



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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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.

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

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck** - 10:15 a.m. in Highgate. Please consult our website: saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch for directions to the Farm..
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Battery Park Extension, Burlington. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stop by **CACINA's** table where we will be highlighting both Vermont ministries.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.
(1 Kings 3:5-12)

God appeared in a dream to Solomon during the night and said: **“Ask what you would like me to give you.”**

Solomon replied: “My God, you have shown great kindness to your faithful and righteous servant, David. And you have generously maintained this constant love toward us. And now, you have appointed a successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. Here I am, in the midst of your chosen people, a people so numerous they cannot be counted. As your servant, give me a discerning heart so that I may distinguish good from evil and govern your people with wisdom.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)

Lector: O God, how I love your commands.

People Respond: O God, how I love your commands.

I have said, O God, that my part is to keep your words. Your law, to me, is more precious than a thousand pieces of gold and silver.

People Respond: O God, how I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me, as you promised your servant. Let your compassion come to me, and breathe life back into me, for your Law is my delight.

People Respond: O God, how I love your commands.

For I love your commands more than gold; more than the purest of gold. For I trust in your precepts; and every false way, I hate.

People Respond: The O God, how I love your commands.

So wonderful are your decrees; therefore, I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the forthright.

People Respond: O God, how I love your commands.

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 8:28-30)

Sisters and brothers:

We know that God makes everything work together for the good of those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose.

They are the ones God chose long ago, predestined to share the image of God’s Only Begotten, in order that Christ might be the firstborn of many. Those God predestined have likewise been called; those God called have also been justified; and those God justified, have in turn, been glorified.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 13:44-52)

Celebrant: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus said to his followers: *“The kingdom of heaven is like an expensive, buried treasure found in a field. A field hand found the treasure and buried it again. Rejoicing at the discovery, he went off happily, sold all of his possessions, and bought that field from its owner.*

The kingdom of heaven is also like a merchant’s search for fine and expensive pearls. When one pearl of great value was found, the merchant went off, sold all that he owned, and bought it.

Or again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea by a fishermen that caught all kinds of fish. When the net became full, the fishermen would drag it onto the shore. Then, they would sit down to separate the good fish into baskets and throw away those of no use.

This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and

Gospel

separate the wicked from the just, and the wicked will be thrown into a furnace filled with fire. There, the evil will cry out and gnash their teeth.”

Jesus asked them: *“Have you understood all of this?”*

And Jesus’ followers answered: *“Yes.”*

To which Jesus replied: *“Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his store-room both the new and the old.”*

Celebrant: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: O God, graciously hear us..”



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, your time and talent are essential to breathing life into our new community of faith and keeping its mission alive.

Your financial support is also necessary for us to meet our financial obligations, which, in good stewardship, we try to hold to an absolute minimum. Through your contributions, we can continue our commitment to serving others. Please know how grateful we are for your generous support and, most especially, for your prayers.

Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- *Mail a check (payable 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).*
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- Scan our QR code and donate online.



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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck 10:15 a.m.** - Enjoy the beauty of Vermont's summer weather in full bloom at our Second Annual Mass on the Farm and Potluck Brunch in Highgate, Vermont! Don Fournier is again generously hosting our parish for this event. Please consult our website: saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch for directions to the Farm. **NOTE:** GPS may get you as far as Highgate & Hazard Roads. Cross through the intersection at Hazard Road. Just beyond is a one-room schoolhouse and stone road. Turn right at the stone road. Look for the signs and balloons at the entrance. See you there!
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Like last year, we will partner with the Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington (also a **CACINA** ministry) to share a booth. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Please stop by **CACINA's** table! We will be highlighting both Vermont ministries. Battery Park Extension is located near Monroe & Park Streets in downtown Burlington (near the lake).

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.

Support our Ministry

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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