



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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.

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

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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 Book of Revelation.
(Revelation 12:1-6 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and in labor with the pangs of childbirth.

Then a second sign appeared in the sky: a great, red dragon. With his tail, he swept down a third of the stars of the cosmos, hurling them to Earth. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, waiting to devour the child as soon as it was born.

But when she gave birth, the child was swept up to God. The woman fled to the desert, to a place prepared for her by God, where she would receive care for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



The woman, child & dragon.
Revelation 12:1-6

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 122:1-2, 6-9 & Luke 1:76-80 (CCL))

Lector: May peace be ours. May we live in peace.

People Respond: May peace be ours. May we live in peace.

Lector: My spirit soared when a voice spoke to me: "Let us go to the House of God." Our feet are standing at the gates of the path that leads to the Heart, the path that leads to peace.

People Respond: May peace be ours. May we live in peace.

Lector: And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Holy, for you will lead us, preparing the way. You will give all people knowledge of their holiness through forgiveness, by making what is wounded whole. For the tenderness of God turns the earth towards a healing dawn, a light to shine on those living in fear, in the shadow of death, a light to guide our feet into the path of peace.

People Respond: May peace be ours. May we live in peace.

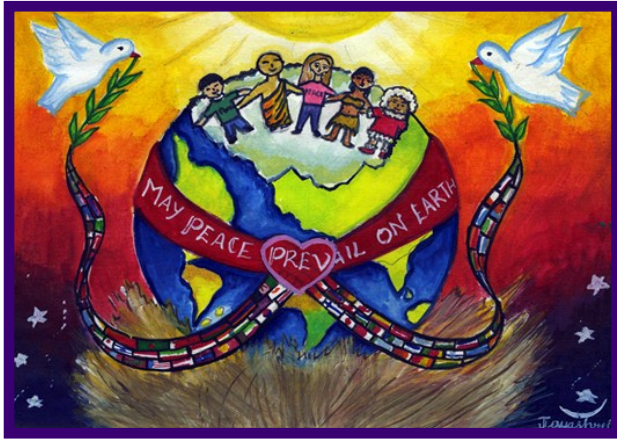
Lector: Pray for the peace of the world! Pray all nations prosper as one! Pray that peace reign among all peoples and integrity dwell in every heart! Then will friends, neighbors and former enemies cry out in gratitude, "Peace is ours, we live in peace!" For the sake of the House of God, for the sake of the Universe, we will seek each other's good.

People Respond: May peace be ours. May we live in peace.

*Don't miss any announcements or
upcoming special Masses!*

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



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 13:8-12(CCL))

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

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor. Love is the fulfillment of the law. Love, also, because the time has come. It is time for you to awaken from sleep.

Our completion is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is late. Daybreak is near.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

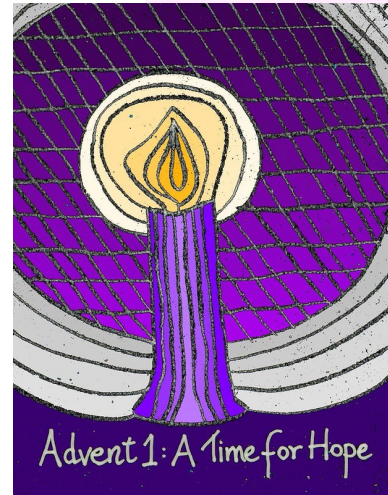
Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: O come, Emmanuel, come.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 25:1-28,36-39 (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.

When the Chosen One comes, the Reign of Heaven will be like this:

There were ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish took no extra oil with them for their lamps, but the wise brought extra oil for their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. Their lamps continued to burn oil. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

(Gospel cont.)

Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! There will not be enough for you and for us. Quick, go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

While they went to buy it, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was closed.

Later the other virgins arrived, saying, "Please! Please open to us." But the bridegroom replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake. You do not know the day nor the hour.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: Come, Christ Jesus, Come.



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).
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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.

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