



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community 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.

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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

First Reading

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

(1 Kings 17:8-16 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The word of God came to Elijah saying: "Go now to Zarephath, and stay there. I have commanded a woman - a widow - to feed you." Elijah set out and went to Zarephath, which was in the territory of Sidon, which was a Gentile town.

When Elijah arrived at the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and said: "Bring me a little water in a jar, so that I may drink."

As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said: "Bring me also a morsel of bread." She said: "As God, your God lives, I have nothing baked. I have only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my child. We will eat it, and then we will die."

Elijah said to her: "Do not be afraid. Go, and do as you have said; but first, make me a little cake of it, and bring it to me and afterwards make something for yourself and your child. For the God of Israel says this: *'The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that God sends rain on the earth.'*"

The widow went and did as Elijah said. She, her household, and Elijah ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of God spoken through Elijah.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Isaiah 42:1,5-6; 49:22-23; (CCL))

Lector: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

Lector: Thus says God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its produce, Who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk on it.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

Lector: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased. Upon this one I have poured out my spirit. This one shall bring forth justice to the nations.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

Lector: I, God, have called you for justice. I have grasped you by the hand. I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the Gentiles.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

Lector: I, God, will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and to the peoples raise my signal. They shall bring your sons in their arms. Your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders, All your children will rejoice and play together.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

The jar of flour will not be used up



and the jug of oil will not run dry until
the day the Lord sends rain on the land

1 Kings 17:14

Lector: Rulers shall guard you, royalty shall be your servant leaders. In homage, they shall honor you and kiss your holy feet. Then you shall know that I am God. None who hope in Me shall be ashamed.

People Respond: Through my servant, I embrace all people.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Galatians.

(Galatians 2:1-10 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

When I went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus with me, I had not been there for 14 years. I went up to Jerusalem in accord with a revelation. In Jerusalem, I presented the gospel that I've preached to the Gentiles. I did this privately, to those of repute, so that I might not be running, or have run, in vain. Moreover, not even Titus, who was with me, although a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised!

Some agitators were secretly brought in, to spy on the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, that they might enslave us; but we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain intact for you. Those who were reputed to be important - even though, what they once were makes no difference to me because God shows no partiality - made me add nothing to the gospel that I preach. On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter (known as Cephas) had been entrusted to the circumcised.

Christ Jesus, the One who worked in Peter, making him apostle to the circumcised, worked also in me, as apostle to the Gentiles. When they recognized the grace bestowed upon me, James and Peter and John, who were

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reputed to be pillars, gave Barnabas and me their right hands in partnership, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, we were to be mindful of the poor in Jerusalem, which is the very thing I was eager to do.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

(Mark 7:24-30 (CCL))

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 set out and went to the region of Tyre, a Gentile territory. He entered a house. He didn't want anyone to know he was there, yet he could not hide. Immediately, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him. She came to him and threw herself at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Gentile, Syro-Phoenician by origin. She begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter.

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

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Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel cont.

Jesus said to her: "Let the children be fed first. It's not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." Immediately, the woman answered: "Yes, sir, but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Jesus responded: "You have argued well. Because of this, you may go. The demon has left your daughter." The woman went home and found the child lying in bed - and the demon was gone.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: God, in your goodness, hear our prayer.



*"Jesus & the Syro-Phoenician Woman"
Mark 7:24-30*



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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.

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