



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

3rd Sunday of Easter Mass 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

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will be dedicated to our Blessed Mother.*

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- **May 29th - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **May 31st - Feast of the Visitation**
- **June 18th - Father's Day**



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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 Acts.

Lector: Peter, standing along with the Eleven, raised his voice and spoke to them:

“Fellow Judeans and all living in Jerusalem, Let this be known to you! Give ear to my words! Jesus of Nazareth was a man appointed by God to you, in power, wonders, and signs, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.”

For David said of him:

I’ve seen the Lord God, always before me, since he is at my right side so that I am not shaken up. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue exults; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope. Because of this, You will not abandon my soul in the afterlife, and You will not allow your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

“My friends! One can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But, since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn an oath to him, that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne. David foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,

that, neither was he abandoned to the afterlife, nor did his flesh see decay.

God raised this Jesus up; of this, we are all witnesses. Having been elevated to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from God, the Father, Jesus poured this out, which you see and hear.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: O God, show us the path of life.

People Respond: O God, show us the path of life.

Lector: Preserve me, O God, for in you do I take refuge; My soul says to Yahweh, “You are my God.” Apart from you, I have nothing that is good. O God, my allotted portion and my cup, it is you who made my lot secure.

People Respond: O God, show us the path of life.

Lector: I will bless Yahweh who has given me counsel; Yes, my heart instructs me in the night. I have set Yahweh ever before me; with Him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People Respond: O God, show us the path of life.

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Lector: Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My body, too, abides in confidence, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, neither will you allow your Holy One to undergo corruption.

People Respond: O God, show us the path of life.

Lector: You will show me the path to life, In your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand are delights forevermore.

People Respond: O God, show us the path of life.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Letter of Peter.

Lector: Beloved: If you call upon God the Father, the One who judges impartially, according to the works of each, conduct yourselves with reverence during your time of your sojourning in life, having realized that you were ransomed from your futile behavior, passed on to you by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ - that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world, but revealed in the last days for you, who, through him, believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Refer to the [Order of the Mass](#) for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Christ Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village, seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus. They were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near to them, and walked with them, but their eyes prevented them from recognizing him.

He asked them: "**What are you discussing as you walk along?**"

They stopped, and looking downcast, one of them, named Cleopas, said to Jesus in reply: "**Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the Things that have taken place there in these days?**"

Gospel (cont.)

And Jesus replied: ***“What sort of things?”***

They said to him: ***“The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a prophet who spoke powerful words and performed great miracles before God, and to all the people. But our chief priests in the Temple and our rulers arrested him, sentenced him to death, and he was crucified. We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel, but now it is the third day since His death. There were some women from our group who also followed Jesus, and they’ve astounded us. They went to his tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that Jesus is alive! Then, some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had reported, but they didn’t see Jesus.”***

And Jesus said to them: ***“Oh, how foolish you are! Are you so slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and die so that He might enter into his glory?”***

Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted the Scriptures to them about everything that was written about him. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus pretended as if he was headed farther.

But the two disciples urged him into changing his mind: ***“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”***

So Jesus went in to stay with them in the village. And it happened that, while he was at table with them, he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. But suddenly, he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other: ***“Were not our hearts burning within us, as he spoke to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”***

Immediately, they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven, all gathered together with their friends. They all said to the two disciples: ***“It is true! Christ Jesus has truly been raised; he appeared to Simon!”***

To which the two recounted what had taken place on the way to Emmaus, and how Jesus made himself known to them in the breaking of bread.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.



This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
Acts 2:32



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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.

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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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