



The Eucharist miraculously descended to the Blessed Mother's Chapel in Naju (August 27, 1997)

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## The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians

God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary be the Mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ, as well as the Mother of the Church, of which we are members. As our most august and loving Mother, she has repeatedly intervened in human history to rescue us from dangers. For example, Our Lady

- saved the Church from the Albigensian heresy in the 13th Century;
- converted the Mexican people from idolatry and human sacrifice by means of her miraculous Image in Guadalupe in the 16th Century;
- led the Christian forces to victory in Lepanto over the Turkish invaders threatening to conquer Europe in 1571.

Now, in our own age faced with unprecedented dangers, the Blessed Mother is intervening in most powerful ways in Naju, Korea, pleading with us to repent our sins, reform our lives, become faithful to the Lord's teachings and commandments, and totally consecrate ourselves to the Twin Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

## Questions and Answers about Naju

**Q** *What is the history and current condition of the Catholic Church in Korea?*

**A** Ethnologically, the Koreans (and the Japanese) belong to the Ural-Altai Group. Their ancestors are believed to have migrated from Central Asia thousands of years ago. In the Seventh Century, the Koreans imported Buddhism from China and India. Later, they also brought the teachings of Confucius from China. In addition, indigenous natural religions and superstition were widespread. The Catholic Faith was brought to Korea in the 18th century by a few Korean scholars who traveled to Beijing, China, and spread rapidly among the scholars, farmers, and even some of the royal family. The leaders of the Korean government and society, however, feared the social and political influence from the West replacing their traditional beliefs and social structure and severely persecuted the Catholics for almost two centuries until the end of the 19th Century. In 1864, Pope Gregory XVI declared Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of Korea.

In Seoul in 1984, Pope John Paul II canonized 103 of the 20,000 Catholic martyrs of Korea, including several French missionary bishops and priests. Even after the end of the persecution, the Korean people endured enormous ordeals and sacrifices from the Japanese annexation from 1909 to 1945 and the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. Meanwhile, the rapid increases in the numbers of converts and priestly and religious vocations were the envy of the world. After the Second

Vatican Council, however, the modernist priests, many of whom studied in the modernist universities in Germany, acquired the dominant influence in the Church in Korea and implemented many reforms. Just a few examples are eliminating kneelers in nearly all churches and making communion in the hand virtually mandatory. Faith in the Divinity of Our Lord weakened and the devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother were also de-emphasized. Many of the young priests and religious left their vocations. The abortion rate rose to the highest in the world and the general morality in the society at large deteriorated dramatically. Repeatedly, Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, alerted the Korean Bishops to the dangers of materialism and moral laxity.

**Q** *What has been happening in Naju?*

**A** Naju is a small city of 100,000 people, located near the southwestern tip of the Korean peninsula. The main products in the Naju area are agricultural, including pears.



Naju is located about 200 miles south of Seoul.

### SOUTH KOREA



<b>Area</b>	38,622 sq. mi. (slightly larger than Indiana)
<b>Population</b>	49 million (density 1,270 per sq. mi.)
<b>Catholics</b>	4 million (8% of total population)
<b>GDP (2007)</b>	\$1.2 trillion (13 <sup>th</sup> in the world)
<b>Per Capita</b>	\$20,000 (28 <sup>th</sup> in the world)

## The Blessed Mother in Naju

*"As I have been chosen as the Lord's helper, you have all been chosen as my helpers."* April 1, 1997

For the past 23 years since 1985, Mrs. Julia Kim, a housewife with four children in Naju, has received messages from Our Lord and Our Lady for the conversion of the whole human race and suffered enormously for the conversion of sinners (cf. Luke 9:23 and Colossians 1:24). She received the Stigmata several times while suffering the pains that Our Lord suffered on the Cross. There also have been numerous important miracles such as tears, tears of blood, and fragrant oil from the Blessed Mother's statue; miraculous changes of the Eucharistic species into visible Flesh and Blood; miraculous descents of the Eucharist and the Precious Blood of Our Lord; and numerous spiritual and physical healings. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have visited Naju including Bishops, priests, and religious from many countries.

### **Q** Why is the Blessed Mother weeping in Naju?

**A** The Blessed Mother shed tears and tears of blood through her statue owned by Mrs. Julia Kim in Naju, Korea, for a total of 700 days between June 30, 1985, and January 14, 1992. On December 31, 2005, she again shed tears of blood through the same statue. The Blessed Mother's tears and tears of blood mean that she is truly our Mother in Heaven who loves us so much and is so concerned about us as she sees us exposed to enormous dangers caused by the devil's violence and our spiritual and moral complacency and negligence. In her messages, she has been repeatedly and anxiously call-



*A Bishop and priests observing a blood test on the samples of the Precious Blood of Our Lord that came down on the Blessed Mother's Mountain in Naju. The blood type of the sample was found to be AB. (October 19, 2006)*

ing us to listen to her words and rely on her help to restore our faithfulness to Her Divine Son and to His teachings and Commandments. The following are some of the Blessed Mother's own words in Naju about the reasons for her tears.

