

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(12) Guilty Pleasure

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Benedict often displayed the gift of prophecy. It was a strictly observed rule of the monastery that monks did not take food or drink while traveling outside the monastery. One day a few of them were on an assignment until late and decided to have a meal before returning to the monastery. When they returned and asked Benedict for his blessing, he asked them where they had taken their meal. “Nowhere,” they answered. “Why are you lying to me?” he said. “Did you not enter the house of this particular woman and eat these various foods and have so and so many cups to drink?” Realizing that Benedict knew their guilt, they threw themselves at his feet, begging forgiveness. The saint did not hesitate to pardon them, confident that they would not repeat this offense since they now understood that he was always with them in spirit.

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