



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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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SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

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 Genesis.

(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (USCCB))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Yahweh took Abram outside and said: "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can! As many as that, you will have for descendants."

Abram believed Yahweh, and Yahweh accounted it to Abram as righteousness." Yahweh then said to Abram: "*I am Yahweh who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.*" Abram asked: "O God, most holy, how am I to know that I will possess it?"

God answered Abram: "*Bring me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, and a turtle-dove, plus a young pigeon.*"

Abram brought all of these, cut them in half, and placed each half opposite the Other - except for the birds, which he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell over Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking brazier and a flaming torch appeared, which passed between the halves and the sacrifices. On the day, Yahweh made this covenant with Abram: "*To your descendants I give this land, from the River of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.*"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 (CCL))

Lector: O God, you are my light and my salvation.

People O God, you are my light and my salvation.

Lector: O God, you are my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? You are the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People Respond: O God, you are my light and my salvation.

Lector: Hear me when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face I do seek."

People Respond: O God, you are my light and my salvation.

Lector: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you, who have been my help. Do not cast me off. Do not forsake me!

People Respond: O God, you are my light and my salvation.

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or upcoming special Masses!
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*www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Second Reading

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

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

But we have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection.

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.

Celebrant: God's voice is heard from the shining cloud: "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 9:28-36 (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.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain so they could be by themselves. There, Jesus was transfigured in their presence. The clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white and radiant, like nothing that could be earthly made. At the same time, Mo-

Gospel

ses and Elijah appeared in glory and spoke with Jesus about the exodus was going to be accomplished in Jerusalem.

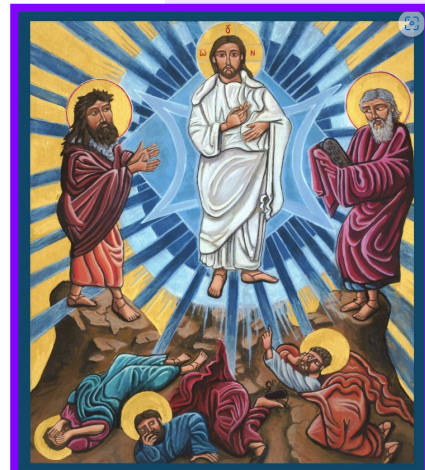
And then Peter said, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be here. Let's make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter didn't know what he was saying, but the disciples were all terrified.

Then a cloud appeared, casting its shadow over them. From out of the cloud there came a voice: "This is my Own, listen to this One!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore - only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Chosen One had been raised from the dead. They kept Jesus' words and their experience to themselves, questioning what "rising from the dead" could mean.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



"The Transfiguration of Jesus"
by Kelly Latimore

Prayers of the People

People Respond: In Your mercy O God, hear our prayer.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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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.

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. Your support is making this possible. Stay tuned for more on this most-needed ministry in the Saint Martin Messenger (newsletter) issue.
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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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