



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



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.

7th Sunday of Easter Feast of the Ascension Mass Bulletin

June 1, 2025

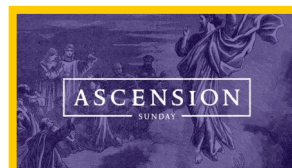
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **June 8th - 11:00 a.m.** (Please note time change of Mass).
- **June 8th - Spiritual Stations of Pride: An Experiential Walk for LGBTQIA+ in Taylor Park - 1:00 p.m.** Join Franklin County's open and affirming faith communities in this ecumenical, collaborative event. All are welcome!
- **June 15th - September 14th - Summer Masses in the Basement Sofa Parlor - 11:30 a.m.**
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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 the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 1:1-14 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day he gave the apostles instruction through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up into the heavens.

After his suffering and death, Jesus showed himself alive to them by ample proof. For forty days, Jesus continued to appear to them, speaking about the Reign of God. While at table with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what our Loving God had promised.

Jesus said: *“The promise is what you have heard me speak about: that John baptized with water, but in not many days from now, you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit.”*

When they were all together, they asked him, “Teacher, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?”

Jesus replied, *“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that God has set. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

When he said this, as they were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward the sky, two people in white robes suddenly stood

by them.

They said: “You of Galilee, why do you stand looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into the heavens, will come again in the same way as you have seen him go.”

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When the eleven arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with Jesus’ siblings.

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
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 68:2,33-36 (CCL))

Lector: Blessed be God forever.

People Respond: Holy Blessed be God forever.

Rise up, O God! Lead us on! All peoples of Earth, sing to God! Chant the praises of God, Who rides the heights of the ancient heavens, who sends forth a resounding voice that echoes throughout the universe.

People Respond: Blessed be God forever.

Confess the wonder-working power of God, Whose majesty protects, Whose power is beyond all human understanding. Awesome is the God of the universe - the God, also, of Earth and its peoples, who gives courage and strength to humanity. Blessed, blessed be God!

People Respond: Blessed be God forever.



Second Reading

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

(Ephesians 1:17-23 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's

Letter to the Ephesians.

May the God of Jesus the Christ, the Glorious One, give you a spirit of wisdom and insight into what has been revealed, so as to bring you to a full knowledge of God. May God enlighten the eyes of your heart, so that you may know the hope to which you are called, that is, the riches of the glorious heritage among God's holy people, and the uncommon and extraordinary power that is exercised for those of us who believe.

This is the same power that was at work in Christ Jesus, the power which God exercised in raising him from the dead and setting him in deep heaven as a universal presence where every principality, ruling force, power and dominion is exceeded.

This presence of the Universal Christ is the final word, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God put all things in care of the Christ and made the Christ, who is in all things, the head of the church. The church is Christ's body. Through us, in us, and by us, Christ Jesus speaks and acts and fills everything with divine presence.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

That the Father of glory may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.

Ephesians 1:17-18

Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant: I am with you always, until the end of the world.

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!



ASCENSION SUNDAY

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 24:36-43,50-53 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

While the disciples were still talking about all the accounts from those who had seen the risen Christ, Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: **“Peace be with you.”**

They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then Jesus said to them: **“Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I, myself. Touch me and see! A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”**

And as Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

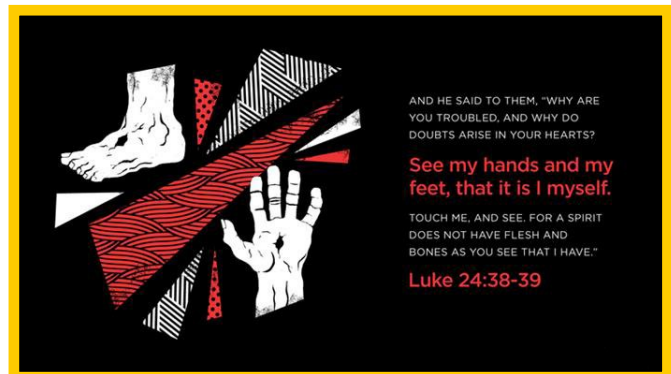
While yet incredulous for joy and amazed, Jesus asked them: **“Do you have anything here to eat?”**

They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, with raised hands, he blessed those gathered.

While Jesus was blessing them, he withdrew from them, and was carried up into the heavens. The disciples returned to Jerusalem filled with joy, where they were continually in the Temple, praising God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Eternal One, fill us with Your Holy Spirit.

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 & 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. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to 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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- **June 15th - September 14th - Summer Masses in the Basement Sofa Parlor** - The Church Sanctuary is not climate controlled, so for the Summer months we will gather for Sunday Mass in the Basement Sofa Parlor, at 11:30 a.m. (To reach the Sofa Parlor: From the front entrance of the Church, use the stairs in front of you and through the double doors; From the Parking Lot entrance use the stairs on your immediate left to the basement.
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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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