A Flood in France

In the autumn of 1433, the river Sorgue in Avignon, France, flooded to dangerous levels. Along the banks of the angry river sat a little church in which the Blessed Sacrament was exposed twenty-four hours a day. Fearing that the Eucharist might get swept away in the floodwaters, two Franciscan friars jumped in a boat and rowed their way precariously to the little church. When they arrived on the scene, they found that the water had already entered the chapel to a depth of four feet. To their amazement and joy, however, the waters inside had mysteriously parted, like the Red Sea, from the door of the church right up to the altar where the Blessed Sacrament was displayed. Everything in the passageway was completely dry. It was a miracle!

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