



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

**33rd Sunday
of Ordinary Time**
November 16, 2025

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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **November 23rd - Celebration of The Universal Christ - Christ the Servant** - 11:30 a.m. End of the liturgical year.
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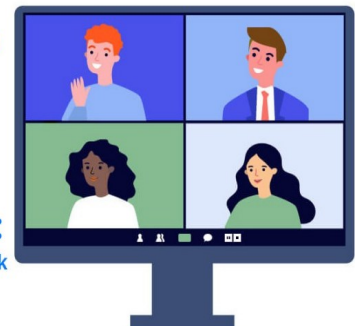
Sunday Mass Link:

bit.ly/SMOTICC-Mass-ZoomLink

Phone: 719-359-4580

Meeting ID: 843 9858 0806

Passcode: 257133



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 Malachi.
(Malachi 3:1-3,5,8,16-17,19-20 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Malachi.

"I am sending My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then, the One you seek will come suddenly to the temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, is coming," says the God of the universe. "But who can endure the day of this coming? Who can stand when God appears? God will be a refiner's fire and fuller's soap, refining the Levites, the priests, like silver and gold.

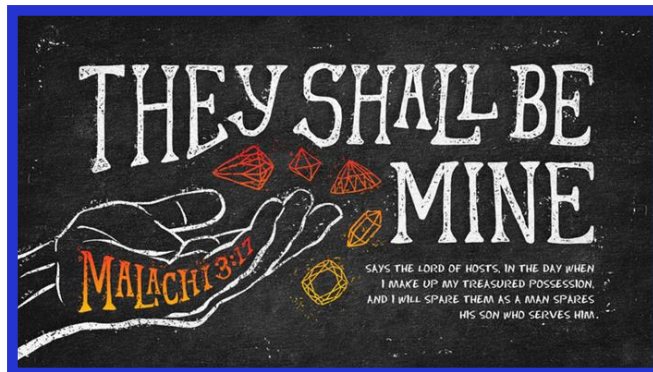
I, your God, will draw near to you for judgment. I will be swift to bear witness against evildoers and those who - without fear - deprive a laborer of wages, oppress a widow or an orphan, or turn aside a resident alien. You ask, "Can a mere human rob God? Yes! You are robbing me!" "But", you say, "How are we robbing You?" "You are robbing Me of tithes and offerings. You store them up in your storehouses!"

Those who honored God consulted with each other. God listened. They wrote names on a scroll of remembrance, written in God's presence. "On that day," says God, "they shall be mine! As a mother treasures her child, I will treasure these. As a father has compassion for his beloved, I will have compassion for these. As a parent loves, so I will love these.

"A day of reckoning will come; but for all who bear my Name, the sun of justice will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out leaping like calves from a stall."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 37 (CCL))

Lector: Justice will endure.

People Respond: Justice will endure.

Lector: Do not fear those who perpetuate evil. Do not envy those who do wrong. Do not be provoked by them. They will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Better the meagerness of the just than the plenty of the wicked. Delight in God who will give you your heart's desire.

People Respond: Justice will endure.

Lector: Those who use violence unsheathe their swords and string their bows to fell those who are poor and oppressed, to slaughter those who seek justice. Their sword shall pierce their own heart. Their bows shall be broken.

People Respond: Justice will endure.

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Lector: As for you, depart from evil, and do good; thus you abide forever. God loves justice. God will not forsake those who pursue it.

People Respond: Justice will endure.

Lector: I have seen the wicked, oppressing, flourish like a green cedar. When I passed by again, they were no more. I searched, but they could not be found. Observe those with integrity. Take note of the just. There is a future for those who walk in peace.

People Respond: Justice will endure.



