For a deeper understanding

1 WHEN DOES TRANSUBSTANTIATION OCCUR?

2 EXPLAIN HOW IT OCCURS WITH A DRAWING?

3 GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT IS SUBSTANCE AND WHAT ARE ITS SPECIES OR EXTERNAL CHARACTERISTICS.
Riddle

Communion is a...

The readings of the Holy Mass are taken from the Holy Bible, which is divided into two big sections: The Old and New...

In Church this is done before the Homily

The part of Holy Mass when gifts are taken to the altar

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS USING THE DRAWINGS!
LOOK AT THE DRAWING OF THE CHURCH. ON THE NEXT PAGE YOU WILL SEE A LIST FROM A TO Z WITH BLANKS. FILL IN THE BLANK NEXT TO EACH LETTER WITH THE CORRESPONDING NAME OF THE PART OF THE CHURCH; TO HELP YOU CHOOSE, I PUT AN ALPHABETIZED LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE PARTS OF THE CHURCH TO THE SIDE.
The Church

Altar
Ambo
Ampullas
Baptismal Fountain
Bell Tower
Bells
Confessional
Corporal – Chalice & Paten
Crucifix
Entrance Door
Holy Water Font
Lecturn and Missal
Nave
Paschal Candle
Pyx
Rose-Window
Sacristy
Sanctuary
Stained Glass
Statue of the Virgin Mary
Tabernacle
Tabernacle Light
DO YOU KNOW AT WHAT POINT DURING MASS THE AMPULLAS ARE USED? DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE PYX IS USED? CONNECT THE LITURGICAL OBJECTS THAT YOU FIND IN THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN WITH THE POINTS IN WHICH THEY ARE USED DURING MASS.

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

During Holy Mass, at the moment of consecration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Do you know what this transformation is called? Find out by doing the crossword puzzle: you will find the solution in the colored boxes.

1 In the Bible there is the Old and the New 11 The place where Jesus lived for almost thirty years
2 One of the Three Wise Men’s gift to Jesus 12 The books that narrate the life of Jesus
3 Angel Gabriel’s greeting to Mary 13 Herod was one of these
4 The name of an evangelist 14 Another name for the Sacrament of Christening
5 The name of the first martyr 15 The place where Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus took refuge when fleeing from Herod
6 The evangelist who wrote the Acts of the Apostles 16 One of the Three Wise Men’s gift to Jesus
7 The place where Jesus was born 17 He received the Ten Commandments
8 The place where St. Francis was born 18 The preparatory period before Christmas
9 Joseph’s profession
DURING HOLY MASS WE RIVISIT THE PASSION, THE DEATH AND THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. CONNECT THE BOXES THAT DEPICT JESUS’ LIFE WITH THOSE THAT CORRESPOND TO THE HOLY MASS. WRITE UNDER EACH BOX THE NAME OF THE SCENE REPRESENTED.

1. Jesus is risen
2. Jesus e' risorto
3. Jesus e' risorto
4. Jesus e' risorto
Hi Father Mark! Hi Claire!

Hi everyone, come in!

Make yourselves comfortable. Unfortunately this will be the last lesson we do. I hope you aren’t too happy!

The last lesson? Why?

I would love to spend more time with you, but my time here is over: tomorrow I have to return to my community.

What a shame! We talked about so many interesting things!

Fr. Mark, can you tell us something about the saints and the Eucharist?

I am always asked about how someone becomes a saint: it seems so difficult to become one.

How does it happen, Fr. Mark?

Now I will reveal the secret.

The Eucharist is the means by which most become saints.

The saints were all very attached to the Eucharist. The Eucharist contains Jesus alive and true. When you take communion, you receive Jesus inside yourself and He gives you so many graces, it transforms your heart giving you virtues.

Claire, you are too much. You never let me finish saying what I want to say. Seeing that you know everything, why don’t you finish explaining it.

All you have to do is sincerely ask for them. The saints often spoke of Jesus and they saw Him.
Jesus speaks to everyone, not just the saints. It is difficult in the beginning to understand that, but slowly one learns to recognize and understand what it means. Certainly he doesn't speak to everyone in the same way, but I assure you that he speaks to everyone.

Then I want to go to communion as often as possible! I have many things to ask of him!

I read that Saint Francis of Assisi went to mass twice a day and was so devoted to the Eucharist!

Father PIO loved the Eucharist so much. He, like Saint Francis, received the gift of the stigmata, which he had for 50 years and he spoke with Jesus often.

Please, tell us what Jesus told him.

You know, there have been some Christians who let themselves die rather than deny the Eucharist, like the martyrs of Abitene, in present day Tunisia, or those of Gorkum in Holland, or those of Aubenas in France. Also, there was Saint Tarcisius, who lived in the first century of Christianity.

Fr. Mark, tell me about Father PIO. I hear my grandmother talk about him all the time, she even knew him in person.

He was just a little older than you and he let himself die at the hands of the Roman soldiers rather than defile the Eucharist that he was secretly taking to the Christian prisoners.

OK, one day Jesus appeared to Father PIO and complained by saying: “My love for men is repaid with such ungratefulness [ ]. They leave me alone at night, alone during the day in the churches, they don't take care of the sacrament at the altar anymore; they don't talk about this sacrament of love anymore, and even those who do talk about it, oh, with such indifference and coldness!”
FR. MARK, MAYBE YOU ARE JUST TRYING TO PUNISH US FOR NOT WANTING TO GO WITH CLAIRE TO THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION LAST TIME?