- *Many souls are going toward hell because of abortions. I have to implore shedding tears like this to save those numerous souls. May 12, 1987*
- *Offer up little sacrifices, because my Heart is filled with sorrows for those who commit sins. May 17, 1987*
- *I am overcome with sorrows, because these innocent lives, precious lives given by God, are cruelly trampled, brutally kneaded, crushed, torn, and killed by their ignorant and indifferent parents. July 29, 1988*
- *Now, come closer to me with love and entrusting everything to me. Spread my messages of love vigorously to all the children so that the lost Love of God may be restored in every corner of the world. The storm is already becoming violent. I want to rescue this world into my Immaculate Heart, as it is facing the grave danger of being swept away by the storm and being destroyed. My dear children! Come back in a hurry to this refuge, which is I, Mother Mary, your shield. I call you again and again until my throat bleeds, but only very few of my children respond. So my Heart is hurting intensely, and I am calling you shedding tears without ceasing. November 11, 1990*



*Archbishop Hieronymus Bumbun of Indonesia carrying the cross on the Way of the Cross in Naju (October 19, 2008)*

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*The Blessed Mother shedding tears of blood in Naju  
(March 25, 1991)*

- *The devil is so violent that he is even mobilizing some of my priests to drive my messages into a whirlpool of confusion. For this reason, a terrible danger is pressing down on the world, and the hour of apostasy and betrayal is drawing near. The degradation of the human race is worsening every day and the world is standing on the edge of a cliff. Humans are bringing about their own destruction. Because they are not following the Lord's Words and my messages of love, many chastising warnings are falling upon them: earthquakes, floods, droughts, traffic accidents, fires, hunger, disease, major destruction, many kinds of ecological disasters, abnormal climate... Even so, they do not wake up, making my Heart burn and burn so vehemently that I shed tears of blood. [January 23, 1993](#)*
- *Daughter! Did you see clearly the condition of the children in the world? That is why, together with My Son Jesus, I have revealed the shortcut to Heaven, showing numerous signs through you, whom I chose in Naju, Korea, and repeating the same words again and again on so many days in order to save this world and all the children in the world. However, among all the children in the world, how many souls have indeed recognized and followed the words from my Son Jesus and me? Even the great majority of the clergy and religious whom I have chosen and my children who have been specially called and are supposed to know my Son Jesus and me have not been consoling the wounded Hearts of my Son Jesus and me by acting upon the messages that my Son Jesus and I have been giving them. Instead, they have become spiritually blind and deaf and remain obsessed with vain delusions and misguided spirituality. How can my Son Jesus and I not shed tears of blood and bloody sweat like this? [July 9, 2002](#)*

## The Blessed Mother in Naju

*"Even a venial sin casts a shadow upon the innocence of the soul and damages it by dimming its pure light. But numerous children in this world are neglecting to make Confession even when they are in the state of mortal sin." June 27, 1996*

**Q** *What is the significance of the Eucharistic miracles in connection with Naju?*

**A** So far, the Eucharistic miracle involving the Sacred Host turning into visible Flesh and Blood in Julia's mouth occurred on twelve separate occasions. Also on two other occasions, the Sacred Host that miraculously came down from above later bled (not in Julia's mouth but in a ciborium and in a reliquary). One of the twelve miracles through Julia was witnessed by Pope John Paul II, who later acknowledged it as a Eucharistic miracle to Bishop Paul Kim of the Cheju Diocese, after hearing his detailed report on the state of Church in Korea during the Korean Bishops' *ad limina* visit in March 2001.

In the Eighth Century, in the little Church of St. Legontian in Lanciano, Italy, a Basilian priest was celebrating the Mass doubting Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. As soon as he finished the consecration, the Host suddenly turned into a circle of flesh and the wine into visible blood. This great miracle performed by God revealing the true reality of Our Lord's Presence in the Eucharist normally veiled by the species of bread and wine was a powerful confirmation and reminder of the constant teaching of the Church on the Eucharist to the doubting priest and to all.

