



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
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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

- December 24th - NO MORNING MASS TODAY
- December 24th (Sunday) - Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass of the Nativity - Carols & music - 8:30 p.m., Mass - 9:00 p.m. celebrated in SABUMC's Sanctuary.
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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 Book of Isaiah.
(Isaiah 40:1-11 (CCL))**

“Comfort, give comfort to my people,” says God. “Speak tenderly to them. Speak to their hearts. Proclaim to them that their service has ended, that iniquity has been removed. For from God’s hand, they have known a double measure for all their wrongdoings.”

A voice cries out: “Prepare a way in the desert for the Holy One! Make straight in the desert a highway for God. Every valley shall be raised up, and every mountain and hill be made low. The rugged land shall be made an open plain, and the steep places become level. Then, the radiant glory of God shall be revealed. All people shall see it together! God has spoken.”

A Voice said to me, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry? For all humanity is grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades when the breath of God blows upon them. Surely the people are grass.”

The Voice continued, “Yes, the grass withers and the flower fades, but God’s Word, carried on the very breath God, stands forever. “So, climb to a mountain top, you who bring good news! Lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings! Lift it up! Do not fear! Say to all the towns, ‘Here is your God! See! God comes in the power of love, leading the way with the strong arm of love.’

“God will feed the flock like a shepherd. God will gather up the lambs,

embracing them in loving arms. Against God’s bosom the lambs will be carried, and gently will the mother sheep be led to water.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 122 (CCL))

Lector: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for our God.

People Respond: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for our God.

My spirit soared when a voice spoke to me: “Let us go to the House of God.” Our feet are standing at the gates of the path that leads to the Heart, the path that leads to peace.

People Respond: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for our God.

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the most Holy; for you will lead us, preparing the path. You will give all people knowledge of their holiness through forgiveness, by making what is wounded whole. For the tenderness of God turns the earth towards a healing sun, to bring us into a new dawn, to dispel death’s shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

People Respond: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for our God.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Pray for the peace of the world! Pray all nations prosper as one! Pray peace reign among all peoples, and integrity dwell in every heart! Then will friends and neighbors and former enemies cry out in gratitude, "Peace is ours, we live in peace!"

People Respond: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for our God.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
(1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (CCL))

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and Christ Jesus.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. Through God, you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you.

As a result, you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of Jesus the Christ. God will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of Jesus the Christ. God is faithful, and by God, you were called to community in Jesus the Christ.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

(Mark 1:1-8 (USCCB))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way, a voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of our God. Make straight the highway.'"

John the Baptist was in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem flocked to him. They were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

When he preached, he proclaimed, *"One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am unworthy to stoop and untie his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but the one to come will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Come into our hearts, O Jesus.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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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 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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