



*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.

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

7th Sunday of Easter - Feast of the Ascension Mass Bulletin

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Acts 1:1-3& 6-11 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day he gave the apostles instruction through the Holy Spirit and was taken up into the sky.

For forty days, Jesus continued to appear to his followers, speaking about the Reign of God. When the disciples were all together with Jesus, they asked: "Teacher, is this the time when you will restore the reign of Israel?"

Jesus replied: "It is not for you to know the times nor the seasons that God has set. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When Jesus said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was departing, and they were gazing up toward the sky, two people in white robes suddenly stood by them.

They said: "You of Galilee, why do you stand looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into the heavens, will come again in the same way as you have seen him depart."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, 7 & 9 (Merrill))

Lector: O God, Your Love rises up!

People Respond: O God, Your Love rises up!

Clap your hands, all you peoples! Praise God the Creator with loud songs of joy! Rejoice in the awesome beauty of creation! The Beloved of our hearts is great, inviting all peoples to co-creation, inviting nations to peace. Love is our birthright, our heritage, to be awakened in every soul, and shared with all.

People Respond: O God, Your Love rises up!

Love has risen up with shouts of acclamation! Join in the universe's dance of celebration! Sing praises to the Beloved! Sing Praises! Love permeates all!

People Respond: O God, Your Love rises up!

Love hovers over the nations, awaiting our awakening. The Beloved reigns in the Universe, earth's cradle. May the leaders of all nations gather as one, choosing justice, choosing to walk in peace, and singing songs of gratitude!

People Respond: O God, Your Love rises up!



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
(Ephesians 4:1-14 (Merrill))

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. I, Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Jesus the Christ, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received.

Be humble, gentle, and patient, bearing with one another in love. Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were called to one Hope.

There is one Christ, one faith, one baptism, and one God who Loves all, who is over all and through all and in all. We are one, but we are not uniform: each of us has been given a special gift, a particular share in the abundance of the body of Christ.

Therefore, it is said: "When Jesus the Christ ascended on high, captivity itself was made a captive; and the Christ bestowed gifts freely upon all people." If we say, "Jesus ascended," what does that mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the depths of earth? The One who descended into Earth, is also the one who also ascended far above into the heavens, so that the Universal Christ might fill the cosmos in all its parts.

This Christ gives a variety of gifts: to some, that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, shepherds; to some teachers. All these gifts knit God's holy people together for the work of building up the Body of Christ. This is our work until everyone exercises their unique spiritual gift in unity, until we awaken to the Love of God, until we are no longer infants, until we mature into the full stature of Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying

Gospel

to God's people.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the lands.

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.
(Mark 16:15-20 (Merrill))

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 Mark.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said to the disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the lands. Signs, in my name, will accompany all those who believe. They will cast out demons, speak new languages, pick up serpents with their hands, and drink deadly things that will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and the sick will recover." (*Gospel continued on the next page.*)



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont.)

After Christ Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up into the heavens, to be with God. Jesus' followers then went forth and preached everywhere, and God was with them. Jesus worked through them, through accompanying signs.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Mark.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: "Risen Christ, we trust in you."

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- **June 7th (Friday) - Pride Drag Show** at 8:00 p.m.
- **June 8th (Saturday) - Pride Parade** at 10:00 a.m.
- **June 8th (Saturday) - Pride Festival** - 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
- **June 8th (Saturday) - Gala & Silent Auction** from 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- **June 9th (Sunday) - Ecumenical Pride Worship Service** at 10:30 a.m. Join Saint Martin's, First Congregational, St. Paul's UMC, and St. Luke's Episcopal for a morning of worship, with St. Paul's praise band providing the music. Ice Cream Social at City Hall following the Service! [No Mass at SABUMC today.]



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive 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 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).
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- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
- Scan our QR code and donate online.



If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

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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.

Support our Ministry

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

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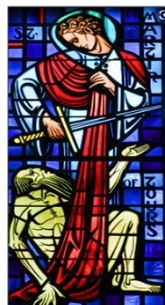
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