

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

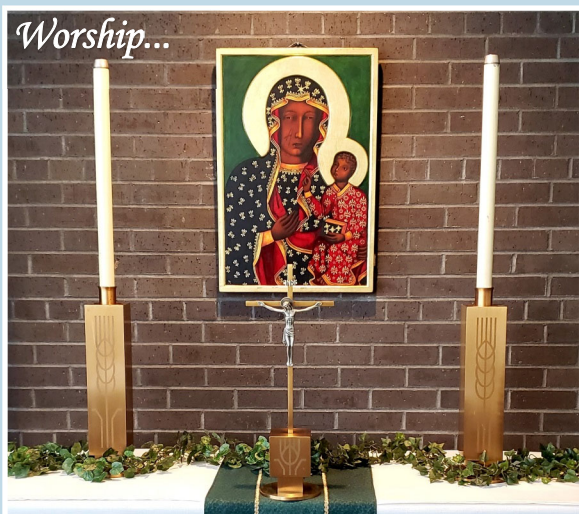
June 21, 2020 - Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Phase 2 Preliminary Reopening Mass Schedule:
8:30 A.M. - Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)
10:30 A.M. - Virtual Mass (via Twitch TV and Facebook Live)
Daily Virtual Mass at 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

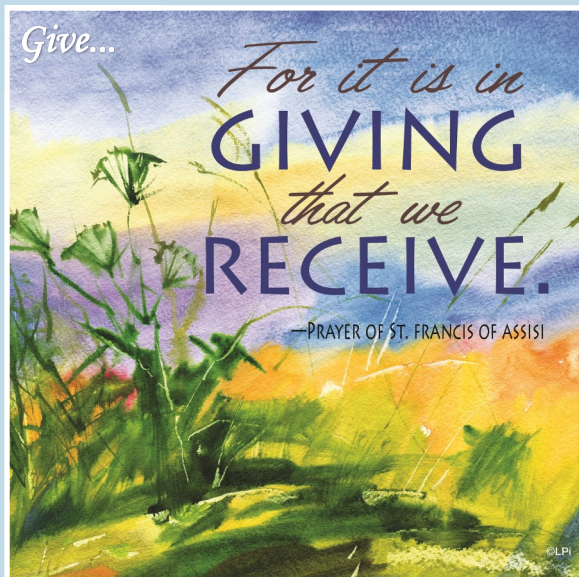
Worship...



Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.

We also invite you to pray the **Rosary** and **Divine Mercy Chaplet** with us daily (Monday through Friday) at **3:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Additional instructions on how to join us are available on our website.

Give...



Worship with IC from home...

Sundays @ 10:30 A.M.

Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.

Connect...



Post-Mass Virtual Hospitality -

Coffee & Chat
Sundays @ 11:45 A.M.

Zoom Room: 89760488093
Password: 456016



We invite you to connect with us via Zoom (www.zoom.us) for our Post-Mass Coffee & Chat Room gathering following the conclusion of our 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sundays. All are welcome!

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/349 to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:
7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11



We are truly pleased to announce that we have successfully progressed through Phase 1 and 1A and have now happily received certification from our Archdiocese for Phase 2 of our Parish Reopening Plan, which allows us to gradually resume our public celebration of Masses. Many thanks once again to our Parish Reopening Co-Leadership team for their continued dedication and hard work throughout this process!

Our hearts are filled with great joy as we welcome our parish family back home this weekend for our celebration of the Eucharist!

Our Phase 2 Preliminary Reopening Mass Schedule:

Our first public celebration of Mass will be offered on:

***Sunday, June 21st at 8:30 A.M. with Fr. Matt presiding**

(Please register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548a4a92da0fb6-online3>)

***Reservations are required.**

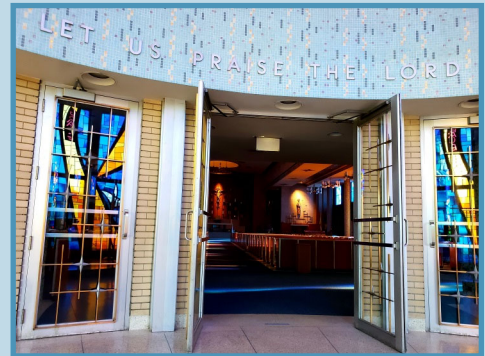
Our Virtual Mass will be celebrated (via Twitch TV and Facebook Live) at:

10:30 A.M.* with Fr. Robert presiding

(*please note the change in time)

Please carefully review the instructions provided on our online reservation form. If you experience any difficulty completing our form, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you. For those without computer access, a limited amount of seats will be set aside for phone-in reservations.

Volunteers will be present at all of our events to welcome and assist you. We are truly grateful to all those who have graciously volunteered their time to assist us in safely welcoming our parishioners back home, as we would not be able to reopen our Church doors without them!



