



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time
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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

- **July 21st - (1888) Birthday of Charles Duarte-Costa**, founder of CACINA.
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- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Like last year, we will partner with the [Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington](#) (also a [CACINA](#) ministry) to share a booth. Stay tuned for further details.



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 Isaiah.
(Isaiah 55:10-11)

For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing I sent it to do.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13)

Lector: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

People Respond: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

People Respond: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

People Respond: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with

a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

People Respond: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

People Respond: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 8:18-23)

Sisters and brothers:

I consider the sufferings of the present to be nothing compared with the glory that will be revealed in us.

All creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the children of God. Creation was subjected to shortness and futility, not of its own accord, but because of the One who subjected it— in the hope that creation itself would be freed from its slavery to corruption and would share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that, from the beginning until now, All of creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth. And, not only creation, but all of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit— we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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: The seed is the word of God and Christ is the sower. All who come to Christ Jesus will have life forever.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 11:25-30)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

Later that day, Jesus left the house and sat down by the lake shore. Great crowds gathered around him, and he went and took a seat in a boat, while the crowd stood along the shore, and he addressed the crowd, at length, in parables:

"A sower went out to sow seed. As he sowed, some seed fell on the path, where birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. This seed sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose, it was scorched, and withered away for lack of roots. Still other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, but some seed fell on good, rich soil and produced fruit, yielding a crop that was 30, 60, even 100 times what was sown. Let those who have ears to hear, hear now the parable of the sower!

When people hear the message about the kingdom of God without understanding it, the evil one comes to steal

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away what was sown in their hearts. There is the seed that falls along the path.

Those who received the seed that fell on rocky ground are the ones who hear the word, and, at first, welcome it with joy. But they have no root, so they last only for a time. When some setback or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Those who received the message but who fell among the thorns are the ones who hear the word, but worldly anxieties and the lure of worldly riches choke them off from the word, and then, produce no fruit.

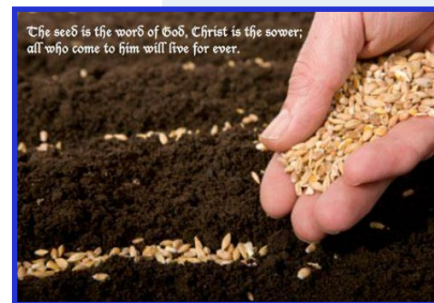
But those who received the seed that fell on rich soil are those who hear the word and understand it. It is they who produce fruit and yield a crop of 30, 60, or 100 times what the sower sowed."

Celebrant: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Gracious God, hear us."



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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.

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.*
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at smartins.pastor@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

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- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Like last year, we will partner with the Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington (also a CACINA ministry) to share a booth. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stay tuned for further details.

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

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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