

Angel to comfort him. He will make him eat of that mysterious bread that he brings him and drink the water contained in the cup that he holds in his left hand. Soon the Angel will awaken the Prophet and invite him to take his meal. Elias in fact awakes and perceives near him a cake baked on the coals and a cup of water. He eats and drinks and falls asleep again. But the Angel awakens him once more, and says to him: « Arise and eat because thou hast a long journey before thee. » The Prophet obeys. From that moment he feels himself a new man. Without taking any other food for forty days and forty nights he goes to Mount Horeb where God will tell him the mission that he destines for him.

What a touching image of the sacrament of our altars! Oh! it is truly that mysterious bread that makes the weak strong and that delicious bread that makes Virgins spring forth! It is to that divine repast that Jesus invites Christians: « Come, he says, ye friends of my heart! Eat and drink your fill! » And those who respond to the appeal of their Master, however overcome they may be by their own sorrows or by the trials of life, find in the eucharistic banquet a divine strength that changes them completely and makes them capable of continuing in future their earthly career without faltering until they finally reach the mountain of Eternity where God awaits them to reward them for their faithfulness

DOORS

THE middle door is divided into two parts, each of which represents a different subject.

On the left one is carved a PELICAN, a bird that seems to tear out its entrails with its curved beak. Three little ones with outstretched wings feed on the blood issuing from the wound that their mother has inflicted on herself for them. A striking image of holy communion wherein Jesus offers us his own flesh to eat and his own blood to drink. On the other side is carved a LAMB lying on a book from which hang seven seals. It holds a banner. This is also a very frequent manner of representing Our Lord Jesus Christ according to a vision of the Apostle St. John. (Apo. V.)

SIDE DOORS

THE side-doors are at the extremities of the holy table. On the left one is carved the monogram of Jesus Christ, taking this form: J. [±]. S. On the right door is a chalice surmounted by a wafer.