



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# 4th Sunday of Easter Sunday of the Good Shepherd Mass Bulletin

April 30, 2023

100 Lake Street  
Saint Albans, Vermont 05478  
Phone #802-332-3890

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

### 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.

*Month of May - Celebration of Our Lady  
Our prayers at the conclusion of each Mass  
will be dedicated to our Blessed Mother.*

- **May 14th - Mother's Day**
- **May 21st - Ascension Sunday - 10:30 a.m.**
- **May 28th - Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Day Weekend - 10:30 a.m.** Please wear red to church. Fun fact: Pentecost Sunday 2022 was the first livestreamed Mass at Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community.
- **May 29th - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **May 31st - Feast of the Visitation**
- **June 18th - Father's Day**



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).

*Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

**A Reading from the Book of Acts.  
(Acts 2:14a, 36-41)**

Lector: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: ***“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Christ and Redeemer, this Jesus whom you crucified.”***

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, ***“What are we to do?”***

Peter answered them: ***“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Christ Jesus so that your sins are forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made from long ago to you, to your children, and to all the people God calls, even those living far away.”***

Peter spoke for a long time about Jesus. He urged everyone: ***“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”***

Those who accepted his message were baptized; about three thousand people were added that day.

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

***People Respond: Thanks be to God.***

**Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)  
(Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)**

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.***

Lector: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He refreshes my soul.

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

Lector: 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, they give me courage.

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

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

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

Lector: Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

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

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

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

## Second Reading

A Reading from First Letter of Peter. (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

Lector: If you should suffer for doing something good, Know that this is God's grace working in you. God called you to this kind of life, because Christ suffered for you.

He left you an example so you might follow in his footsteps. After all, he "did not sin; he never lied." He did not abuse others when he was abused. He did not threaten others when he suffered. Instead, he offered himself to God, the just Judge. He bore our sins when he died on the cross, so That we could be freed from sin and live with God.

We were cured by the wounds he suffered. Before, you were like sheep who wandered away. Now, you returned to your shepherd and protector.

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.*

Celebrant: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and they know me.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Refer to the [Order of the Mass](#) for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John. (John 10:1-10)

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

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

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

*(Gospel continues on the next page.)*



THE  
FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the Faithful

*People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.*



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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure [Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC) link (<https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC> Tithely)
- 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 Mother Barb

at 802-332-3890, or email at [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).



# Announcements – Looking Ahead

## Month of May - Celebration of Our Lady

Our prayers at the conclusion of each Mass will be dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

- **May 14th - Mother's Day**
- **May 21st - Ascension Sunday** - 10:30 a.m.
- **May 28th - Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Day Weekend** - 10:30 a.m. Please wear red to church. Fun fact: Pentecost Sunday 2022 was the first livestreamed Mass at Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community.
- **June 11th - Sunday Mass will be pre-recorded** & posted to Saint Martin's Facebook page. There will be no in-person Mass.
- **June 18th - Father's Day**

## 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).

(Rev.) Mother Barb Fichter, Pastor  
Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community,  
Mailing: P.O. Box 636  
Saint Albans, Vermont 05478  
Phone: 802-332-3890

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

Website: [www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/)

Support our ministry: [tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins](http://tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMartinOfToursCatholicCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/StMartinOfToursCatholicCommunity)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/stmartintourscc](https://www.instagram.com/stmartintourscc)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/STMartinToursVT](https://www.twitter.com/STMartinToursVT)



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*



A Mission of CACINA

a Mission of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) <http://cacina.org/>  
Social media, Advertising & Web Design provided by Michelle Mazuros, [The Write Concierge](http://www.thewriteconcierge.com).