To comply with health regulations, the number of attendees at our Sunday Mass will be regrettably limited to 15 to 20% of our total capacity* for the time being. (*approximately 125 individuals.) We respectfully ask for your patience as we implement new Mass procedures this weekend and continue to refine our system with the kind assistance of our volunteers (as we learn and adapt from each experience together as a team.) While we will continue with this limited Sunday Mass schedule for the following weekend as well, please know that we will gradually expand our schedule over time, so please don't become discouraged if you are unable to register for our first 2 Masses. **Per Cardinal Cupich, please be advised that the dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues during this time.** For their protection, we advise our elderly members and those with underlying medical conditions to consider continuing their worship of our Lord from the safety of their homes (through either live-streamed or televised Masses.) For the time being, our weekday Masses will still continue to be celebrated online Monday through Friday at 7:00 P.M. as we work together with our volunteers to develop a schedule to make certain that all of our Masses will be adequately staffed going forward.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this time as we strive to keep each member of our community safe. Please continue to monitor our parish website (www.icparish.net) for the latest details regarding our reopening as well as for additional updates to our schedule as they become available.

Dear IC Family...

Welcome Home! It is hard to believe that this weekend marks the first time we have been together in a few months. There will be many changes going forward with regards to Liturgy and Music. In addition, you will notice many other changes in relation to arriving at our Church, bathroom use, receiving Holy Communion, etc. For an initial view into some of those changes, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net for details. Please be mindful that these changes are temporary and are intended to keep our parish family members healthy and safe.



From a musical perspective, one of the most dramatic changes you will immediately notice is the lack of hymnals, worship aids and paper in general. For the time being, the Archdiocese is discouraging congregational singing. I know, that sounds almost antithetical to post-Vatican II liturgical teaching and norms. The reason for doing so is simple: we inhale and expel air deeply when we sing. In a time of pandemic, this is not a wise practice. Also, it is quite uncomfortable to sing while wearing a mask - I know, as I have been doing it from the piano during our recording sessions for our streaming Masses. Since face masks are required throughout Mass, I encourage you to pray through the music by simply listening. If you are like me, you can sing along in your mind. I assure you, God can still hear you and knows what is in your heart.

Does that mean there will be no music at Mass? Hardly! Although you will not see an Adult or Children's choir for the remainder of 2020, we will still have our fantastic professional Cantors at all our liturgies. I will be at the piano. Occasionally, I will invite an instrument (such as the Violin or Oboe) to join us. Fortunately, our Music Ministry area is quite large and accommodating so we can properly distance musical leaders (such as cantors and guest musicians) as needed. You will notice that certain seats near the music area will be blocked off. Please respectfully observe these restrictions for the well-being of yourself, as well as for our musicians.

What will the future of music in our parish look like? At this moment, I cannot answer that precisely. What I can say with certainty, is that the installation of our new sound, streaming and video presentation system is coming quite soon. We have selected a new vendor and the final approval by the Archdiocese is expected soon. Once we have our screens installed, we will be able to project song lyrics. Even if we are still not publicly singing by that time, you will at least be able to pray on the text of the songs, or sing along "internally". We will continue to present diverse Masses, with some being traditional and others contemporary.

On a personal note, I want to say how appreciative I am that many of you have continued to send in your Music Ministry envelopes monthly, contributed to our new Sound & Video System and have been extremely supportive online with what we have been doing with our streaming Masses. Your generosity to our Music Ministry, and with your tithes in general, has enabled IC to pay all of her musicians throughout the pandemic. We are both humbled and grateful for your love and support.

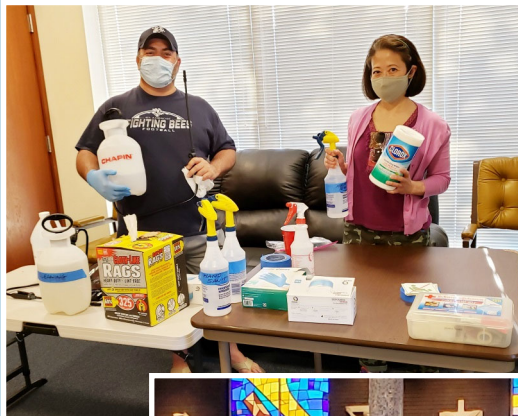
Looking forward to seeing all of you in our pews very soon! Please visit our website or call our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register/reserve your spot at Mass.

In Christian Love,
Scott



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A glimpse behind the scenes as we gradually reopen our doors for opportunities for Private Prayer and warmly welcome our parishioners back home ...



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SAFETY FIRST Please...



Sanitize
your hands



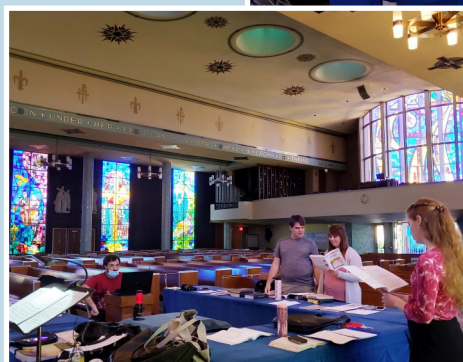
Maintain
social distance
of 6 ft apart



Wear masks



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Behind The Scenes...

