. But they have not yet returned the Eucharist.

It is clear from this miracle that Jesus is really and truly present in the form of bread and wine. He is still living with us. At this point, it is estimated that more than 107 Eucharistic miracles are reported from all over the world which are approved by the Church.

Please remember, when we are in our Church we are not standing in a mere prayer hall or assembly. We are remaining with the living Lord, who is present there. On this Christmas night/day let us come with the family members and worship the Living Lord, who is Emmanuel, means God is with us.

**WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Let us pray and hope that we may have another fruitful and healthy New Year. May the Lord Bless you with His choicest Blessings!

With Love and Regards!



Fr. Sebastian