

## **QUESTIONS**

1. **Why do they put a little bit of water in the wine during Mass?**

**The wine symbolizes the divinity of Christ and the water his humanity. Christ had two natures, human and divine which can not be separated. You also may remember that when the soldier pierced the side of Christ with the sword, water and blood flowed from his side.**

2. **Why isn't Latin used all the time in Mass?**

**The Vatican Council and subsequent discussions permitted the use of the vernacular language (such as English) during Mass. This change actually began before that time when the Readings were read in the vernacular. Latin is still used at times in many places for parts of the Mass. Pope Benedict has issued a 'motu proprio' indicating that a priest may say Mass in Latin after consulting with his Bishop. Latin as the universal language of the Church, allowed Catholics wherever they traveled to participate fully in the Mass.**

3. **Did Jesus get married?**

**No, Jesus was never married. He was a celibate all his life.**

4. **If you kill someone in self defense, is God mad at you?**

**A person has a right to defend their own life. One would hope that this could be accomplished without the death of another individual. God is not mad at you.**

5. **How long does it take for a person to become a saint?**

**I assume you mean to be named a saint by the Church. The process is rather elaborate with a study of the person's life, an examination of their writings and a decision indicating that they were faithful to the teachings of the faith. Martyrs do not need to undergo this full process. The period of time may be short before they are named a saint such but often it is many years even a hundred years or more. There are many people who are possible candidates for sainthood which also may delay the process. The first step is to be declared Venerable, the second Blessed and the third a Saint.**