In our own times too, doubt and disbelief about the truth of Our Lord's real, living Presence in the Eucharist is so widely and persistently prevalent. Many people think that the Lord's Presence in the Eucharist is only spiritual and symbolic. Martin Luther held that the Eucharist, while being Christ's Flesh and Blood, still remained bread and wine. Other Reformers of the 16th Century completely denied the physical presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. The official teaching of the Catholic Church is that bread and wine (even the tiniest particle and drop), consecrated by a validly-ordained priest, are no longer



*The Sacred Host that Julia Kim received from Most Rev. Roman Danylak, a Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Toronto, Canada, during an outdoor Mass in Naju on September 22, 1995, turned into visible Flesh and Blood in the shape of a small heart on her tongue.*



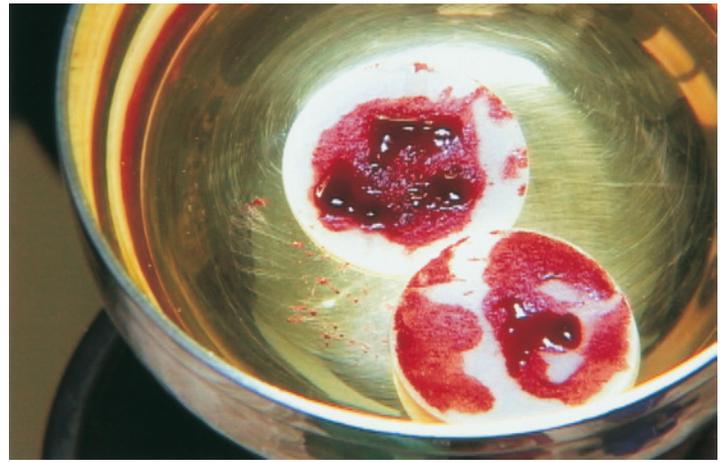
Pope John Paul II witnessed the miraculous change of the Eucharist into visible Flesh and Blood in Julia's mouth in his chapel in the Vatican on October 31, 1995. In May 2001, photographs of this miracle were put on display at the church at Monte San Angelo in Italy and broadcast nationwide on Italian Catholic television.

bread and wine despite their appearances and tastes but truly the resurrected and, therefore, living Jesus Christ, Our Lord, with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and that, for this reason, we must give the worship of *latria* to the Eucharist and prepare ourselves properly before receiving Communion with a humble, contrite, and loving heart and the Sacrament of Confession when necessary or appropriate. The fact that the Eucharistic miracle occurred as many as fourteen times in connection with Naju signifies the severity and urgency of the problem of disbelief, indifference, neglect, and abuse toward the Eucharist worldwide and the great need for correcting these problems and making reparations. We, the individual members of the Church, can begin responding to these urgent heavenly signs by deepening our faith in the Eucharist by studying the teachings of the Church and reading the Lives of the Saints, correcting our attitudes in church, especially during Mass and Holy Communion, to express true respect, adoration, and love for Our Lord in the Eucharist. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote regarding Eucharistic miracles:

*It sometimes happens that such apparition comes about not merely by a change wrought in the beholders, but by an appearance which really exists outwardly. And this indeed is seen to happen when it is beheld by everyone under such an appearance, and it remains so not for an hour, but for a considerable time; and, in this case some think that it is the proper species of Christ's body. Nor does it matter that sometimes Christ's entire body is not seen there, but part of His flesh, or else that it is not seen in youthful guise, but in the semblance of a child, because it lies within the power of a glorified body for it to be seen by a non-glorified eye either entirely or in part, and under its own semblance or in strange guise. While the dimensions remain the same as before, there is a miraculous change wrought in the other accidents, such*

### Our Lord in Naju

*"Make known this love that flames up in My Sacred Heart so that all the children in the world may repent, free themselves from unbelief, reconcile with one another, and be saved."* August 15, 2002



The two Sacred Hosts that had come down on April 16, 2005, bled in a ciborium on May 6, 2005. DNA tests in 2006 established that this blood (and other samples from another Eucharistic miracle and the Precious Blood that descended miraculously in Naju) belonged to one male human with blood type AB.

*as shape, color, and the rest, so that flesh, or blood, or a child, is seen. And, as was said already, this is not deception, because it is done to represent the truth, namely, to show by this miraculous apparition that Christ's body and blood are truly in this sacrament."*

St. Thomas Aquinas, **Summa Theologica**, III, 76, 8

### **Q** So, what is Naju all about?

**A** Our Lord completed His revelation of all the truths necessary for our salvation two thousand years ago. These truths are contained in the Holy Scripture and Tradition in the Church and have been clearly defined and preserved as the Church teachings, that is, the Deposit of the Faith. The special messages and miraculous signs in Guadalupe, Paris, Lourdes, Fatima, Akita, Naju, and other places do not add any new truths to the existing Church teachings or alter any of them. Instead, these special revelations help us adhere more faithfully to the existing truths and commandments in the Church. Thus, the role of the messages and miracles in Naju is to awaken us to the solemn and awesome realities that God's teachings and commandments are as real and powerful now as when they were initially given; Christ's salvific activities, especially, His Passion and Resurrection, remain alive with us through the Liturgy and Sacraments as well as in our individual lives; the triumph of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, will come through the Blessed Mother (as predicted by St. Louis de Montfort); and we are all called to participate in the Blessed Mother's war against Satan, as her faithful and devoted children, soldiers, and servants.

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