



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

## 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.

# 4th Sunday of Easter Mass Bulletin Celebration of Mother's Day & our Blessed Mother

**May 11, 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 8th - 11:00 a.m.** (Please note time change of Mass).
- **June 8th - Spiritual Stations of Pride: An Experiential Walk for LGBTQIA+ in Taylor Park - 1:00 p.m.** Join Franklin County's open and affirming faith communities in this ecumenical, collaborative event. All are welcome!



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 Book of the Acts of the Zephaniah.**

(Zephaniah 3:14-18 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing with joy, O Israel! Rejoice with all your heart, O Jerusalem! God has averted punishment against you, he has turned away your enemies;

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! You have no further misfortune to fear.

For Yahweh, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior to keep you safe; who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love; and who will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*



## Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Isaiah 12:2-6 (CCL))

Lector: Shout aloud! The Holy One of Israel dwells among us.

*People Respond: Shout aloud! The Holy One of Israel dwells among us.*

You are, indeed, my deliverer, O God; I trust you and am unafraid. You are my strength and my refuge - You are my deliverer. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*People Respond: Shout aloud! The Holy One of Israel dwells among us.*

Give thanks to God; proclaim God's holy Name! Make known among all peoples what God has done; proclaim that God's name is exalted.

*People Respond: Shout aloud! The Holy One of Israel dwells among us.*

Sing praises to God for God has triumphed. Let this be known throughout all the world. Cry out, shout aloud, with exultation, You who dwell in Zion, for the Holy One of Israel dwells us in majesty!

*People Respond: Shout aloud! The Holy One of Israel dwells among us.*



## Second Reading

### A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

(Romans 12:9-16 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Sisters and brothers: Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, and cling to what is good. Love one another with affection, in fellowship. Try to outdo one another in your showing of respect.

Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: The One you serve is Christ Jesus. rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; Persevere in prayer.

Look upon the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors - yes, bless them and don't curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Have the same attitude toward everyone. Do not be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; and do not be conceited.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*



*Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!*

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*[www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Gospel

### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by an angel of God would be fulfilled.

*People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



## Gospel

### A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 1:39-56 (CCL))

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

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

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

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste, to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said:

*(Gospel continued on the next page.)*



## **(Gospel cont.)**

***"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!***

***But why am I so favored, that the mother of the Messiah should come to me?***

***At the moment of the sound of your greeting that reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy.***

***Blessed are you who believed that what our God said would be accomplished."***

And Mary said:

***"My soul proclaims your greatness, O God; and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.***

***For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.***

***For you, Most Holy, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.***

***"Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. You have shown strength with your arm; and you have scattered the proud in their conceit.***

***You have cast down the mighty from their thrones; and have raised up the lowly to high places.***

***You have filled the hungry with good things; while you have sent the rich away empty.***

***You have come to the aid of your servant, Israel, mindful of your mercy - and the promise you made to our ancestors - to Sarah***

***and to Abraham and their descendants, forever."***

Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

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



## **Prayers of the Faithful**

***People Respond: Holy Mary, intercede for us.***



## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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))
- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
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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).
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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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