



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 13, 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.

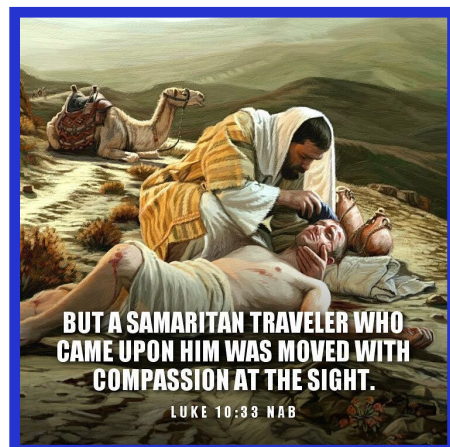
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **June 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 Deuteronomy.
(Deuteronomy 26:1-2, 4-11 & 30:10-14 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you come into the land, take some first fruits of your harvest and place them in a basket. Then go to God's dwelling place. The priest will take the basket and place it in front of God's altar.

Then, declare in the presence of your God: "My ancestors were Aramean refugees who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as resident aliens. There, they became a great nation, strong and numerous. When the Egyptian ruling class maltreated, oppressed, and enslaved us, imposing harsh servitude upon us, we cried to God, the God of our ancestors.

God heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. God then brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders. God brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil."

You shall set your offering before God and bow down before God. Then, you and your household, together with the Levite and the resident aliens who live among you, shall celebrate with all these good things which God has given you. Listen to the voice of God. Keep the commandments that I give you today, the commandments and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law.

Turn to God with your whole heart and your whole being. For the Law that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.

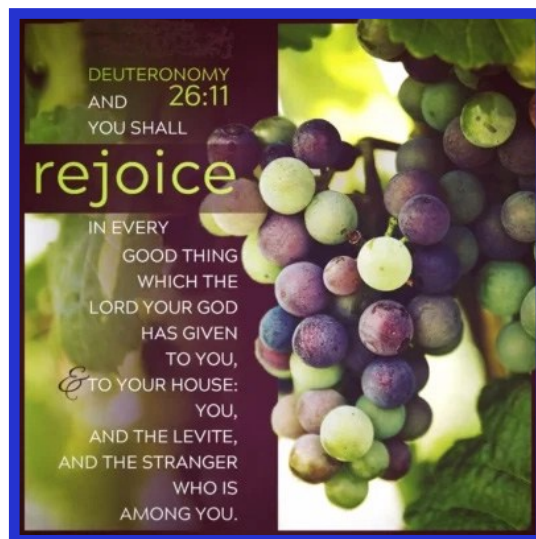
It is not up in heaven, so that you

have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?"

No, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth, and in your heart, so you may follow it.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 15:1-3,4-5 (CCL))

Lector: Speak to us, O God.

People Speak to us, O God.

Lector: Who may abide in Your tent, O God? Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? God speaks: Those who walk in integrity, and do what is right; those who speak truth from the heart; Those who do not use the tongue for slander, and do not wrong others; Those who never defame a neighbor.

People Respond: Speak to us, O God.

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or upcoming special Masses!*

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

Lector: Who may abide in Your tent, O God? Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? God speaks: Whoever despises evil, and honors those who honor God; Whoever keeps their word, even if it does not benefit them; Whoever lends money at no interest; and accepts no bribe against the innocent. All who do these things shall never be shaken.

People Respond: Speak to us, O God.

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians.
(Colossians 1:15-20 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

When we look at the Messiah, the Christ, we see the God who cannot be seen. The Christ as the firstborn of all creation.

When we look at this Christ, we see the One in Whom all things in the universe were created.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, even ranks of angels, were created through the Christ and for the Christ. The Christ was there before any of it came into existence, and this Universal Christ holds all things together.

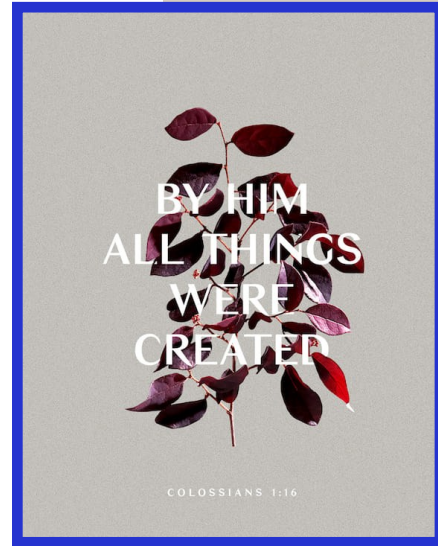
If the church is a body, then Christ is its head, the firstborn from among the dead. So spacious, so expansive is the Christ, that everything of God finds its place without crowding. The broken and dislocated pieces of the universe - people, animals, things, atoms - all will know healing and come together in vibrant harmonies.

All that was, and is, and shall be - all will be reconciled. For death did not stop the love of Christ from pouring out into the universe.

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: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 10:25-37 (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 Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus replied, "**What is written in the law? How do you read it?**"

The expert on the Law replied, paraphrasing Torah, "You must love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself."

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

(Gospel continued.)

Jesus said, ***“You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”*** The lawyer pressed on, anxious to justify the initial question: “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, ***“There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. The priest saw the traveler lying wounded beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way. The Levite also saw the afflicted traveler. The Levite also passed by on the other side.***

“But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, came upon the traveler. Filled with compassion, the Samaritan approached the suffering person and dressed the wounds by pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went directly to an inn and, there, nursed the traveler even more.

“The next day, the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after my friend; and if there is any further expense, I will repay you on the way back.’”

Then Jesus posed the question: ***“Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?”*** The answer came: “The one who showed compassion.” Jesus replied, ***“Then go, and do likewise.”***

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: God of all Creation, hear us.



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 and 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 \(newsletter\)](#).
- **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.

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