



*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

- **March 24th - Palm Sunday** - 11:30 a.m. - Holy Week begins.
- **March 28th - Holy Thursday** - No Mass today.
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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 Jeremiah.

(Jeremiah 31:31-34a (CCL))

“The days are coming,” says God, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt.

They broke my covenant, even though I pledged myself to them. No. This is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days have come:

I will plant my Law within them. I will write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have to teach their friends and family how to know God. All of them, from the least to the greatest alike, shall know me,” declares God.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 46:1-3, 6, 9-10 (CCL))

Lector: O God, You are ever with us.

People Respond: O God, You are ever with us.

The Beloved is our refuge and our strength, a Loving-presence in times of trouble. Though Earth give way and mountains fall into the heart of the sea; Though oceans roar and foam, and mountains quake with their surging, we need not fear.

People Respond: O God, You are ever with us.

Nations are in uproar, at war. Empires fall. Homes are left in ruins. Yet the Beloved’s voice is heard, slowly breaking through hearts of stone.

People Respond: O God, You are ever with us.

The Beloved yearns for wars to cease, abolishing fear. God breaks the bow and shatters the spear; burns the shields with fire, refining hearts of steel!

People Respond: O God, You are ever with us.

“Be still, and know that I am Love; Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy; do you not know you bear my Love? Who among you will respond?”

People Respond: O God, You are ever with us.

Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

(Galatians 6:7b, 8b-10 (CCL))

A person will reap what they sow. The one who sows for the spirit will reap everlasting life from the spirit.

Let us not grow weary of doing good. In due time, we shall reap our harvest if we do not give up.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, including those who belong to the family of faith.

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Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
(John 12:20-33 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?"

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip, together, told Jesus. Jesus answered: "It's time for the Chosen One to be glorified. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it is never any more than a single grain. If it dies, it yields a rich harvest. In the same way, anyone who holds onto life just as it is, destroys that life. But if you let it go, in the abandon of your love, you will have it forever. Whoever

Gospel

er serves me, must follow me. Where I am, there my servant will also be. Our Loving God will honor whoever serves me.

"But now, I am troubled. What shall I say? My God, save me from this hour?" But it is for this very hour that I have come in the first place! My God, glorify Your Name!"

A voice came out of the heavens: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." A crowd standing nearby heard this. Some said, "It was a clap of thunder." Others said, "It was an angel speaking to Jesus."

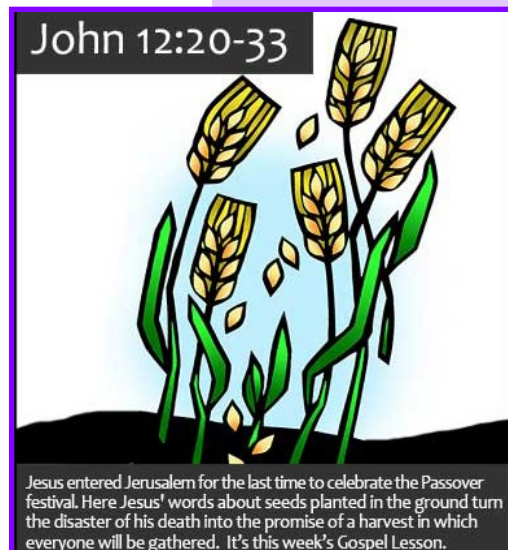
And Jesus answered: "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. The world is in crisis. The rulers of this world will be driven out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." Jesus phrased it this way to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Merciful God, hear our prayer.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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).
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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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- **May - Priest in the Park** - Mother Barb will be in Taylor Park 1 Saturday & 1 Sunday per month, beginning in May. Stop by to say hi & learn what it means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith Specific dates to be announced in April.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Saint Martin's will participate in the Pride festival on June 8th. There will be an ecumenical Pride service in Taylor Park on June 9th. Stay tuned!

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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