



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community 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

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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

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Second Chronicles.
(2 Chronicles 36:11-12, 14-21 (CCL))

Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became King of Jerusalem. He did what was evil in God's eyes. He also refused to humble himself before Jeremiah, the prophet who spoke God's word. All the priests and leaders of the people became more and more unfaithful, adding treachery to treachery, following detestable practices, defiling the House of God, the Temple, which had been consecrated in Jerusalem.

The Holy One, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through messengers again and again. God had compassion for the people and for God's own dwelling place, the Temple. But they mocked God's messengers, despised their words, and scoffed at the prophets until God's anger blazed up, beyond remedy.

God brought up against them the Babylonian, Nebuchadnezzar. This ruler killed their young people with the sword, in their own sanctuary, and spared neither young men nor young women, neither the elderly nor the infirm. God gave all of them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.

All the sacred vessels from the House of God, large and small, the treasures of the House of God, and the treasures of the King and his Officials - all of these, Nebuchadnezzar brought to Babylon. They burnt the House of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, burnt down all its palaces and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword, Nebuchadnezzar carried captive to Babylon. They became servants to him and his children until the Persian kingdom came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of God spoken by Jeremiah: "*The land will lie desolate until it has retrieved its lost Sabbaths. It shall enjoy rest for seventy years.*"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 137:1-6 (CCL))

Lector: We remember and weep.

People Respond: We remember and weep.

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat; and wept when we remembered Zion.

People Respond: We remember and weep.

There, on the willows, we hung our harps. For there, our captors demanded of us the words of a song. They that had tormented us required of us mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

People Respond: We remember and weep.

How can we sing Your song, O God, in a strange land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands forget their skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not consider you my highest joy.

People Respond: We remember and weep.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel

Second Reading A Reading from a Letter of James. (James 4:7-10 (CCL))

Yield to God. Resist evil which will flee from you. Draw near to God Who will draw near to you. You who inflict harm, cleanse your hands! You who are double-minded, purify your hearts! Lament and mourn and weep. For your laughter will be turned into mourning. Your joy will turn to gloom. Humble yourselves before God, who will exalt you.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
(Mark 11:12-21 (CCL))

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 Mark.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

As Jesus and the disciples were leaving Bethany, on their way up to Jerusalem, Jesus felt hungry. Seeing a fig tree some distance away, he went to see if he could find fruit on it, but when he reached it he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

So, Jesus spoke to the tree: **"May no one ever eat your fruit again."** The disciples heard this. Then they reached Jerusalem. Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out the sellers and the buyers in the temple. He upset the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

Jesus prevented anyone from carrying goods through the temple. At the same time, he taught them: **"Doesn't Scripture say, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples'? You have turned it into 'a den of thieves.'"**

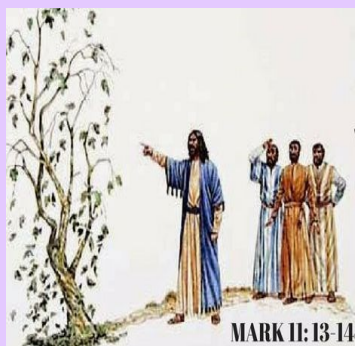
News of this made it to the chief priests and the scribes. They kept looking for a way to kill him, but they were afraid of him because the crowds were amazed by his teaching. When evening came, Jesus left Jerusalem. The next morning, as they passed by the fig tree, they saw it withered to its roots. Peter remembered. **"Look, Rabbi!" he said, "the fig tree you cursed has withered!"**

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Merciful God, hear our prayer.



MARK 11:13-14

Seeing a fig tree in leaf some distance away, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it, but when he came up to it he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs. And he addressed the fig tree, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard him say this.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive 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 Inclusive 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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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

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- **May - Priest in the Park** - Mother Barb will be in Taylor Park 1 Saturday & 1 Sunday per month, beginning in May. Stop by to say hi & learn what it means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith Specific dates to be announced in April.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Saint Martin's will participate in parade & festival on June 8th. There will be an ecumenical Pride service in Taylor Park on June 9th. Stay tuned!

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

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