



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Fourth 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 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 First Book of Samuel.

YAHWEH said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.

"As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought: *"Surely Yahweh's anointed is here before him."*

But then Yahweh said to Samuel: *"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but Yahweh looks into the heart."*

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse: *"Yahweh has not chosen any one of your sons."*

Then Samuel asked Jesse: *"Are these all the sons you have?"* Jesse replied: *"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."* Samuel said to Jesse: *"Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."*

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy; a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance.

Then Yahweh said: *"There - anoint him, for this is the one!"* Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of God rushed upon David.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

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

Sisters and Brothers:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the sight of God. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness, and righteousness, and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to God, and take no part in fruitless works of darkness. Rather, expose them, for it is shameful to even mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible; for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, awake! And arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Celebrant: Jesus said: I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

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 As Jesus walked by, he saw a beggar who was born blind. He spat on the ground, mixed his spit with the dirt together to make mud, and rubbed the mud into the man's eyes. Then Jesus told him:

"Go wash your eyes in the Pool of Siloam."

The man went to wash his eyes, and when he came back, he was able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said:

"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is." Others said, "No, he just looks like that person." Finally, the once-blind man spoke: "I'm the beggar!" Then they brought the man to the Pharisees. Jesus had opened the man's eyes on the sabbath, and so the Pharisees asked him how he was able to see.

The man answered them: "He put clay on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I can see."

Some of the Pharisees said: "This man, Jesus, is not from God because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said: "How can a sinful man do such signs?"

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Gospel (cont.)

And there was a division among them, and so they said to the now-sighted man: "What do you have to say about Jesus, since he opened your eyes?"

And the man said: "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him: "You were born totally in sin, and you are trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that the Pharisees had thrown the man out, he found him and said: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

The man answered and said: "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him: "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

And the man said: "I do believe, Lord," and then he worshipped Jesus.

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** 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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