



*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.

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).

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Battery Park Extension, Burlington. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stop by [CACINA's](#) table where we will be highlighting both Vermont ministries.
- **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** - 10:30 a.m.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m.
- **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.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.  
(Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)

Thus says Yahweh: *“Do what is right, work for justice. For my liberation is about to come and my justice is about to be revealed.”*

For thus says Yahweh: *“The foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me, loving the name of Yahweh, and becoming my servants - all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.”*

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 67)

Lector: Let the nations praise You, O God.

*People Respond: Let the nations praise You, O God.*

God, show your kindness and bless us, and make Your face smile on us! For then the earth will acknowledge Your ways And all the nations will know of Your power to save.

*People Respond: Let the nations praise You, O God.*

Let the nations shout and sing for joy, Since You dispense true justice to the world; You dispense strict justice to the peoples, On earth You rule the nations.

*People Respond: Let the nations praise You, O God.*

Let the nations praise You, O God, let all the nations praise You! May God bless us, and let God be feared to the

very ends of the earth.

*People Respond: Let the nations praise You, O God.*

### Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
(Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)

I say this to you now: Inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry, trying to rouse my own people to jealousy and save some of them.

For, if their rejection has meant reconciliation for the world, what will their acceptance mean? Nothing less than life from the dead!

God's gift and God's call are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God and now have received mercy through Israel's disobedience, now they have become disobedient - since God wished to show you mercy - that they too may receive mercy.

God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to have mercy on everyone.

Praise to God who rules over everything forever. Amen!

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*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 Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel and cured every disease among the people.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

## Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

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.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and departed for the district of Tyre and Sidon.

It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that area came and cried out to Jesus: ***“Heir to the House of David, have pity on me! My daughter is horribly demon-possessed.”***

Jesus gave her no word of response.

The disciples came up and repeatedly said to him: ***“Please get rid of her! She keeps calling after us.”***

Finally Jesus turned to the woman and said: ***“My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”***

She then prostrated herself before him with the plea: ***“Help me, Rabbi!”***

Jesus answered: ***“But it is not right to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”***

***“True, Rabbi,”*** she replied, ***“but even the dogs eat the scraps that fall***

## Gospel

***from the table.”***

Jesus then said in reply: ***“Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass.”***

At that very moment, her daughter was healed.

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: “God of Love, hear our prayer.”*



*The Faith of a Canaanite woman*

***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](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Preparations are underway for [CACINA/Saint Martin's](#) participation in Vermont Pride. Drop by our table and introduce yourself! We will be highlighting both Vermont ministries. Battery Park Extension is located near Monroe & Park Streets in downtown Burlington (near the lake).
- **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.

### 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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