



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

27th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration - 11:30 a.m.
- November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day - 11:30 a.m. (Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour).
- November 19th - Joint pre-Thanksgiving Service with SABUMC— 9:00 a.m. (Please note time change)
- November 26th - Christ the King - 11:30 a.m. - End of Liturgical Year and 2023 Ordinary Time).
- December 3rd - Advent Begins - 11:30 a.m.



*Welcome to our
new church
home!*

*Sincerest thanks
to the
Saint
Albans Bay
United
Methodist
Church for
hosting our faith
community!*

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 5:1-7)

I will sing for the One I love – a song about a vineyard:

My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. My love, with love, tilled the soil, cleared it of stones, planted it with the choicest vines; then built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

My Beloved looked for a crop of vintage grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

The Beloved speaks: Now, you dwellers in the land and people called “chosen,” judge between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bitter grapes?

Now I will tell You what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge and it will be eaten up. I will break down its wall and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor tilled, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.

The vineyard was meant to be a holy vineyard. The vines were the Beloved’s delight. The Beloved looked for justice, for righteousness, but saw only bloodshed; but heard only cries of distress.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 80:4-7,8-13,14b-15a,17-19)

Lector: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

How long, O God, will Your anger break against the prayers of Your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears. You have made them drink bowls of tears. We are no longer respected, but an object of derision.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; You cleared out the briars and thorns, and planted Your own vineyard. You cleared the ground for it; and it took deep root and filled the land.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the noble cedars with its branches. Its branches reached West as far as the Sea; its shoots to the East as far as the River.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.



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Why have You broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? Beasts of the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

Watch over this vine, the root that You have planted, the branch You have raised up for Yourself. Let Your hand rest on Your people, upon Your own human child, whom You have made strong. Then we will not turn away from You. Revive us, and we will call on Your Name.

People Respond: Shine Your face upon us, that we may be healed.

Second Reading

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Philippians.
(Philippians 4:6-9)

Beloved, do not be anxious about anything. In everything, pray.

Let petitions and thanksgiving shape your worry into prayer. Let the Beloved know all our concerns. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will come, and calm your hearts and minds, which is the yield from life in Christ Jesus.

Finally, my loved ones, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is authentic and pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think on such things.

Keep doing what you have learned - and received - and heard - and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 21:33-46)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

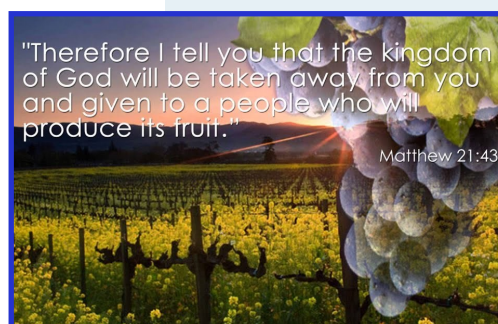
Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus continued to teach in the Temple: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, dug a wine press in it, built a tower, rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey.

When harvest time approached, the owner sent servants to the vine-growers to collect the fruit. The vine-growers beat one servant, killed another, and stoned a third. Again, the owner sent another group of servants, larger than the first. They did the same thing to them.

(Gospel continued on the next page.)



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont.)

Afterwards, the owner thought, 'They will respect my progeny,' and sent the family's own child to them; but when the vine-growers saw the heir coming, they said among themselves, 'This is the one who stands in our way of everything. Come, let's kill the heir and seize the inheritance.' With that, they took and threw the heir out of the vineyard, where they killed the owner's own child.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will be done to those vine-growers?" The people replied: "The landowner will bring those wretches to a wretched end and rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay the fair share of the crop at the proper seasons."

Jesus said to them: "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. God has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Therefore, understand this: The reign of God will be taken away from you and given to people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces and anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

When some of the chief priests and Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they understood that he was speaking about them. They sought a way to seize him; but they feared the people because they held him to be a prophet.

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: "Forgiving God, hear our prayer."



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!

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- 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 saintmartins.pastor@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration - 11:30 a.m.** - Our **Book of Remembrance** will be available at Mass so that parishioners may add the names of their deceased loved ones. Their names will be memorialized during the Masses in November. Additionally, those in attendance will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones. If you cannot attend Mass in person, please email your names to saintmartins.info@gmail.com, by October 27th and we will record them.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day - 11:30 a.m.** - Who Was Saint Martin and what kind of role model does he emulate for us today? (Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour.
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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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