



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday 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).

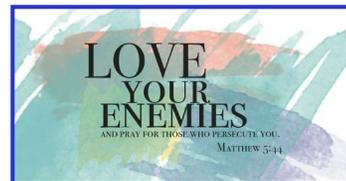
We are:

- 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

- **Jan 1st through Feb 12th - Collection of Palms at Saint Martin's** Please bring any palms, palm crosses, etc., you may have at home. Palms distributed on Palm Sunday are blessed. Do not discard them. Instead, please bring them with you to Mass.
- **Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins** (Wednesday evening Mass with distribution of ashes) 7:00 pm
- **March 12th - Daylight Savings Time Returns!** Spring forward one hour. DST ends Nov 5th.
- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** - 7:00 p.m.
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 3:00 p.m.
- **April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - Time TBA
- **April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass** - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!



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

Reading 1 - From the Book of Leviticus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: The Lord is kind and merciful.

People Respond: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; with all my being, bless God's holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his kindness!

People Respond: The Lord is kind and merciful.

He forgives all your sins, and heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with love and tenderness.

People Respond: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is Yahweh, slow to anger and abounding in justice. Never treating us as our sins deserve; never repaying us in kind for our injustices.

People Respond: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far away as the east is from the west, so far has the LORD removed our transgression from us. As tender parents have compassion on their children, so does the LORD have compassion for those who honor him.

People Respond: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading 2 – From Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Sisters and brothers:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If you destroy God's temple, God will destroy you - for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive themselves. If any-one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so that he might know God's wisdom. For worldly wisdom is foolishness in the eyes of God.

As it is written: "God catches the wise in their own ruses," and again: "The Lord knows the thoughts and plans of the wise, that they are in vain."

So let no one boast about anything human – Neither Paul or Apollos or Cephas, nor the world or life or death, or the present or future times. All people and all things belong to Christ. With the Spirit, you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his followers - You've heard it said: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

But I tell you, offer no resistance to one who is evil or violent. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to sue you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to anyone who asks you. And do not turn your back on anyone who wants to borrow from you.

And, you have heard it said: "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. In this way, you can show everyone that you are children of God.

For God makes his sun rise on bad and good alike; God makes his rain fall on the just and the unjust. If you love only those who love you, what merit is there in that? Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet only your sisters and brothers, what is praiseworthy about that? Do not the Gentiles do as much?

Therefore show your devotion to God and be perfect, just as your God in heaven is perfect."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Faithful God, hear us.



Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

Current ways to help our community.

- * Prayers for our new faith community.
- * Liturgical Banners: seeking a group of individuals to help us make (rather than purchase) liturgical banners for our worship space.
- * ONE LICENSE Membership (church music licensing) to resume using music during liturgies.
- * Advertising Resources to help spread the word.
- * Liturgical Bells.

To submit your gift for Saint Martin's or for more information on how to help our ministry, please call 802-332-3890, or email saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements — Looking Ahead

Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Passion of Our Lord - Blessing & Distribution of Palms.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on his way to his passion and death. The Palm Sunday celebration marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- ***Holy Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his greatest Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- ***Good Friday, April 7th, 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.*** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- ***Holy Saturday, April 8th, TBA - Easter Vigil.*** Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- ***Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!***

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.

Support our Ministry

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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