



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 23, 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 community centered around the Eucharist and all Sacraments
- a people of prayer and a people of service and social justice
- a sacramental community grounded in all we love of the Catholic tradition, the celebrations, and the rhythms of the liturgical year
- inclusive, affirming, respect 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!)

No matter what your experience of "being Catholic" has been, we honor you for who you are as a member of God's family. ALL who worship at Saint Martin's are invited to God's Table to experience and fully participate in the life of this community.

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Oct 30th – Celebration of All Saints & All Souls Holy Days** (Actual Dates: Nov 1st & 2nd) 10:30 am [Please bring pictures of loved ones you wish to honor during Mass. You may record your loved ones' name in the Book of Remembrance on the altar during the entire month of November.]
- **Nov 6th - Daylight Saving Time ends. Fall back!**
- **Nov 6th – Celebration of the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours** (Actual Date: Nov 11th) 10:30 am
- **Nov 20th -- Christ the King (Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) - End of Ordinary Time** 10:30 am
- **Nov 24th – Happy Thanksgiving!** (No Mass Today)
- **Nov 27th – First Sunday of Advent - Blessing of Advent Wreath** 10:30 am
- **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

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.*

## Hymns for Today's Mass

### OPENING - "Gather Us In" (by Marty Haugen)

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and  
our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout  
all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new  
light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in, and hold us forever;  
gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### PREPARATION OF GIFTS - "Only This I Want" (by Dan Schutte)

Chorus:  
Only this I want:  
but to know the Lord,  
and to bear his cross,  
so to wear the crown he wore.  
All but this is loss,  
worthless refuse to me,  
for to gain the Lord  
is to gain all I need.  
[Chorus]

I will run the race;  
I will fight the good fight,  
so to win the prize  
of the kingdom of my Lord.  
[Chorus]

Let your heart be glad,  
always glad in the Lord,  
so to shine like stars  
in the darkness of the night.  
[Chorus]

### SENDING FORTH - "Amazing Grace" (by John Newton, arr. John Rees)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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

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# Liturgy of the Word

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

## Reading 1 - From the Book of Sirach.

For Yahweh is a judge who does not respect individuals nor grant favors at the expense of the poor; He will listen to the prayers of ones who are wronged or exploited. God will never ignore the cry of the orphan or the widow as they pour out their heart.

Those whose service is pleasing to God will be accepted, and their prayers will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and they will not be consoled until it reaches Yahweh; Yet, they do not give up until Yahweh answers them, granting justice for the righteous, and executing judgment.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

*People Respond: Yahweh hears the cry of the poor.*

## Reading 2 – From the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

My friends, my life is already being poured out like a drink offered to God. It will soon be time to leave this life. I have played the good game; I have finished the race; I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. All that remains for me is a laurel wreath which the just Judge will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who have longed for Christ's appearance.

I found myself alone, without a single witness, to defend me at my first hearing. I pray that God will not hold that against them. However, God has been faithful. Christ stood by my side and gave me the strength to convince others with my preaching so that all of the nations might hear the Gospel. That's how I was saved from the lion's mouth. Christ will continue to rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe, into his heavenly realm. To Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever! Amen!

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## Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) - Sung

### Gospel – From the Gospel of Luke

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

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

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else:

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed like this:

‘I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of humanity... greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’

The tax collector stood off at a distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast and prayed:

‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ Believe me, the tax collector went home from the temple setting himself right with God, while the Pharisee did not. For whoever exalts themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

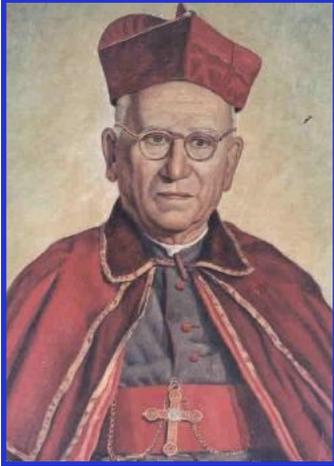
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## Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.*

Holding in prayer at this morning's Mass for healing, comfort and strength: Sarah, Giulia, Mary, Julie, Peg, Jim, Linda, Christopher, Ron, Cyndi, Suzy, James and for Bishop Frank & Bishop Ron of CACINA.

## Our Catholic Roots



*Saint Charles of Brazil (Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa, 1888-1961)* became diocesan bishop of Botucatu, Brazil, within the Roman Catholic Church, on

December 8, 1924. He served in that office until the views he expressed about the treatment of Brazil's poor by government and church officials caused his removal from the diocese of Botucatu. Bishop Carlos was subsequently named Titular Bishop of Maura by Pius XII.

In the 1930s, Bishop Carlos was a strong advocate for the reform of the Roman Church. His positions included a more pastoral approach to the divorced, divorced and remarried; he challenged mandatory celibacy for the clergy, rejected abuses of papal power, and considered papal Infallibility a misguided and false dogma. Bishop Carlos' criticisms of the Brazilian fascist government in the 1930s and 1940s earned him repeated troubles.