NO. IT WAS YOU WHO ASKED ME TO READ YOU SOMETHING. NOW YOU ARE FEELING A BIT GUILTY?

Yes....

FR. MARK, TELL US SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT THE EUCHARIST, PLEASE!

OK. I’LL TELL YOU THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF LANCIANO

LIKE WHAT IS A EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE?

OK, CLAIRE, NOW LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY OF THE MIRACLE! LANCIANO IS IN ABRUZZO, ITALY. THE MIRACLE HAPPENED IN THE CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS, WHERE YET TODAY THE RELICS OF THE HOST THAT CHANGED INTO BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST THEN CHANGED INTO BLOOD ARE STILL HOUSED.

WHAAAT?

IN THIS CHURCH A PRIEST DOUBTED THE FACT THAT THE CONSECRATED HOST AND WINE CONTAINED THE TRUE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD.

I KNOW IT WELL BECAUSE MY MOM AND DAD AND I HAVE VISITED MANY SANCTUARIES WHERE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES HAVE HAPPENED. USUALLY THEY ARE SIGNS FROM THE LORD THAT HELP US BUILD OUR FAITH IN THE EUCHARIST!

REALLY? HOW COULD A PRIEST DOUBT...
OK let’s continue. The priest celebrated Mass and pronounced the words of the Consecration, then saw the Host become flesh and the Wine become blood.

It can happen. Even priests can have doubts, they aren’t all saints yet! They are human too, with many limitations and weaknesses and the road to becoming a saint is difficult for everyone and we must not judge!

I would have passed out from being so scared!

My grandparents live in Ferrara, Italy! They told me about a basilica where a miracle happened one Easter. Traces of blood were left there too, right?

Yes, another Eucharistic miracle is the one from Ferrara in the basilica of Santa Maria in Vado.

During the Easter Mass of 1171, the priest broke the consecrated Host, and a stream of blood came out and wet the front side of the altar. Still today traces of blood can be seen there, have you ever been there Martha?
AND YOU READERS, DO YOU KNOW OTHER STORIES ABOUT THE SAINTS AND EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES?

NO, BUT NOW I WANT TO GO AND SEE IT!

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE NOW. I HOPE TO GET BACK SOON SO I CAN SEE YOU ALL AGAIN!

WE COULD ALL GO TOGETHER. THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING!

COME BACK SOON, FR. MARK! WE PROMISE THAT WE WILL TRY TO BE LESS LAZY ABOUT CATECHISM AND GO SEE JESUS IN CHURCH MORE OFTEN.

GOOD, AND I WILL SAY SPECIAL PRAYERS SO JESUS WILL GIVE YOU MANY GRACES TO HELP YOU WITH THIS ENDEAVOUR.

THANKS FOR THAT AND WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU TOO.

HAVE A GOOD TRIP!

SEE YOU SOON. AND REMEMBER LET YOURSELVES LOVE GOD! LET HIM WORK WITHIN EACH OF YOU, ALWAYS! JUST AS POPE BENEDICT XVI SAID: REMEMBER THAT GOD IS LOVE! DON'T EVER FORGET THAT.
1. DO YOU KNOW OTHER EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES BESIDES THE ONES DESCRIBED ALREADY?

4. RESEARCH WITH YOUR RELIGION TEACHER AND TRY TO FIND WHAT SO MANY SAINTS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE EUCHARIST. YOU MAY DISCOVER MANY IMPORTANT THINGS!
A PREFIGURATION IS A SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION OF SOMETHING THAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WE FIND VARIOUS PREFIGURATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST: HERE ARE SOME. USING AN ARROW CONNECT THE PICTURE OF A PREFIGURATION WITH THE TEXT THAT DEFINES IT.

The blood of the steer Moses offered in sacrifice prefigures the blood of Jesus that he shed on the Cross for our salvation.

The lamb prefigures the Passion of Christ, who is called the Lamb, for his innocence. The blood of the paschal lamb saved the first-born Jews, just like Jesus’ blood saved us from sin.

The bread that nurtured Elijah prefigures the Holy Eucharist.

The manna fed the people of Israel, like the Eucharist feeds the people of God, the Church.

Abraham sacrificing Isaac prefigures the Eternal Father sacrificing his Son on the Cross.

The sacrifice of Melchizedek prefigures what Jesus did at the Last Supper and what happens during every Mass when he offers up his body in sacrifice.
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE JUST BEEN NOMINATED ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD LIBRARIAN IN OUR LIBRARY! HERE IS YOUR HOMEWORK FOR THE DAY: SOMEONE HAS BORROWED THE 26 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, AND NO ONE HAS YET HAD TIME TO PROPERLY RESHELVE ALL THE BOOKS...IT’S UP TO YOU TO GET THEM IN THE RIGHT ORDER. DON’T WORRY; SINCE IT IS YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT, THE HEAD LIBRARIAN IS GOING TO HELP YOU BY GIVING YOU THE LIST OF THE BOOKS IN THEIR EXACT ORDER: FIND IT BELOW…. GOOD WORK!

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WRITE ON THE SPINE OF EACH VOLUME, IN THE CORRECT ORDER, THE CORRECT NAME OF EVERY BOOK RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY.