



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

28th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2023

## 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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

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## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 11:30 a.m.
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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.  
(Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the God of All will prepare for you a banquet of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, fine food filled with marrow, fine wines strained clear.

On this mountain, God will lift the veil of those who mourn, the shroud that is cast over all peoples. For God will destroy death for ever. God will wipe away tears from every cheek, and take away indignity from all the earth. For God has spoken.

On that day it will be said, "This is our God! This is the One for whom we have waited! This is the One in whom we put our hope! This is our God who completes our joy and makes us whole. We rejoice! We exult in this unending feast! The hand of God rests on this mountain!"

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 23:1-6)

Lector: With God as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.

*People Respond: With God as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.*

O Beloved, You are our shepherd! We shall not want. You bring us to green pastures for rest, You lead us beside still waters, renewing our spirits. You restore our souls. You lead us in the path of goodness to

follow Love's way.

*People Respond: With God as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.*

Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow and of death, We are not afraid. For You are ever with us. Your rod and Your staff guide us. They give us strength and comfort.

*People Respond: With God as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.*

You prepare a table before us, in the presence of all our fears. You bless us with oil. Our cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives; and we shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

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*Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!*

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[www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Gospel

### Second Reading

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Philippians.  
(Philippians 4:12-14,18-19)

Beloved, I know how to live in humble circumstances. I also know how to live with abundance. In every circumstance, and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in the Christ who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share in my distress. I have received full payment, and I abound. I am very well supplied because of what I received from you through Epaphroditus, "a fragrant aroma," an acceptable gift pleasing to God.

My God will fully supply whatever you need in accordance with the glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Give my greetings to every holy one in Christ Jesus. The believers who are with me send you their greetings; all the holy ones send you their greetings, especially those of Caesar's household.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 22:1-14)

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

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

While teaching at the Temple, Jesus spoke again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who prepared a wedding feast for the family heir; but when the ruler sent out servants to summon the invited guests, they Wouldn't come."

The ruler sent more servants, saying: "Tell those who have been invited - 'I have prepared this feast for you. My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'"

But they took no notice and went off, one to his field, and another to their business. The rest seized the servants, attacked them brutally, and killed them. The ruler was enraged and sent an army who destroyed the murderers and burned their city.

*(Gospel continued on the next page.)*



## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

### *Gospel (cont.)*

Then the ruler said to the servants: “The wedding feast is ready, but those I invited do not deserve the honor. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet everyone you find.” The servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find - the bad as well as the good, until the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But the ruler came in to see the guests and noticed one person there who was not wearing wedding clothes and asked: “My friend, how did you get in without wedding clothes?”

No answer came but silence. Then the ruler told the company gathered, “Tie this one up, hand and foot, and throw the imposter outside where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Many are called, but few are chosen.

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Matthew.

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

### **Prayers of the People**

*People Respond: “Forgiving God of Healing, hear our prayer.”*



*Welcome to our new church home!*

*Sincerest thanks to the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church for hosting our faith community!*



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 [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration - 11:30 a.m.** - Our **Book of Remembrance** will be available at Mass so that parishioners may add the names of their deceased loved ones. Their names will be memorialized during the Masses in November. Additionally, those in attendance will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones. If you cannot attend Mass in person, please email your names to [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com), by October 27th and we will record them.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day - 11:30 a.m.** - Who Was Saint Martin and what kind of role model does he emulate for us today? (Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour).
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### Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto: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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