

ONIL, SPAIN 1824

On November 5, 1824, the monstrance which contained the Blessed Sacrament and several liturgical objects were stolen by Nicolas Bernabeu, who as a child had been an altar boy in that very church. When Nicolas tried to resell the stolen objects in Alicante, a merchant there became suspicious and decided to inform the authorities. Nicolas was arrested but did not want to reveal where he had hidden the monstrance, which still contained the Blessed Sacrament. A woman named Teresa Carbonell living in a nearby town, on November 28, 1824, recovered the stolen monstrance and immediately brought it back to Onil. Today, at the parish church of St. James the Apostle in Onil, one can still adore the miraculous Host, which has remained intact after almost two centuries.

