



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time
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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.

- **October 1st - First Mass in our new worship home** - the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. (*Note the new Mass time*).
- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 11:30 a.m.
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Today's Guest Homilist is Rev. Mother Grace Ferris. Mother Grace is a CACINA Priest and the Pastor of St. Wilgefortis Transmission, spiritual home for the Transgender Community.

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 Ezekiel.
(Ezekiel 33:7-9)

Now, mere mortal, I make you sentinel for the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you must give them my warning.

If I say to evildoers, "You will surely die," and you do not warn them, to turn from their ways, the evildoers will die because of their sin, but I will hold you responsible for their deaths.

But if you warn the evildoers to turn from their sin, they will die for their sins, but you will have saved your life.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

Lector: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the

desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

People Respond: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.
(Romans 13:8-10)

Owe no debt to anyone — except the debt that binds us to love one another.

If you love your neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law.

The commandments of no committing adultery; no killing; no stealing or coveting; and all the others — are all summed up in this one: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love never does any wrongs to anyone — hence love is the fulfillment of the Law.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 18:15-20)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If another believer hurts you, go and talk to him about it in private. If he really hears you and does something about it, he will become a true friend. If he refuses to hear you, go and talk to him again with two or three other believers.

‘Every word spoken against someone can be confirmed with two or three witnesses.’ If he ignores them, explain the hurt to the community. If he also ignores the community, treat him like an unbeliever or a traitor.

“Listen to what I say to you! God approves of everything you permit or prohibit in the community. Listen again to what I say to you! Any time two among you pray for agreement about any dispute between them, my Father in heaven will do it for them. For, when two or three believers gather together to pray in my name, I am present with them.”

The landowner answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to pay the latecomer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own affairs? Why should you be envious because I am

Gospel

generous?”

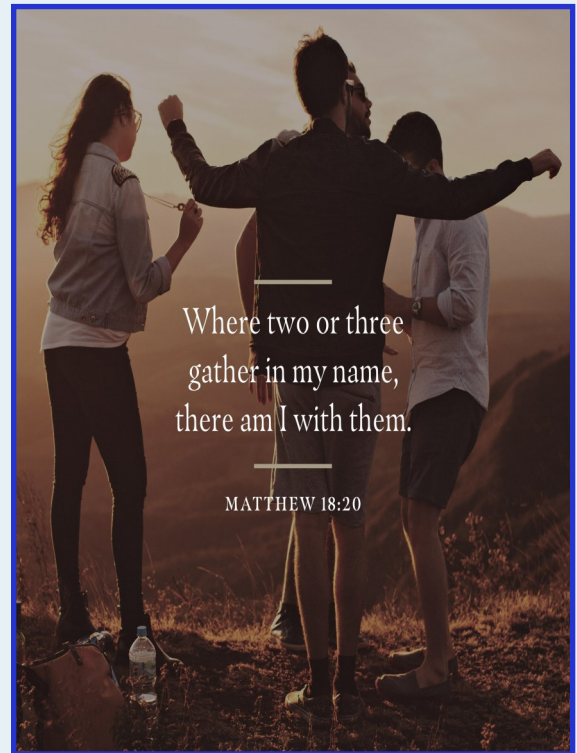
It is in this way that the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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: “Faithful God, hear our prayer.”



Saint Martin will be moving! Our new church home, as of October 1, 2023, will be at the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church (SABUMC)!

Mass will be in SABUMC's sanctuary at 11:30 am (note time change). Stay tuned for updates.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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).*
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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

- **October 1st - First Mass in Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m.** – Address: 575 Lake Road, Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481 Directions: From downtown St. Albans, head west on Lake Street, past our current location. Lake Street eventually changes to Lake Road. About 100 yards before Lake Road dead-ends at Maquim Shore Road, on your right, is the Methodist Church. Access the parking lot by turning right on Cherry Street, between the church and the old Town Hall building, and head toward the rear of the church at McGinn Drive and Cherry Street. The church entrance is off McGinn Drive.
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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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