



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Easter Sunday Mass Bulletin

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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

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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.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Blessing of Water

[Our Mass will open this morning with the **Blessing of Water**. There will be a **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**, following the Homily, that is not found in the Order of Mass Worship Aid. During these rites we thank God for his priceless gift to us and ask for His help to keep us faithful to the sacraments we have received in faith.]

Blessing of Water

Celebrant: May God, who through water and the Holy Spirit, and who has given us a new birth in Christ, be with you all.

People Respond: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Most Holy One, in your mercy, we ask that you be present to your people's prayers, and, for us, who recall the wondrous works of your creation and the still greater work of our redemption.

† Graciously bless this water.

For you created water to make the fields fruitful and bring refreshment and cleansing to our bodies.

As an instrument of your mercy: Through water, you freed your people from bondage in Egypt; you quenched their thirst in the desert; and, through water, you entered upon a new covenant with the human race, as the Prophets foretold.

Through the waters of Baptism

and the Holy Spirit, you have given us a new birth in the Living Water, who is Christ Jesus.

Grant that this water may become for us a memorial of the Sacrament of Baptism we have received, and may we share in the joy and gladness of those who receive their Baptism in the Season of Eastertide.

We ask this through our Savior and Redeemer, Christ Jesus.

All Respond: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Acts. (Acts 10:34A)

Lector: Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are all witnesses of all that he did, both in the countryside of Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through the power of his name.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

Lector: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to our God, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

“The right hand of God does mighty acts! The right hand of God is exalted! I will not die, but live, and declare the works of God.”

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is God’s own doing, it is wondrous in our eyes.

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 5:6B-8)

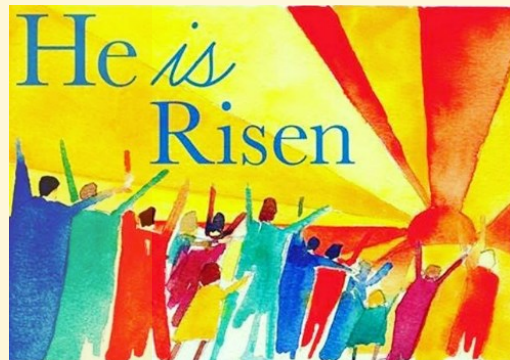
Lector: Don’t you know that even a small speck of yeast can ruin the entire batter of bread dough?

Clean out the old yeast! Then you will be like new bread dough, free from yeast, just like the bread for the Passover meal. And the bread you share at the table of Jesus.

Sin is like bad yeast. So, we should celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus free from sin. For, Jesus was sacrificed for us, just like the lamb that is prepared for the Passover meal.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Easter Sequence & Gospel

Easter Sequence (Ephesians 5:8-15)

Lector: For once you were darkness, but now you are in the light. Live as children of the light, in all goodness, righteousness and truth you shall live.

People Respond: Wake up O sleeper and rise from the dead; Christ Jesus will shine on you.

Lector: Find out what pleases our God, the beautiful fruit of the light. Let us discover what pleases our loving God. Find out what pleases our God.

People Respond: Wake up O sleeper and rise from the dead; Christ Jesus will shine on you.

Lector: Turn away from fruitless deeds of darkness, and expose them to the light. Live carefully and wise, and understand the will of our loving God.

People Respond: Wake up O sleeper and rise from the dead; Christ Jesus will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. He has Risen, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia. He has Risen, alleluia.

Celebrant: I am the resurrection and the life, says Christ Jesus:

All who trust in me, will live with God and never really die.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia. He has Risen, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John. (John 20:1-9)

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.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them: "They have taken Christ Jesus away from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered Jesus' head, were apart from the burial cloths, rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first. He saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that Christ Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Celebrant: Dear friends, Through the paschal mystery, we have been buried, through death, with Christ Jesus, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too, through the waters of Baptism, we may rise with him in newness of life.

Let us now renew the promises that were made at our baptism, renouncing Satan and all evil works, and promise to serve God and one another, as faithful followers of Christ Jesus. And so:

Priest: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All Respond: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the glamour

of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

All Respond: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works?

All Respond: I do.

Priest: And all his empty promises?

All Respond: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All Respond: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Christ Jesus, who was born of Mary, who was crucified, died, and was buried; and who rose again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All Respond: I do.

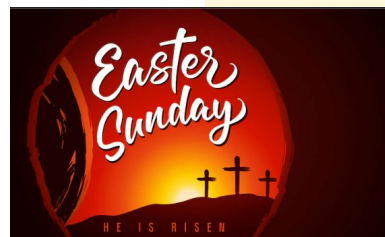
Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All Respond: I do.

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, You cleanse up and free us from the bondage of sin. Through water and the Holy Spirit. the all-powerful, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, bring us into renewed life, and may the grace of God preserve us for eternal life. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus.

All Respond: Amen.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Christ is Risen, ALLELUIA!



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

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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.

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