In 1944, he was imprisoned, while Brazilian bishops and the Vatican remained silent regarding this injustice. Successful diplomatic pressure from U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and U.K. Prime Minister Winston Churchill gained Bishop Carlos his release.

On July 6, 1945. Bishop Carlos was eventually separated from the Roman Church by Pope Pius XII after criticisms of Vatican foreign policy regarding Nazi Germany. This schism was an act by Rome.

Following World War II, Bishop Carlos publicly denounced the Vatican's issuing of passports to some high-ranking former Nazi officials fleeing from the Allies to South America. Upon separation from the Roman Church, Bishop Carlos immediately established the independent Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (ICAB) church on that same date, which he led until he died in 1961.

After its founding, ICAB attracted inquiries from Catholics worldwide who wished to retain their Catholic Faith. They felt the Roman Catholic Church had failed to address contemporary world issues and hence, did not meet their pastoral needs. Bishop Carlos sent bishops to serve in these other countries. While bound by a common origin through Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa's apostolic line, Catholic Apostolic communions were established, based on particular geographical boundaries, as self-governing and autonomous "jurisdictions." In addition to ICAB in Brazil, sister apostolic branches are formed in several other countries, each with a unique national identity, such as Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, and in South, Central, and in North America, as CACINA.

*The Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA)* has been since its founding, and remains, an independent church with a presence throughout portions of the United States and Canada. CACINA is honored to share this heritage with the larger family of Catholic Apostolic Christians. All are our brothers and sisters in Christ, whom we love and honor as children of the same God in heaven, and with the same brother on earth: Saint Charles of Brazil.

From such a history, one could believe that there was great animosity felt by both Bishop Duarte-Costa toward the Roman Catholic Church. Nothing could be further from the truth. The events recorded here are history that caused much suffering. That the Church of Rome contributed to the persecution of Saint Charles, and later ICAB/Brazil, is reprehensible and cannot forever be a source of discord.

The Roman Catholic Church is one of the long-standing pillars of the Christian faith. We are all one in Christ, and to hold animosity toward the Roman, her people, or her leaders would be to have such feelings for Christ. As the bishop of Rome, the Pope occupies a unique position in the Christian world.

It is to this role that Christ called Saint Peter. He did not call Peter a monarch or a head of state, but, like Jesus Himself, to be a servant, a voice for peace among peoples, a teacher, a defender of the right and a promoter of justice, and a leader in our day. As with all our Christian brothers and sisters, CACINA holds the bishop of Rome and all the people of God of the Roman Catholic Church in deep affection and respect. In this, we obey our Savior and Redeemer who taught us, "By this shall all people know you are my disciples when you love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:35).

Currently, approximately 250 religious organizations in the United States consider themselves part of the Independent Sacramental Movement (independent Catholic churches). These churches are diverse, ranging from those with only one or two clergy and no parishioners to those like CACINA, with a national presence and established Faith communities, missions, and ministries.

In the United States, CACINA evolved into a fully affirming, inclusive, and welcoming communion of churches and ministries. CACINA's mission of sacramental justice invites ALL to participate in the Sacraments of the Church, without judgment. We welcome ALL PEOPLE, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, divorced/remarried, married or single, into full participation in the church. CACINA has maintained a thorough selection and preparation process for Holy Orders (ordinations) but reserves no impediments.

The national church has a diverse clergy of straight, gay, trans, married, single, male, and female deacons, priests, and bishops. Some CACINA clergy complete three years of closely directed study and pass a rigorous, independently scored comprehensive examination through the Saint Charles Seminary. Others are trained in nationally accredited seminaries.

All CACINA clergy give their time in active ministry without financial compensation. Within the Independent Sacramental Movement, lay persons are invited (and needed) to be actively involved in the governance of their local faith community. Through diverse gifts, the laity exclusively manages financial and administrative matters. It takes a village!

Collaborative relationships among pastors and their respective faith communities negate the need for hierarchical decision-making. Pastors and other parish clergy tend to hold a consultive role, along with primary responsibilities for liturgy, sacraments, and pastoral care. Together, clergy and laity collaborate to promote evangelization, stewardship, and lay involvement within community ministries. There are also opportunities for lay leadership within CACINA and for representing the local faith community at national CACINA gatherings (known as General Assemblies).

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

### CACINA - National Church Annual Outreach Collections

(From October through November 13th)

- CACINA supports a cemetery in New York for clergy who do not have sufficient resources for burial costs. A fund is maintained specifically for that purpose. Once per year, CACINA relies on the voluntary generosity of its faith communities and ministries to assist with replenishing this fund. Designated contributions may be made electronically, on Saint Martin's website donation page (<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins>), or brought to Mass.
- *The Alzheimer's' Association* was selected as CACINA's 2022 National Charity. Designated contributions to our National Charity may be made electronically, on Saint Martin's website donation page (<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins>), or brought to Mass.

### 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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