



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

## 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.

# Sunday Bulletin

## Feast of Mary Magdalene

### 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### July 20, 2025

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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.
- **June 15th - September 14th** - Summer Masses in the Basement Sofa Parlor - 11:30 a.m.
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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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Song of Songs.  
(Song of Songs 3:1-4 (CCL))

Lector: The first reading is from Song of Songs.

By night on my bed, In my dreams, I look for whom my soul loves. But when I awaken, there's no one there. I will get up now, and walk about the city; Out through the streets and into the squares, I will seek whom my soul loves.

Ah, but I searched, but found no one. The watchmen on their rounds found me, though; I wanted to ask them, "Have you seen him, the one whom my soul loves?" But no sooner did I pass by them, then I found him at last, whom my soul loves.

I put my arms around him, and would not let go of him, until I had brought him home, into my mother's house, in the very room where she made me.

*People Respond: Speak to us, O God.*



### Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 42:2-6, 8-9 (CCL))

Lector: We long to know Your love, O God.

*People We long to know Your love, O God.*

Lector: As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the Living God. When will I see the face of God?

*People Respond: We long to know Your love, O God.*

Lector: My tears have been my bread day and night, as I'm asked every day, "Where is your God?" But as I pour out my soul, these things I cling to: how I would set out with joy to the house of God, how I would lead a procession amid glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude, keeping festival.

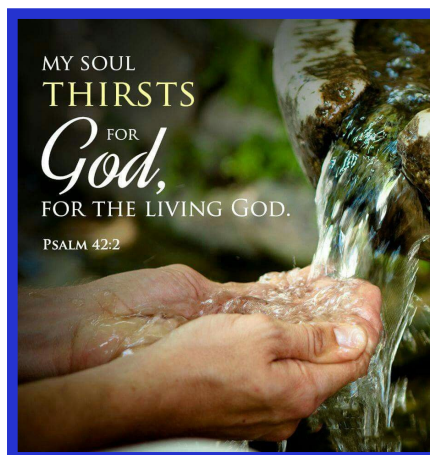
*People Respond: We long to know Your love, O God.*

Lector: But now, deep calls to deep: Your thunder above calls to the torrents of Your seas, and all your waves and breakers overwhelm me. By day, O God, command faithful love! By night, sing me Your song! This is my prayer to the God of my life.

*People Respond: We long to know Your love, O God.*

Lector: Why are you downcast, my soul, why do you groan within me? Wait for God, for I shall again praise God. In Your healing presence, my God, I put my trust.

*People Respond: We long to know Your love, O God.*



## Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.  
(2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that He died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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: Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

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or upcoming special Masses!  
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& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Gospel

### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
(John 20:1-2, 11-18 (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 John.

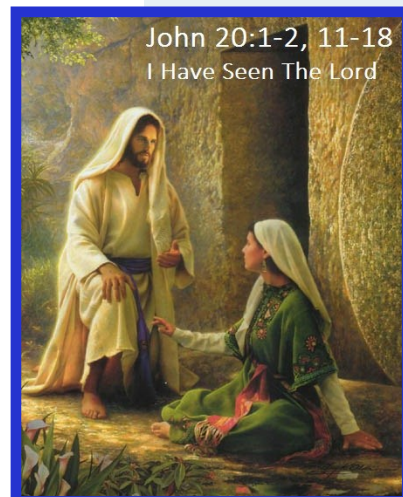
*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

*(Gospel continued on the next page.)*





## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

*(Gospel continued.)*

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, please tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "***Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'***"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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



### Prayers of the People

***People Respond: God of All, hear us.***



Your generosity is essential to breathing life into [Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community](#), and keeping its mission alive. By God's grace and through your generosity, we remain committed to continuing our mission to serve all of God's people.

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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link ([https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC\\_Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely))
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If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto: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. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to 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 \(newsletter\)](#).
- **June 15th - September 14th - Summer Masses in the Basement Sofa Parlor** - The Church Sanctuary is not climate controlled, so for the Summer months we will gather for Sunday Mass in the Basement Sofa Parlor, at 11:30 a.m. (To reach the Sofa Parlor: From the front entrance of the Church, use the stairs in front of you and through the double doors; From the Parking Lot entrance use the stairs on your immediate left to the basement.
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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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