



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Sunday Bulletin

**Solemnity of
Christ the Servant
34th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
November 23, 2025**

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 53:1,3-4,6-9,11-12 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has divine strength been revealed? It was to the Servant who was despised, rejected by others, one of sorrows, one familiar with suffering.

Truly this Servant has shared our affliction, and our pain. We thought you were being punished, struck down by God and brought low...All of us, like sheep, have gone astray from you. Each of us, we have turned our own way.

Though treated harshly, you bore it humbly. You never opened your mouth. Like a lamb being led to the slaughter, or a sheep before shearers, you were silent. By perversion of justice, you were taken away.

Who would ever have foreseen your destiny? You were taken from the land of the living, stricken in the name of peace. You were buried with those who had committed egregious crimes, though you had done no violence, and there was in you no deceit.

Out of your anguish, you will see joy and light. Knowledge of you, O Righteous One, will turn many to justice. Because you served all and allowed yourself to be counted with the least among us, you are among the great.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 62:6-13 (CCL))

Lector: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.

Lector: My Soul, be at rest in God alone, from Whom comes my hope. You, O Love, alone are my source, my liberation, and my shelter. I shall never fall.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.

Lector: Love is my strength and my refuge. In You alone is freedom and honor. Trust in Love at all times, O People! Pour out your hearts to Love who is our sanctuary.

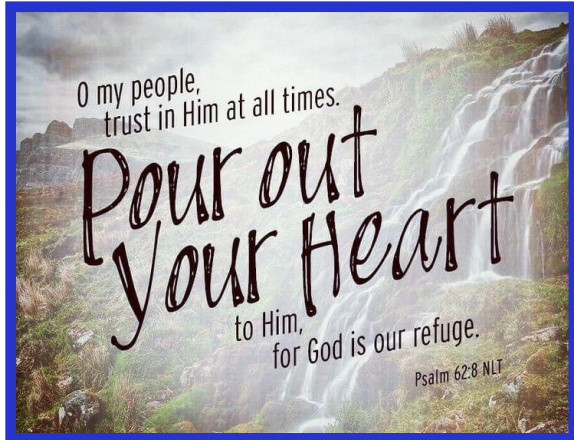
People Respond: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.

Lector: Humans are but a breath, the powerful, but an illusion. Set both on the scales together, they are lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion, as do many powerful rulers. Put no empty hope in robbery as do authorities who steal from the poor. Do not set your heart on wealth that increases.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.

Lector: One thing God has said, two things I have heard: "Strength belongs to God," "You are Unfailing Love, O God."

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to you, O God.



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

(Romans 15:1-10, 12-13 (CCL))

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

We who are mature in faith ought to understand and be patient with the stumbling of those with a fledgling faith. Each of us should bring joy to our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

Jesus did not live for personal satisfaction but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

For everything in the Scriptures is written for our instruction. With endurance, and Scriptural encouragement, we have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live with one another in harmony, in the spirit of Christ Jesus, that you might glorify God with one voice.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ Jesus has welcomed you. Do

this for the glory of God. Jesus became a servant to his own, the Judean people, so as to confirm the truth of God's promises given to their ancestors. Jesus also became a servant to the Gentiles, so that all might glorify God.

For God loves all, and scripture reminds us that God has always welcomed all:

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people;" and again, Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will sprout; A child will rise up and call forth all peoples. That one will come; and in this Expected One, the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you to overflowing with joy, fill you to overflowing with peace, so that your belief lives! Filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, brim over with hope!

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: I am here among you as the One who serves.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 22:14-30 (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 Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

When the hour came, Jesus and the apostles reclined at table. And Jesus said to them: *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I will not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kin-dom of God."*

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, said, *"Take this and share it with one another. From this moment, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until God's reign comes."*

Then Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, *"This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

In the same way, with the cup, after supper, Jesus said, *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. But see, the hand of the one who is going to betray me is at this table with me. The Chosen One will go as it has been determined, but woe to the person by whom the Chosen One will be betrayed!"*

They began to ask one another which of them might be who would do this. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them would be regarded as the greatest.

Then Jesus said to them, *"Earthly rulers lord over their people, and those who exercise authority are addressed as 'Benefactors.' But this must not happen with you. No, the greatest among you should be like the least, and the leader like the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one who reclines at table or the one who serves?"*

Surely it is the one reclining at the table! But I am here among you as the One who serves. You are among those who have stood by me in my trials. I confer on you, just as my God conferred on me, a kin-dom, so that you may eat and drink at my table, in my kin-dom."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: Loving Christ, help us to serve like You.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



Your generosity is essential to breathing life into [Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community](#), and keeping its mission alive. By God's grace and through your generosity, we remain committed to continuing our mission to serve all of God's people.

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.

Support our Ministry

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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