



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

5th Sunday of 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).

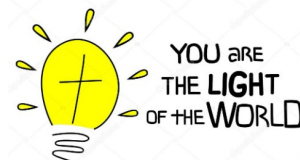
We are:

- 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.

## 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** Time TBA
- **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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

# Liturgy of the Word

Inclusive Language Sources: World English Bible and  
The Inclusive Bible/First Egalitarian Translation

## Reading 1 - From the Prophet Isaiah.

Do this, and your light shall shine like the dawn, and your healing shall break forth quickly. Your integrity will go before you, and the glory of Yahweh will be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and Yahweh will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say: "Here I am!"

If you remove from your midst all oppression, false accusation, and malicious talk; and if you give of yourself to the hungry, and if you satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows will become for you like midday.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

*People Respond: For the just, Yahweh shines like a lamp in the dark.*

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; God is gracious and merciful and just. It is well for persons who deal graciously and lend without interest; and who are honest and just in all their dealings.

*People Respond: For the just, Yahweh shines like a lamp in the dark.*

For the shall never be shaken; the just one shall be forever remembered. An evil report they shall not fear; their hearts are firm, trusting in Yahweh.

*People Respond: For the just, Yahweh shines like a lamp in the dark.*

Their hearts are steadfast; they shall not fear. Lavishly they give to the poor; Justice shall endure forever; Their horns shall be exalted with honor.

*People Respond: For the just, Yahweh shines like a lamp in the dark.*

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

When I paid you a visit, sisters and brothers, I didn't come to tell you about the mystery of God with any particular eloquence or my own wisdom. Instead, I made a decision not to bring you any other knowledge except that about Jesus Christ - Christ crucified.

When I came among you, it was in weakness and fear, and with much trepidation. My message and my proclamation was not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with the convincing power of the Spirit so that your faith might rest, not on human wisdom, but on the power of 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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Gospel – From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give praise to your God in heaven.”

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Faithful God, hear us.”*

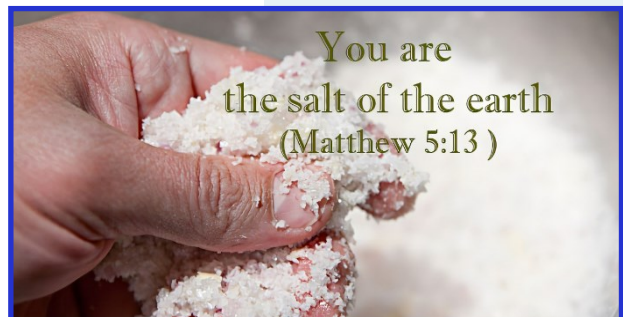


## Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

### 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*



## 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, TBA - 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 Great 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](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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