

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(28) Shatterproof Glass

[adapted by Deacon Roy Goetz, from [The Dialogues, Book II](#) by [St. Gregory the Great](#)]



When [Campania](#) was suffering from a severe famine, Benedict distributed food from the monastery until nothing was left but a small amount of oil in the storeroom. When Agapitus, a local deacon came to beg for some oil, Benedict ordered that all that remained be given to him. The cellarer listened to his abbot's instruction, but did not carry it out. When asked, the cellarer said, "I did not give the oil away. If I had, there would not have been any left for the community." Angered by the monk's disobedience, Benedict ordered that the glass container of oil be thrown out the window onto the rocks below. Miraculously, the glass vessel did not break, and the abbot had it brought back to the monastery storeroom.

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