



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Third Sunday in Lent
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Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours is the first independent Catholic faith community in Franklin County, Vermont. St. Martin's is part of a vibrant movement known as the Independent Sacramental Movement that has emerged across the U.S. over the last 30 years. (Independent Catholicism has existed in Europe and South America for many decades).

We are:

- a sacramental community centered around the Eucharist and all Sacraments
- grounded in all we love of the Catholic tradition, the celebrations, and the rhythms of the liturgical year
- a people of prayer and a people of service and social justice
- inclusive, affirming, respectful of diversity, and share the Body and Blood of Christ with all who seek to receive Him reverently

All of this binds sisters and brothers across the Catholic landscape as we expand our Faith. We gather at Mass by worshipping God, our Creator, in community and praising Him in song (which is praying twice!) We meet God through our senses of seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and feeling. All are a part of what strengthens us in our Faith and reminds us of what it means to be Catholic.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **March 12th - Daylight Savings Time Returns!** Spring forward one hour. DST ends Nov 5th.
- **March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day** - Saint Patrick is a relative of Saint Martin of Tours!
- **March 19th - "Laetere Sunday"** - Rose Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent - 10:30 a.m.
- **March 20th - Spring is in the air!** First day of Spring.
- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins - 10:30 a.m.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** - 7:00 p.m.
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 3:00 p.m.
- **April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Postponed until 2024.**
- **April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass** - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!



For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying: "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to God: "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!"

And God answered Moses: "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you, on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

This Moses did in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested God, saying: "Is Yahweh in our midst or not?"

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O come, let us sing joyfully to Yahweh; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into Yahweh's presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the God who

made us. For he *IS* our God, and we are the people he shepherds - the flock that he guides.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through Christ Jesus. And, through Jesus, we have gained access, by faith, to this grace in which we now stand. We boast in our hope, in God's glory, which will be revealed soon.

And hope does not disappoint. The love of God has been poured out into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. While we were still helpless, Christ died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for an innocent person; although, perhaps, for a good person, one might even find the courage to die. But God proved his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.***

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Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

Celebrant: You are truly the Savior of the world; give us living water, that we may never thirst again.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People Respond: † Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. It was about noon, and Jesus' disciples had gone into the town to buy food. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her: "Give me a drink."

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" - For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. -

Jesus answered and said to her: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him: "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her: "Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him: "I do not have a husband."

Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to Jesus: "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her: "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth."

The woman said to him: "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." (Gospel continues on the next page).

Gospel (cont.)

Jesus said to her: *"I am he, the one speaking with you."*

At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still, no one said: "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people: *"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"*

They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him: *"Rabbi, eat."*

But he said to them: "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

So the disciples said to one another: *"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"*

Jesus said to them: *"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here?' I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."*

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified: "He told me everything I have done."

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman: *"We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."*

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of

the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, our dream is to imitate our patron namesake and serve as Jesus asks us to serve. We also dream of being a place of prayer and healing (a "refueling station") that prepares us to minister, in community, to those in need: the unsheltered, the downtrodden, the marginalized, and the forgotten.

Time, talent, and financial support are essential to breathing life into this dream and keeping it alive. Through your contributions, you share in this dream and our commitment to serving others.

Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (made out to) "Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community," P.O. Box 636, St. Albans, VT 05478.
- Use your bank's online bill pay section to mail your donation directly to Saint Martin's (address above).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure [Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely) link (https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely)
- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at stmartins.pastor@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Passion of Our Lord - Blessing & Distribution of Palms.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on his way to his passion and death. The Palm Sunday celebration marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- ***Holy Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his greatest Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- ***Good Friday, April 7th, 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.*** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- ***Holy Saturday, April 8th, Postponed until 2024 - Easter Vigil.*** Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- ***Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!***

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: saintmartins.info@gmail.com or inform Mother Barb to have prayer request included in the upcoming Mass.

Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Mother Barb if there's someone you know who needs pastoral care, a hospital visit, or a care facility visit.

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