



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

Feast of Saint Martin of Tours Mass

November 9, 2025

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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **November 9th - Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m.
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I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.

St. Martin of Tours

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 61:1-3 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Spirit of GOD is upon me, Because He has anointed me; God has sent me to bring good news to those who are poor; to heal the broken-hearted; To proclaim release to those held captive, and to liberate those in prison.

To announce a year of favor from God, and the day of God's vindication. To comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who grieve in the City of David; and to give them a wreath of flowers instead of ashes. To give them the oil of gladness instead of tears, and a cloak of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 89:1-12 (CCL))

Lector: Forever I will sing the goodness of God.

People Respond: Forever I will sing

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Lector: I will sing of your steadfast Love forever, my Beloved; with forthright voice I will proclaim your goodness to all generations. For your abiding Love rules the universe, your faithfulness extends throughout the firmament.

People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of God.

Lector: Your Covenant from the beginning of time encompasses all who choose to walk the path of Love; And to all generations that honor your Way and your Truth, Love will make itself known.

People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of God.

Lector: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Loving Creator, your faithfulness in the congregation of the holy ones! For who in the universe is comparable to You? Who among the heavenly beings is like You - You, who are revered in the council of the holy ones, Great in wisdom, gentle of heart, and one with all around You.

People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of God.

Lector: O Most High, mighty are You, whose Grace is poured forth throughout all ages. You have blessed us with oceans, rivers, and lakes, to sustain our life on Earth.

People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of God.



Second Reading

A Reading from Letter of Sulpicius Severus.

(Sulpicius Severus was a 4th century writer, and is the only writer to have documented anything regarding the life of Saint Martin of Tours. Sulpicius was just a young man when Saint Martin had reached old age, but he was able to capture the miracles and works attributed to Saint Martin of Tours.)

Lector: A reading from Letter of Sulpicius Severus.

Martin, the poor and humble man, knew long in advance of the time of his death, and he told his sisters and brothers of the faith that his death was near. Meanwhile, he found himself obliged to make a visitation to the parish of Candes.

The clergy of that parish were quarreling, and he wished to reconcile them. Although he knew that his days on earth were few, he did not refuse to undertake the journey to Candes for such a purpose. He believed that he would bring his virtuous life to a good end if, by his efforts, peace would be restored in the parish.

Martin spent some time in Candes, staying right in its church. Peace was restored, and he was planning to return to his monastery, when suddenly he began to lose his strength. He summoned his brethren and told them he was dying. All who heard this were overcome with grief.

In their sorrow, they cried together: "Father, why are you deserting us? Who will care for us when you are gone? Savage wolves will attack your flock, and who will save us from their bite when our shepherd is struck down? We know you long to be with Christ, but your reward is certain and you will not be any less for being delayed. You will do better to show pity for us, rather than forsake us."

Hearing this, Martin broke into tears, for he was a man in whom Jesus continually revealed His compassion. Turning in prayer to God, he made this reply to their pleading: "Lord Christ, if your people still need me, I am ready for the task; your will be done."

Here was a man words cannot describe. Death could not defeat him nor toil dismay him. He was quite without a preference of his own; he neither feared to die nor refused to live. With eyes and hands always raised to heaven he never withdrew his unconquered spirit from prayer. It happened that some priests who had gathered at his bedside suggested that he should give his poor body some relief by lying on his other side.

He answered: "Allow me, brothers, to look toward heaven rather than at the earth, so that my spirit may set on the right course when the time comes for me to go on my journey to God." As he spoke these words, he saw the devil standing nearby. "Why do you stand there, you bloodthirsty brute?" he cried. "Murderer! You will not have me as your prey. Abraham is here, welcoming me into his embrace."

With these words, he gave up his spirit to heaven. Filled with joy, Martin was welcomed by Abraham. Thus he left this life a poor and lowly man and entered heaven, rich in God's favor.

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: But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

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or upcoming special Masses!*

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 25:31-46 (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.

Jesus said to his followers: *“At the appointed time, the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne with all the nations gathered together, before him.”*

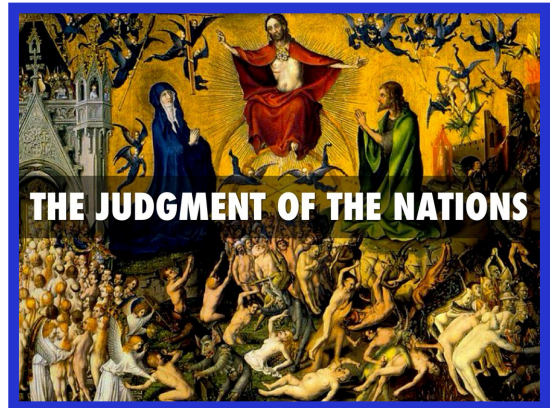
Just like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, the Promised One will separate them from one another, into two groups. The sheep will be placed to the right and the goats, to the left. Then the ruler will say to those on the right, 'Abba God has blessed you. Come and receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.'

For I was hungry and you fed me; thirsty, and you gave me drink. A stranger, and you welcomed me; naked, and you clothed me. I was ill, and you comforted and cared for me; I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will ask: 'When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison, and come to visit you?'

And the ruler will reply, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of these in your midst, you served me.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Compassionate
Christ, hear us.*



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:

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- Use your bank's online bill pay section to mail your donation directly to Saint Martin's (address above).
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- 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.

Support our Ministry

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