



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time  
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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.

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).

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Battery Park Extension, Burlington. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stop by [CACINA's](#) table where we will be highlighting both Vermont ministries.
- **October 1st - First Mass in our new worship home** - the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. (*Note the new Mass time*).
- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 10:30 a.m.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m.
- **November 26th - Christ the King** - 11:30 a.m. - End of Liturgical Year and 2023 Ordinary Time).
- **December 3rd - Advent Begins** - 11:30 a.m.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.  
(Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says Yahweh: *“Go to this official named Shebna, the palace governor, and say:*

*‘I will remove you from your office and pull you down from your station. The day you are demoted, I will summon my faithful one Eliakim, begot of Hilkiyah.’*

*‘I will clothe Eliakim with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and entrust him with your authority. He will care for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and for the house of Judah.’*

*‘I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.’”*

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3)

Lector: O God, your love is forever constant.

*People Respond: O God, your love is forever constant.*

I thank You, O God, with all my heart; I sing praise to You before the gods. I bow down in front of Your Holy Temple, and praise Your name forever.

*People Respond: O God, your love is forever constant.*

I praise Your Name, O God because of Your constant love and faithfulness.

You answered me when I called to You; with Your strength, You strengthened me.

*People Respond: O God, your love is forever constant.*

Even though You are so high above, You care for the lowly, and the proud cannot hide from You. Your love, O God, is forever constant forever. Complete the work that You have begun in me.

*People Respond: O God, your love is forever constant.*

### Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
(Romans 11:33-36)

Oh, how deep are the riches; and the wisdom; and the knowledge; how inscrutable the judgments, how unsearchable the ways of God!

For who has known the mind of God, or has been God’s counselor? Who has given God anything to deserve something in return?”

For all things are from God and through God and for God.

To God be the glory, forever! Amen.

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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel and cured every disease among the people.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

## Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

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

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

When Jesus came to the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi, He asked the disciples this question: ***“Who do the people say about who I AM?”***

They replied, ***“Some say John the Baptizer, others say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”***

***“And you,”*** he said: ***“Who do YOU say that I am?”***

***“You are the Messiah,”*** Simon Peter answered, ***“the Firstborn of the Living God!”***

Jesus replied: ***“Blessed are you, Simon begot of Jonah! No mere mortal has revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven. I also tell you this: Your name now is ‘Rock,’ and on bedrock like this, I will build my community, and the jaws of death will not prevail against it.***

***Here - I’ll give you the keys to the reign of heaven: whatever you de-***

## Gospel

***clare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.”***

Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that He is the Messiah.

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Matthew.

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

## Prayers of the People

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



***“Faith that Endures”***  
Matthew 14:22-33

***Saint Martin will be moving! Our new church home, as of October 1, 2023, will be at the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church (SABUMC)!***

***Mass will be in SABUMC’s sanctuary at 11:30 am (note time change). Stay tuned for updates.***

## 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!**

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- *Mail a check (payable to) "Saint Martin of Tours 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 [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Preparations are underway for [CACINA/Saint Martin's](#) participation in Vermont Pride. Drop by our table and introduce yourself! We will be highlighting both Vermont ministries. Battery Park Extension is located near Monroe & Park Streets in downtown Burlington (near the lake).
- **October 1st - First Mass in Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m.** – Address: 575 Lake Road, Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481 Directions: From downtown St. Albans, head west on Lake Street, past our current location. Lake Street eventually changes to Lake Road. About 100 yards before Lake Road dead-ends at Maquim Shore Road, on your right, is the Methodist Church. Access the parking lot by turning right on Cherry Street, between the church and the old Town Hall building, and head toward the rear of the church at McGinn Drive and Cherry Street. The church entrance is off McGinn Drive.

### 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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