



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

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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.

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins - 10:30 a.m.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** - 7:00 p.m.
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 7:00 p.m.
- **April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Postponed until 2024.**
- **April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass** - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!



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.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### **A Reading from the First Book of Ezekiel.**

Thus says Yahweh:

O my people, I will open your graves, and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am your God, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!

I will put my spirit within you, that you may live; and I will settle you upon your land, and thus you shall know that I am your God.

I have promised it, and I will do it.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)**

Lector: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.

*People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh. O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions.

*People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

If you, Yahweh, kept a record of our sins, O God, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

*People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

I trust in Yahweh, and my soul hopes

in his word. My soul longs for the Lord more than watchmen long for dawn; let Israel wait for God.

*People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

Israel, hope in your God, for with Yahweh, there is loving kindness. With him is abundant redemption. He will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

*People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

### **A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.**

Those who are in the flesh and who live just for this world cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God lives in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells within you.

***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.***

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*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

*People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Celebrant: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

*People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

*People Respond: † Glory to you, Lord.*

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying: "Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this he said: "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then, after this, he said to his disciples: "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Laz-

arus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; while Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her: "Your brother will rise." Martha said: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said: "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said: "See how he loved him."

But some of them said: "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said: "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him: "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

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## Gospel (cont.)

Jesus said to her: *“Did I not tell you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”* So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said: *“Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”*

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice: *“Lazarus, come out!”*

And the dead man came out, with his hand and feet tied with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them: *“Untie him and let him go.”*

Now many who had come to Mary and had seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers of the People

*People Respond: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, our dream is to imitate our patron namesake and serve as Jesus asks us to serve. We also dream of being a place of prayer and healing (a "refueling station") that prepares us to minister, in community, to those in need: the unsheltered, the downtrodden, the marginalized, and the forgotten.

Time, talent, and financial support are essential to breathing life into this dream and keeping it alive. Through your contributions, you share in this dream and our commitment to serving others.

Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (made out 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

## Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Passion of Our Lord - Blessing & Distribution of Palms.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on his way to his passion and death. The Palm Sunday celebration marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- ***Holy Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his greatest Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- ***Good Friday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.*** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- ***Holy Saturday, April 8th, Postponed until 2024 - Easter Vigil.*** Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- ***Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!***

## 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

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