



*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.

Easter Sunday Mass Bulletin

April 20, 2025

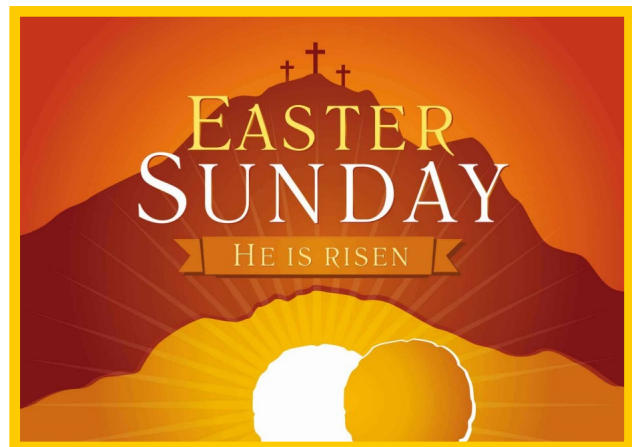
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **April 20th - Easter Sunday Mass at Saint Martin's - 11:30 a.m.** Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!
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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 Prophet Isaiah.

(Isaiah 55:1-3,12 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Wisdom speaks: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come and buy food! Come! Eat!

Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk! Why spend money for what is not bread, your earnings for what does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; Enjoy the richest of feasts. Listen and come to me. Listen! And live! Yes!

You shall go out in joy, celebrating; and in peace you shall be brought home! Mountains and hills will burst into song before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

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.*

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 (USCCB))

Lector: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to God, for he is good, for God's mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "God's mercy endures forever."

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of God has struck with power; the right hand of God is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Yahweh."

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By our Creator this has been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

People Respond: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

(Acts 13:1-5,13-14, 43; 15:2-4,22,35-41; 16:6,12,35,40; 17:1,10,15; 18:1-2; 19:1,8,10,12; 21; 25:2,10-11; 27:1,6-44; 28:11,14-16 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts.

The church at Antioch included prophets and teachers: As they were worshipping and fasting, the Holy Spirit said: "Appoint Barnabas and Saul to the work I have called them to undertake." After they fasted and prayed, all laid hands on these two and sent them off.

They went down to Seleucia to sail to Cyprus, proclaiming God's word in the synagogues. From Cyprus, they sailed to Perga and then Antioch in Psidia, where Paul spoke in the synagogue. Many Jews and Gentile God-fearers believed.

Later, Paul, Barnabas, and several others were sent up to Jerusalem by the church to set the question of circumcision before the apostles and the elders... They traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the family of believers. When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity...after an agreement was reached, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch.

After some time in Antioch, Paul said..."Come, let us make a return visit to see how our new family in faith are getting on in all the cities where we proclaimed the word of God." After a disagreement, Barnabas and Mark sailed to Cyprus, while

Paul and Silas traveled through Syria and Cilicia, bringing strength to the churches.

They traveled through Asia Minor and then travelled to Philippi, where they were imprisoned and visited Lydia after their release. They traveled on to Thessalonica, Boroa, Athens, and Corinth in Greece, where he met Priscilla and Aquila.

Paul then traveled by the interior of the country... to Ephesus, where he debated boldly, preached to Jews and Greeks alike, and healed many of disease. He stayed there for two years.

When this was concluded, Paul made up his mind to travel through Macedonia and Achaia, and then to go on to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must visit Rome also."

In Jerusalem, charges were brought against Paul, and he was brought to the Roman tribunal. In his defense, he spoke, "I am standing before the tribunal of Caesar...I have committed no crime, as you very well know. If I have committed a crime or done anything deserving death, I do not seek to escape the death penalty; but if there is no substance to the charges brought against me, then no one has the right to hand me over to my accusers. I appeal to Caesar." (*Reading continued on the next page.*)



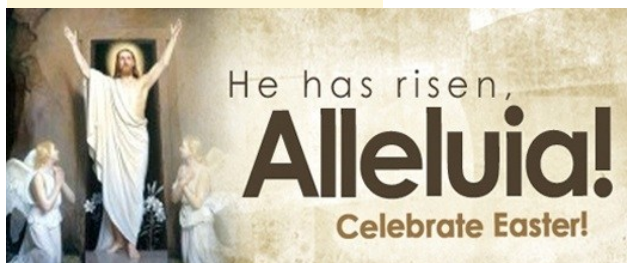
Gospel

On his way to Rome... under the supervision of Roman centurions, Paul and company ran into a storm on the Adriatic. After days of tumultuous winds, little food, and no hope for survival, the ship struck a sandbar, ran aground, and broke. The crew and prisoners swam to the nearby island called Malta.

Eventually, they set sail again with a ship that had wintered in Malta. After one stop,...(they) arrived in Rome. Believers from there...came...to meet them. On seeing them, Paul gave thanks to God and took courage. Paul entered Rome. Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Tell me why any of you thought it unbelievable that God should raise the dead?

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia!



Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 23:55-56; 24:1-10 (CCL))

Celebrant: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

The women who had traveled from Galilee with Jesus now followed Jesus' body as it was carried away.

When they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but, when they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of Jesus. While they were pondering this, two human figures in dazzling garments suddenly stood beside them.

Frightened, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground. The two human figures said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee, 'I must be handed over to be crucified and on the third day rise again.'"

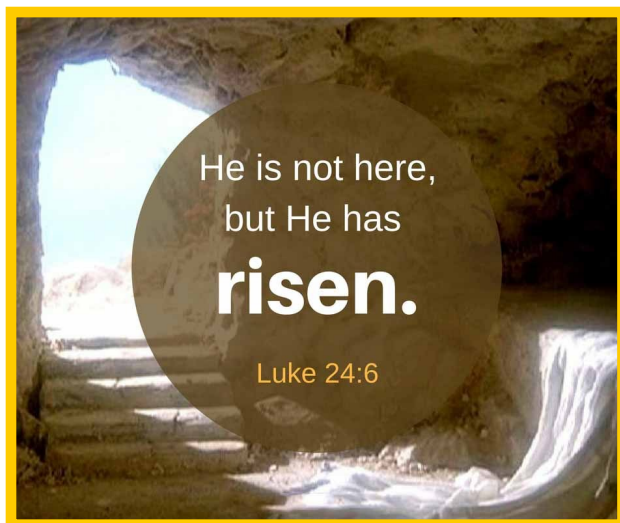
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Then they remembered Jesus' words. Returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.



Your generosity is essential to breathing life into [Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community](#), and keeping its mission alive. By God's grace and through your generosity, we remain committed to continuing our mission to serve all of God's people.

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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link (https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely)
- 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 Rev. Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's donates a percentage of our monthly giving to "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry crucial in helping to furnish permanent shelter for previously unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to this ministry through our online donation page or by mailing a check to the address below. Stay tuned for more on this most-needed ministry in the Saint Martin Messenger (newsletter) issue.
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Prayer Requests

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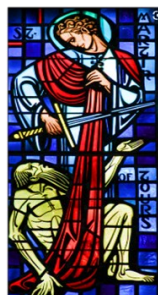
Pastoral Visits

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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