



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Second Sunday in Lent
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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

- **March 12th - Daylight Savings Time Returns!** Spring forward one hour. DST ends Nov 5th.
- **March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day** - Saint Patrick is a relative of Saint Martin of Tours!
- **March 19th - "Laetere Sunday"** - Rose Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent - 10:30 a.m.
- **March 20th - Spring is in the air!** First day of Spring.
- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins - 10:30 a.m.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** - 7:00 p.m.
- **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!

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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

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Yahweh said to Abram:

“Go forth from the land of your kinfolk and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as Yahweh directed him.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

People Respond: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of Yahweh, and his work is done in faithfulness. He loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of the loving kindness of Yahweh.

People Respond: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Behold, the eyes of Yahweh are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope in his loving kindness; To deliver their soul from death, and preserve them in spite of famine.

People Respond: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for Yahweh. He is our help and our shield. Let your loving kindness be upon us, Yahweh, as we have placed our hope in you.

People Respond: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

A Reading from St. Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.

Beloved,

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

God saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works, but according to his own design; and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

Celebrant: From the shining cloud, God’s voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.***

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

There, he was transfigured before them. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, and conversed with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply: "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While Peter was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them. Then, from the cloud, came a voice that said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying: "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them: "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, our dream is to imitate our patron namesake and serve as Jesus asks us to serve. We also dream of being a place of prayer and healing (a "refueling station") that prepares us to minister, in community, to those in need: the unsheltered, the downtrodden, the marginalized, and the forgotten.

Time, talent, and financial support are essential to breathing life into this dream and keeping it alive. Through your contributions, you share in this dream and our commitment to serving others.

Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (made out to) "Saint Martin of Tours 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.

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

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, 7:00 p.m. - 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 greatest 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 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

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