

GRUARO-VALVASONE, ITALY 1294

A young housekeeper from the church rectory was heading toward the washhouse of Versiola to wash the altar cloth of the church of St. Giusto of Gruaro. Unexpectedly, the woman noticed that a consecrated Host had been left by mistake between the three folds of the altar cloth, from which blood was flowing out. Frightened by this event, she ran quickly to inform the pastor, who in turn informed the Bishop of Concordia. The relic was preserved in a newly-built church to honor the Eucharist in Valvasone. Each year on Thursday of the 5th week of Lent, the citizens of this town commemorate the miracle. On the feast of Corpus Christi, the relic is carried in procession together with the Blessed Sacrament.