This past Sunday afternoon, our talented professional Vocal Quartet (Katie & Justin Taylor, Elizabeth Doyle, and EmilyAnn Duffley) were joined by our guest musicians, Donovan Mixon (on Guitar) & Jim Cox (on Bass), for additional recording adventures with Scott (on Piano) and Fr. Matt (capturing the audio on his laptop) for our upcoming Contemporary Music Virtual Mass.



Gospel Reflection...

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."*

- Matthew 10:32

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following Him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?

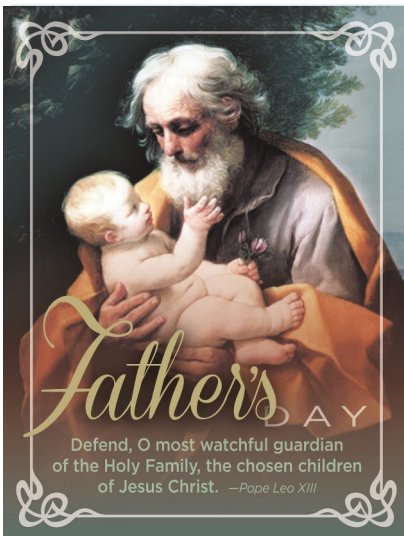
Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

*"Do not be afraid to go and to bring
Christ into every area of life, to the
fringes of society, even to those who
seem farthest away, most indifferent."*

— Pope Francis

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, "Do not be afraid." There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the "acceptable" norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.

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Blessing of Fathers...

God and Father of all creation, we come before You today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving Father. When we fail and fall short of Your expectations, You are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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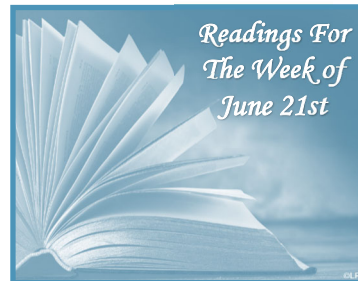
PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Concetta Bartucci	Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Melissa Bednarz	Richard Losik
Celerina Behrman	Benny Martinez
Robert Behrman	Edwin Martinez
Sonia M. B.	Frank Martinez
Vince Caeti	Jan Merino
Jackie Campbell	Veronica Murillo
Rita Castillo	Timothy Murray
James Covello	Mae O'Donnell
Sherry Crocifisso	Jackie O'Koniewski
Ronnie Cunningham	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Richard Flanagan	Bill Remblake
Brooke Foreman	Sebastian L. Rivera
Lila Gehner	David Rodriguez
Irene Hand	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	Newly Listed:
	Henry Kilian

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:

Kenneth A. Malatesta (Husband of Karen)



Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Wedding Banns...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we prepare to celebrate the Wedding of:



Rachel Thanas and Matthew Brill

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Spirit loves us and knows everyone's place: for Him, we are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind, but irreplaceable fragments in His mosaic."



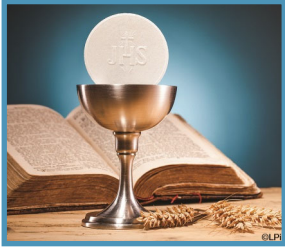
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed until further notice. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icparish.net for additional information.



Mass Intentions:
Sunday, June 21st through
Sunday, June 28th

Sunday, June 21 - Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Father's Day)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Joe & Tootie Sebastian
7:30 A.M.— †Clementine Longo
9:30 A.M.— †Charles Grayzeck
11:15 A.M.— †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo;
†Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; †Carmen Covello; †Francis &
Moira Cross; †Harriet Schronski; †Donald Smith, Sr.; †Cruz
Castillo; †Noreen Nolan; †Arthur J. O'Koniewski; †Arthur E.
O'Koniewski; †Ted Wojcik; †Tom Anna; †Patty Dunleavy; and †Jorge
Jacinto
6:00 P.M. - †Abelina Gonsalves

Monday, June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

8:30 A.M.— †Mark Schwabe (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, June 23 - Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Krystyna Sadowska (30 Day Anniversary)

Wednesday, June 24 - The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist

8:30 A.M.— †Patricia A. Walsh

Thursday, June 25 – Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Friday, June 26 - Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Irene Czarnecki (4th Anniversary)

Saturday, June 27 - Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. - †Helen Jaworski; †Alfonso DiGrazia (Birthday Remembrance); †Thomas Dextl; and †Daniel Gallagher

Sunday, June 28 – Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M.— †Mary Alvarez
9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; †Joan Marcus; and †Krystyna Sadowska
11:15 A.M.— Helga Jarosz (Living)
6:00 P.M. — Melissa Bednarz (Living)



June 21st through June 27th

*The sanctuary lamp is burning this week
for the repose of the soul of*

Krystyna Sadowska



June 21st through June 26th

*The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the prayer intention of*

Arnold & Maria Ommundson

Requested by L. Ommundson



June 21st through June 26th

*The St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the soul of*

Mary Alvarez

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, U.S. Army - Thomas Treslo National Guard Specialist 4th Class

U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal

U.S. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, “Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?” Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond “yes” are considered martyrs and saints.



We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, “Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?” Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don’t know Jesus Christ at all. I don’t like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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