



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

25th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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.

- **October 1st - First Mass in our new worship home** - the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. (*Note the new Mass time*).
- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 11:30 a.m.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m. (Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour).
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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 Job.
(Job 38:1-9, 12-14, 16-18)

From the heart of the tempest, God addressed Job:

“Who is this, obscuring my intentions with ignorant words? Brace yourself for debate! I am going to ask the questions, and you tell me the answers.

Where were you when I spun the universe into being? Tell me, if you know.

Who decided Earth’s dimensions, measuring its belly with a cord? Who planted it with seeds of life? Who paved space with the elements while morning stars burst out in song, and all the angels shouted for joy?

Who filled the earth with its seas as waters burst forth from the womb? Where were you when I wrapped the ocean in clouds and swaddled the sea in thick darkness?

Have you ever called forth morning, or guided dawn to its place to hold the corners of the sky while shaking off the last few stars? All things touched with color, and all we see is changed?

Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea, or walked the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you unlocked the doors of the deepest darkness of space? Have you comprehended the vast expanse of the universe, seeing beyond its boundaries? Tell me this, if you know!”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 145:3+5+7, 9+13)

Lector: We reach out our hands, O God.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

Let the rulers rule with Your justice, O God, providing hope to those who benefit least. May they defend the cause of those who are poor among the people. May they defend the oppressed and guard their children, overturning uneven tables.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

Like God, let us offer a hand to those in need when they call, to those who have no helper. God’s compassion is stirred by those who are vulnerable. From extortion and violence, God redeems people. Precious is their blood in God’s sight.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

May there be abundance of grain for all. May it wave on the tops of mountains! May its fruit be like Lebanon! May people blossom across the land, like the grass of the field! May the peoples of Earth be a blessing. May all be happy in one another.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.
(Philippians 3:20-4:1)

We have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who will transform our own bodies into a glorified one, like His.

Therefore, dear friends, you whom I so love and long for; hold onto your faith. You, who are my joy and crown, continue to stand firm in Christ Jesus!

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.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 21:23-27)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus entered the temple courts. While he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him: "By whose authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" they asked.

Jesus replied: "I will also ask you one question, and if You answer

me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven or of human origin?"

The priests and elders discussed this among themselves: "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

So, they answered Jesus: "We don't know."

Then Jesus said: "Neither will I tell you by whose authority I am doing these things."

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: "Loving God, hear our prayer."



Matthew 21:23-27 - Jesus' authority is questioned.

Saint Martin's will be moving! Our new church home, as of October 1, 2023, will be at the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church (SABUMC)!

Mass will be in SABUMC's sanctuary at 11:30 am (note time change). Join us!

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, your time and talent are essential to breathing life into our new community of faith and keeping its mission alive.

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 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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- Scan our QR code and donate online.



If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at smartins.pastor@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **October 1st - First Mass in Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m.** – Address: 575 Lake Road, Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481
Directions: From downtown St. Albans, head west on Lake Street, past our current location. Lake Street eventually changes to Lake Road. About 100 yards before Lake Road dead-ends at Maquim Shore Road, on your right, is the Methodist Church. Access the parking lot and Church entrance by turning right into the driveway that runs alongside the Church. Signs will be posted. The church entrance is off McGinn Drive.
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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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