

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(5) Flowing Waters

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Three of the monasteries Benedict built were on bare rocky heights. The monks living there had to retrieve water daily from lakes lower down the mountains. The monks explained to Benedict that the climbing was difficult and dangerous. To them, the only solution was to move the monasteries elsewhere. Benedict encouraged them with fatherly words and sent them back to their monasteries. Later that night, accompanied by [Placid](#), (Placid was one of the first boys sent to [Subiaco](#) for schooling) he climbed to the rocky heights and prayed at length. When he finished his prayer, Benedict placed three stones at the place where he had knelt. The following day the monks again visited the saint with their request. He directed them to go to the summit of the mountain where he had stacked the three stones. “If you dig down a little, you will see that almighty God has the power to bring forth water even from that rocky summit and in his goodness relieve you of the hardship of such a long climb.” They did as he directed and the miraculous spring in that location still flows today.

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