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.
(2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

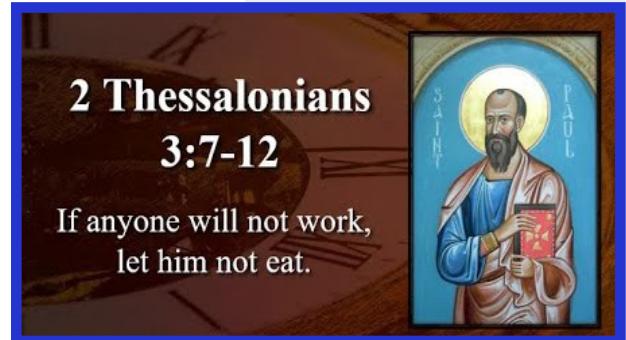
We were not idle when we were with you. You know you ought to follow that example. We did not eat anyone's food without paying for it. We worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. Even though we had the right to assistance, we did this because we wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious.

Do you remember when we were with you? We often repeated the saying: "Anyone unwilling to work should not

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eat." Yet now we hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we ask and encourage in the name of Jesus to do their work quietly and earn their keep. And as for you, beloved, do not grow weary of doing what is good.

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 Luke.
(Luke 21:1-19 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Good News attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

As Jesus looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow give two very small copper coins. Jesus said to the disciples, "***This poor widow has put in more than all the others. All the others gave out of their wealth. She, however, gave out of her poverty. She put in all she had to live on.***"

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

Prayers of the People

(Gospel cont.)

As Jesus was saying this, some people were remarking how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with great gifts dedicated to God. Wearily, Jesus said, *"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another. Every one of them will be thrown down."*

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? What will be the sign that they are *about to take place*?" Jesus replied: *"Watch out that you are not deceived. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the one,' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be afraid. These things must happen first, but they do not mean the end is near."*

Jesus continued: *"Nations will rise against nation, kingdoms and empires will rise against each other. There will be great earthquakes, great famines and plagues in various places. Terrifying sights and great signs will come from the sky, from the universe itself."*

"But before the end comes, you will be seized and persecuted. You will be handed over to synagogues and put in prison. You will be brought to trial before rulers and governors, and all on account of my name. In these very actions, you will bear testimony to me. So, do not fret in your hearts beforehand how you will defend yourselves. I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict."

But you will be betrayed even by your parents, by brothers and sisters, all siblings, relatives and

friends. They will put some of you to death. You will be hated because of me. But not a hair of your head will be lost. Stand firm, endure, persevere, and you will gain Life."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Trusting in God's unfailing care, we offer, in confidence, our prayers to Him.

Lector: Our response is "Loving God, hear our prayer."

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: That, as the Body of Christ, we will remain a strong sign of hope and unity for the world, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: For peace in every nation, and for blessings upon all newly elected leaders. May they govern for the common good, with kindness and justice, while upholding the dignity of all people, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: For victims of war, earthquakes, and other disasters, and especially for those now enduring the devastating after-effects of Hurricane Nicole, that their needs may be met with loving care and support, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: For all who suffer from food or shelter insecurities and for those who experience detachment from community: that they may be restored to the wellness of life through the love and compassion of others, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: We pause to remember names of those who suffer with illness and for those who have asked for our prayers [*Lector will pause while names are spoken.*] May their faith in God's healing restore them to fullness of life, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lector: We pause to remember the names of loved ones and friends, especially those we've included in our Book of Remembrance, [*Lector will pause while names are spoken.*] May perpetual light shine upon them, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear

our prayer.

Lector: For prayers left unspoken, and for those held deep, within the silence of our hearts, for this we pray:

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Good and Gracious God, Show us the path to life and the fullness of joys, and protect us with your grace. May we always serve you faithfully and trust in you to provide for our needs. Grant this through Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

People Respond: Amen.



Remembering our deceased in November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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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.

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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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- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
- Scan our QR code and donate online.



If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's donates a percentage of our monthly giving to "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry crucial in helping to furnish permanent shelter for previously unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing. Support this ministry through our online donation page or by mailing a check to the address below. Stay tuned for updates in the [Saint Martin Messenger \(newsletter\)](#).
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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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