



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Sunday Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday December 15, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- December 22nd - 4th Sunday of Advent - 11:30 a.m.
- December 24th & December 25th - Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - No Mass at Saint Martin's.
- December 24th - Christmas Eve - St. Luke's Episcopal & Saint Martin's Christmas Eve Worship Service at St. Luke's - 4:00 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church (corner of Church & Fairfield Sts.) Join us for a joint Christmas celebration of the Eucharist! Celebrants: Rev. Darcey Mercier & Rev. Barb.
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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.
(Zephaniah 3:14, 16-19 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for Joy, People of God! Sing joyfully! Be glad! Celebrate with your whole heart! Do not be afraid, my people. Do not be discouraged. God is present among you, with a healing hand outstretched.

God will take delight in you, calming and claiming you with love; God will sing joyfully because of you. Sorrow upon sorrow you have gathered, but your sorrows will dissipate. No longer will you know shame and sadness.

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) (Isaiah 12:2-6 (CCL))

Lector: We draw from the well of Love.

People Respond: We draw from the well of Love.

Lector: From the Holy One comes all healing and wholeness. We trust in this hope, confident and unafraid. From the Holy One comes our strength and our spiritual reservoir.

People Respond: We draw from the well of Love.

Lector: Holy Love has been the well of meaning in our lives. With joy we will draw water from the fountains of compassion. At that time, we will give thanks to God, acclaim God's holy names.

People Respond: We draw from the well of Love.

Lector: May all peoples recognize the divine energy available in the world and receive its transforming life with exaltation. All people will sing throughout all the earth, sing praise for the glorious gift of divine Life. Great in our midst is the Holy.

People Respond: We draw from the well of Love.



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians.
(Philippians 4:4-7 (CCL))

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

Rejoice in God always. Again, I say, rejoice! Your goodness should be known to all. God is near. Be free from all anxiety.

In everything, by prayer and petition, and with thanksgiving, make your heartfelt longings known to God.

Then the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus the Christ.

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.

Celebrant: O come, Emmanuel, come.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 1:39-56 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Good News attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

In those days, Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country. There, she entered the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, her child leapt in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with jubilation:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Why has this happened to me, that the mother of God's Anointed One comes to me? As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Blessed are you who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to you by a messenger of God."

Mary then exalted:

"My soul proclaims Your greatness, O God. My spirit rejoices in You who make me whole. For You have looked with favor upon me, despite my insignificance. Amazingly, from now on, all generations will call me blessed. You, O God, have done great things for me; and holy is Your name. You extend mercy and compassion from age to age to all those who hold You in awe.

(Gospel continued on the next page.)



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

(Gospel cont.)

You have shown Your sacred strength, dispersing the arrogant of mind and heart, casting rulers from their thrones, and lifting up the lowly; filling the hungry with good things and sending the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of Your servant, mindful of Your mercy and the promise You made to our ancestors; to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants forever."

Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months before returning to her home.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: O come, Emmanuel, come.



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive 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.

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 Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@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 or inform Rev. Barb to have prayer request included in the upcoming Mass.

Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Rev. Barb if there's someone you know who needs pastoral care, a hospital visit, or a care facility visit.

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