



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

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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.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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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 the Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 11:1-10 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A flower shall come out from the root of Jesse and Ruth, a wild shoot shall grow out from the roots. The spirit of God will be at work in that flowering, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and wonder. The joy of that child will be in God. Not by appearance will the child judge, nor by hearsay will the child decide.

Instead, you shall judge the poor with justice, and defend the meek of the earth with equity. Righteousness shall be the belt around your waist, and faithfulness will gird your loins.

The wolf will nestle with the lamb. The leopard will lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a young child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze in the same pasture, their young lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child put its hand on the adder's den.

None will hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. For the earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters fill the sea. Then, on that day, all peoples will take refuge in the root of Jesse and Ruth.

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) (Psalm 132 (Merrill))

Lector: Enter the Silence, enter the Mystery.

*People Respond: Enter the Silence,
enter the Mystery.*

Lector: Enter into the silence, into the Heart of Truth. Herein lies the Great Mystery, where life is ever unfolding. Herein the Divine is made known, and all are invited to serve.

*People Respond: Enter the Silence,
enter the Mystery.*

Lector: Listen for the music of the Holy Word in the resounding silence of the universe. By its balance and harmony, and by its rhythms, be drawn into the Heart of Love.

*People Respond: Enter the Silence,
enter the Mystery.*

Lector: Those who follow the way of Love, know that all is working toward healing and wholeness. Know that the healing power of love frees us from fear and ignorance. Be not afraid of the Silence, the Mystery, for it is there that Wisdom's Voice is heard.

*People Respond: Enter the Silence,
enter the Mystery.*

Lector: From an embracing darkness, from silent and nourishing night, children enter the world radiating Spirit and sounding out naked innocence.

People Respond: Enter the Silence, enter the Mystery.

Lector: Learn to dance with the unseen realms, to see beyond the veil. Wise are those who learn through silence, who learn to listen well. Beyond the silence and stillness within, you will come to know the music of the spheres; you will come to know the harmony of the Universe. May the peace of the Spirit bless you. May blessings of the Great Silence be with you, as you rebuild the heart of the world with love.

People Respond: Enter the Silence, enter the Mystery.



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 15:4-13 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by perseverance and encouragement from the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of perseverance and encouragement help you live in harmony with one another, in keeping with the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that together you may, with one voice, glorify the God and Creator of Jesus the Christ.

Welcome outsiders, therefore, just as Christ Jesus has welcomed you. Do so for the glory of God. For I tell you that Jesus became a servant to the circumcised, the Judeans, to confirm the truth of God's promises to their ancestors; and he became a servant to the Gentiles and to all outcasts, so that all might glorify God for the divine compassion shown to all.

As it is foretold in scripture: ***"I will confess You among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your Name;"***

and again, it says: ***"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people;"***

and again: ***"Praise the Holy One, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples praise the Holy Name;"***

and again, Isaiah says: ***"The root of Jesse and Ruth will sprout. The one who will rise up and call forth the Gentiles will come. In that One the Gentiles shall hope."***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 Matthew.
(Matthew 3:1-12 (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 Matthew.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called “the Baptizer,” was preaching in the desert of Judea saying: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

It was of John that the prophet Isaiah had spoken: *“A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of God, make straight the paths.’”*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to John and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their offences.

When John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to receive his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham [and Sarah] as our ancestors.’

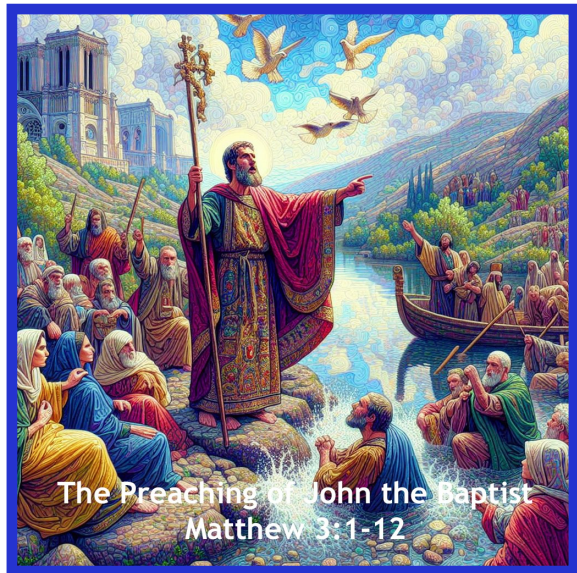
For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

John then said, “I baptize you with water, for repentance, but after me comes one who is more powerful

than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



The Preaching of John the Baptist
Matthew 3:1-12

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Come, Christ Jesus, Come.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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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 Rev. Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's donates a percentage of our monthly giving to "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry crucial in helping to furnish permanent shelter for previously unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing. Support this ministry through our online donation page or by mailing a check to the address below. Stay tuned for updates in the [Saint Martin Messenger \(newsletter\)](#).
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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.

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