



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday Mass Bulletin

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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

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- **May 29th - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **May 31st - Feast of the Visitation**
- **June 4th - Trinity Sunday** - 10:30 a.m.
- **June 11th - Corpus Christi** - 10:30 a.m.
- **June 18th - Father's Day; Back to Ordinary Time.**
- **Summer 2023 - Presiding Bishop Visit** - CACINA Presiding Bishop, Michael Theogene, & Rev. Honey Theogene, will visit our community. Stay tuned for more information to save the date!
- **August - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck** - Date will be announced soon.
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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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

*Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

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

Lector: In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught, from the beginning up until the day he gave the apostles instruction through the Holy Spirit and was taken up into the heavens.

After Jesus suffered and died, he showed himself alive to them by ample proof. For forty days, Jesus appeared to them, speaking about the Kingdom of God. While at table with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for what their Loving God had promised. ***“The promise is what you have heard me speak about,” Jesus said, “that John baptized with water; but, in not many days from now, you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit.”***

When they were all together, they asked Jesus: ***“Teacher, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?”***

Jesus replied: ***“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that God has set. You will be empowered when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

When he said this, and as they were watching, Jesus was lifted up and disappeared out of their sight into a cloud. While he was going, and they were gazing up toward the heavens, suddenly two people in white robes stood by them.

They said: ***“You of Galilee, why do you stand looking up at the heavens? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into the heavens, will come again in the same way as you have seen him go.”***

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When the eleven arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. They all joined together constantly in prayer, including the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with Jesus’ brothers and sisters.

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

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

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Alleluia, sing forever! How wonderful is our God!

***People Respond: Alleluia, sing forever! How wonderful is our God!***

Lector: Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with thunderous songs of joy! For the Holy One, the Everlasting God, is awesome, revealed in the power of all Creation.

***People Respond: Alleluia, sing forever! How wonderful is our God!***

***Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!***

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& sign up to receive our newsletter.***

Lector: God has gone up with a shout, the Holy One with the sound of a trumpet! Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our Creator! Sing praises! For the Creator of All is God of all the universe. Sing praises with a psalm.

*People Respond: Alleluia, sing forever! How wonderful is our God!*

Lector: God's reign confounds the nations. God is over all and in all. The leaders of all peoples gather as the people of God. For the powers of the earth belong to God. Soaring over all, the exalted One will prevail.

*People Respond: Alleluia, sing forever! How wonderful is our God!*

## Second Reading

**A Reading from the Letter from Paul to the Ephesians.**

Lector: May the God of Jesus the Christ, the Glorious One, Give you a spirit of wisdom and insight into what has been revealed, so as to bring you to a full knowledge of God.

May God enlighten the eyes of your heart, that you may know the hope to which you are called, that is, the riches of the glorious heritage among God's holy people, and the uncommon and extraordinary transformation worked in those of us who believe.

This same divine action was at work in Jesus the Christ. The transforming power of God raised Jesus from the dead and set him in deep heaven as the Universal Christ. This universal presence exceeds every principality, ruling force, power and dominion in this age and in every age to come.

God placed all things in care of the Christ and made Christ the church. The church is Christ's body. Through us, in us, and by us, Christ speaks, and acts, and fills everything with divine presence.

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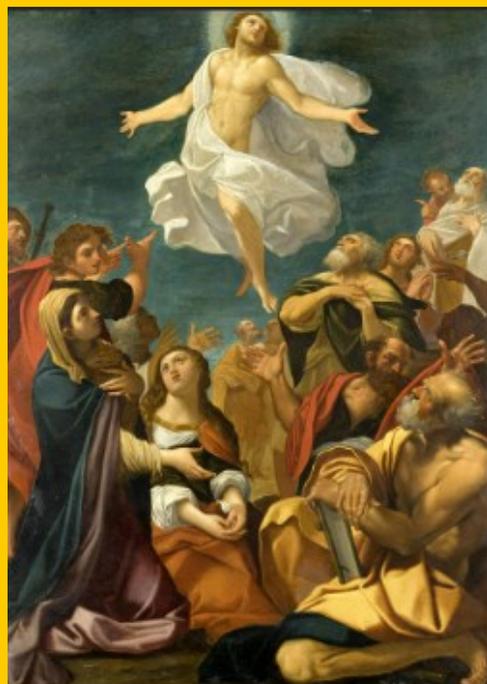
## Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

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*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*



**"Ascension of Christ"**  
by Giacomo Gavedone

# Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

## Gospel

A Reading from the 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.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to where Jesus had arranged with the women to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached them and said: *“God authorized and told me to commission you. Go, therefore, and make disciples of everyone you meet, far and near. Baptize them in the name of the Creator, and of Jesus the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, instructing them in the practice of the way of life I have lived. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of time.”*

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

## Prayers of the Faithful

*People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.*



**ASCENSION SUNDAY**



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, your time and talent are essential to breathing life into our new community of faith and keeping its mission alive.

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.

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- Mail a check (payable 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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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

# Announcements – Looking Ahead

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### 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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