



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

Feast of the Epiphany  
of the Lord

January 8, 2023

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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

- 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.
- Jan 15th - Baptism of the Lord Last day to RSVP for After-Mass Faith Sharing
- Jan 22nd & 29th - Faith Sharing: What is the Independent Sacramental Movement Parts I & II 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (description in announcements)
- Jan 23rd – Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 73 years!
- Feb 19th - "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes" As part of our Sunday Liturgy, we will burn the palms, palm crosses, etc. we have collected. The ashes will be incorporated into this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins Distribution of ashes, TBD



*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 Book of Isaiah.

Arise! Shine! For your light has come!  
The glory of Yahweh is rising upon you!  
Though darkness enshrouds the earth,  
and dark clouds cover the peoples,  
upon you, Yahweh now dawns,  
and God's glory shall be seen among you!

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings by your bright, shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes, look all about,  
and see; they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from far, and your daughters  
carried in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall see them and beam with joy,  
and your heart shall throb and overflow;  
because the riches of the sea shall be emptied  
out before you, and the wealth of the nations  
shall be brought to you.

The multitude of camel caravans shall cover  
your roads, the dromedaries from Midian and  
Ephah. Everyone from Sheba shall come bearing  
gold and frankincense, while proclaiming the  
praises of Yahweh.

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

***People Respond: Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

***People Respond: God, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

O God, give your anointed one your judgment -  
and your justice to the royal son;  
He shall govern your people rightly,  
and bring justice to the oppressed.

***People Respond: O God, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

Justice shall flower in those days,  
and profound peace, until the moon be no more.  
He shall have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the

earth.

***People Respond: O God, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles will offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Sheba will bring tribute.  
Yes, all kings shall fall down before him.  
All nations shall serve him.

***People Respond: O God, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

He shall rescue the poor when they cry out,  
and the oppressed when there is no one to help them.  
Your chosen one shall have pity for the poor  
and the needy; the lives of the poor will he save.

***People Respond: O God, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

## Reading 2 – Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Sisters and brothers:

All of you have heard of the stewardship of God's  
grace that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that this mystery was made known to me  
by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other  
generations, but it is now revealed by the Spirit  
to his holy apostles and prophets.

That mystery is that the Gentiles are coheirs,  
and members of the same body, and copartners  
in the same promise in Christ Jesus, through the  
gospel.

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: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

**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.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying: “Where is the newborn child who is said to be king of the Jews? We saw the star that pointed to him in the East, and we have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem got upset. Assembling all the Temple priests and scribes together, Herod then asked them: “Where will the Christ be born?”

They answered: “In Bethlehem of Judea, because it has been written through the prophets: “And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for, from you, shall come a ruler, who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called the magi together and asked them: “When did the star first appear?”

He sent the magi to Bethlehem with this request: “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I, too, may go and pay homage to him.”

The magi set out, following the star in the East, until it stopped over the place where Jesus was. They were

overjoyed at seeing the star, and upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and offered him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another route.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the People

**People Respond: Light of the World, 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](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).*

# Announcements – Looking Ahead

## After-Mass Faith Sharing

### The Independent Sacramental Movement: What's That All About?

- This two-session interactive experience will take place Sunday, January 22nd & Sunday, January 29th, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Part I** will focus on the history of 19th & 20th century independent Catholicism and the independent sacramental movement. **Part II** will be devoted to the history of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA), Saint Charles of Brazil (Charles Duarte-Costa), and local church history, specifically, Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community in St. Albans.
- Registration is required. Email your name and whether you will attend in person or through Zoom, to [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com), on or before January 15th, 2023. Confirmation emails for Zoom attendees will be sent three days before the event with the Zoom link. The zoom link will remain the same for Part 2. In-person participants will receive a reminder email three days before the first session. If you have any questions, please email Mother Barb at [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

### 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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