



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

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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

- **Dec 24th – Nativity of the Lord** (Christmas Eve Mass) 7:30 pm
- **Dec 25th – Merry Christmas!** (No Mass Today)
- **Jan 1st – Mary, Mother of God** (New Years' Day Mass) 10:30 am
- **Jan 8th – Feast of Epiphany**
Help us "un-decorate" after Mass as we return to Ordinary Time for a short while
- **Jan 22nd & 29th - Faith Sharing: What is the Independent Sacramental Movement Parts I & II** 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (description in announcements)
- **Feb. 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins**



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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

Inclusive Language Sources: World English Bible and
The Inclusive Bible/First Egalitarian Translation

Reading 1 - From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let the wilderness and the parched land exult; Let the desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice and sing for joy! The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel [kar-MELL] and Sharon. They will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, and steady all trembling knees. Say to those who have a fearful heart, "Take courage! Do not be afraid! Behold, Yahweh is coming with vindication; with divine reparation. God is coming to save you."

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unsealed. Then those who cannot walk will leap like deer, and the tongues of those who cannot speak will sing for joy.

For those whom Yahweh has ransomed will return. They will enter Zion singing, with everlasting joy on their faces. Joy and gladness will go with them, and sorrow and mourning will flee.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

People Respond: Yahweh, come and save us!

Yahweh, you keep faith forever: You secure justice for the oppressed; You give food to the hungry; and You set captives free.

People Respond: Yahweh, come and save us!

You give sight to the blind; You raise up those who were bowed down. You love those who do justice; You protect strangers.

People Respond: Yahweh, come and save us!

You sustain orphans and those who are widows, but you thwart the way of the corrupt. Yahweh shall reign forever; Your God, O Zion, through all generations.

People Respond: Yahweh, come and save us!

Reading 2 — From the Book of James.

Be patient, my sisters and brothers, until the coming of Christ. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil, Looking forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You, too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of Christ is at hand!

Do not complain, sisters and brothers, about one another, So that you may not be judged. Behold, Jesus the judge is standing before the gates! To learn how to persevere patiently under hardship, Take as your models the prophets who spoke in the name of the Most High God.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the exalted God is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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Gospel – From the Gospel of 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.

While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard of the kind of things that Jesus was doing. John sent some of his followers to Jesus with a question: "Are you 'the One who is to come,' or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: Those who are blind regain their sight; those who cannot walk are able to walk; those with leprosy are cleansed; those who are deaf can now hear clearly.

The dead are raised to life, and the poor have the Good News preached to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As John's people left, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Tell me, what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? No, those who wear fine clothing are found in royal palaces.

So then, why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, a prophet and much, much more than a prophet! This is the One about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you: there has not been a Person among those born of women to be greater than John the Baptist; yet the least born into in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

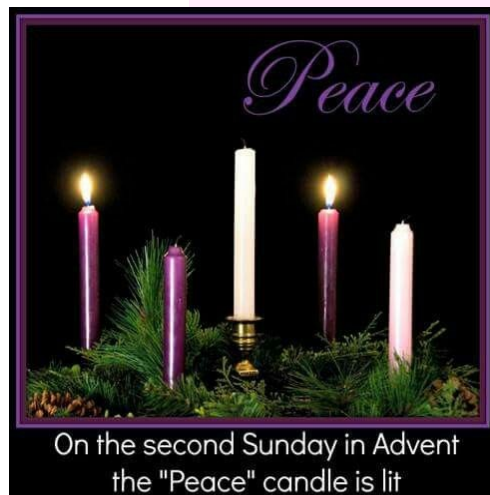


Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

Current ways to help our community.

- * Prayers for our new faith community.
- * Liturgical Banners for 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.



On the second Sunday in Advent the "Peace" candle is lit

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, 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 stmartins.pastor@gmail.com.

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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