



*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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **May 12th - Sunday Priest in the Park** - 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - Taylor Park.
- **May 19th - Saturday Priest in the Park** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon - Taylor Park.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Visit Saint Martin's table at the Festival (on Saturday), and join us Sunday for the Ecumenical Pride Service.



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

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First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed was of one heart and mind. No one claimed private ownership of any possessions. Everything they owned was held in common. With great power, the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of Christ Jesus. They were all accorded great respect.

No one among them was in need, for those who owned land or houses sold them. They brought the proceeds of what was sold and put them at the feet of the apostles; and, to each, they were distributed as any had need.

However, there was a man named Ananias who, with the consent of Sapphira, his wife, sold a piece of property. With his wife's knowledge, he held back some of the proceeds and brought only a portion of the proceeds to lay at the apostles' feet.

"Ananias," Peter asked, "why have you fallen prey to the Tempter, by lying to the Holy Spirit and holding back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? What were you thinking? You have lied, not to human beings, but to God."

When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. Great fear came upon all who heard of it. The younger among

them rose to wrap up his body, carry it out, and bury him.

About three hours later, Sapphira, his wife, came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me. Did you and your husband sell the land for such and such a price?" She responded, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you conspired together to put the Spirit of God to the test? Listen! The footsteps of those who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you away too."

At once, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men came in, they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



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or upcoming special Masses!*

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Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 4:1-8 (CCL))

Lector: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

Answer us when we call, O Beloved. Envelop us in Love when we are in distress. Be gracious to us now. and hear our prayer.

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

How long, O people, will you be hard of heart? How long will you listen to false words and seek what is less than good?

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

Remember, the Beloved dwells with those who are filled with Love, and hears when our hearts cry out. Though we may tremble, do not give in to fear.

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

Though you weep bitterly within your hearts, and wail upon your beds, commune with the Heart of your hearts. Rest, be in silence, and make peace with your fears. Trust in Love.

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

There are many who say: "Grant us special favors, O God. Bestow upon us Your grace that we may prosper." But remember, God's Love can bring more joy to our hearts than pockets filled with money.

People Respond: Fill us with Love and dwell within us.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John.
(1 John 5:1-6 ((CCL))

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves God, also loves the one begotten by Him.

In this way, we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this: that we keep His commandments. God's commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God, conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed has won the victory over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Christ Jesus is the one who came through water and blood; not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 24:35-48 (CCL))

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 Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

While the disciples were still talking about the reports of Jesus, appearing to some within their number, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread, Jesus stood among them and said to them: ***“Peace be with you.”***

They were startled and terrified, thinking they saw a ghost. Then, Jesus said to them: ***“Why are you troubled? And why do doubts and 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 that I have.”***

After saying this, he showed them His hands and feet. While they were too skeptical to be joy-filled, they were amazed. Jesus

asked them: ***“Do you have anything here to eat?”*** They gave Jesus a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

Then He said to them: ***“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”***

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them: ***“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance, for forgiveness, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”***

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: “Resurrected Jesus, hear our prayer.”



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At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive 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!

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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **May 12th - Sunday Priest in the Park - 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - Taylor Park** - Mother Barb will be available to chat with anyone who wishes to stop by to say hi & learn what it means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith.
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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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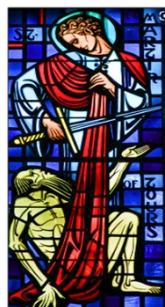
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