



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



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.

Sunday Bulletin

Solemnity of Christ the Servant

34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 24, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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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 Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 53:1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-12 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Who has believed what we have heard? To whom has divine strength been revealed? It was to the Servant who was despised, rejected by others, one of sorrows, one familiar with suffering. Truly this Servant has shared our affliction, and our pain.

We thought you were being punished, struck down by God, and brought low. All of us, like sheep, have gone astray from you. We have turned our own way. Though treated harshly, you bore it humbly. You never opened your mouth. Like a lamb being led to the slaughter, or a sheep before shearers, you were silent.

By a perversion of justice, you were taken away. Who would ever have foreseen your destiny? You were taken from the land of the living, stricken in the name of peace. You were buried with those who had committed egregious crimes, though you had done no violence, and there was in you no deceit. Out of your anguish, you will see joy and light.

Knowledge of you, O Righteous One, will turn many to justice. Because you served all and allowed yourself to be counted with the least among us, you are among the great.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 62:6-13 (CCL))

Lector: We pour out our hearts to God.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to God.

Lector: My Soul, be at rest in God alone, from Whom comes my hope. You, O Love, alone are my source, my liberation, and my shelter. I shall never fall.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to God.

Lector: Love is my strength and my refuge. In You alone is freedom and honor. Trust in Love at all times, O People! Pour out your hearts to Love who is our sanctuary.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to God.

Lector: Humans are but a breath, the powerful, but an illusion. Set both on the scales together, they are lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion, as do many powerful rulers. Put no empty hope in robbery as do authorities who steal from the poor. Do not set your heart on wealth that increases.

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to God.

Lector: One thing God has said, two things I have heard: "Strength belongs to God," "You are Unfailing Love, O God."

People Respond: We pour out our hearts to God.



Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Romans. (Romans 15:1-8 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Romans.

We who are mature in faith ought to understand and Be patient with the stumbling of those with a fledgling faith. Each of us should bring joy to our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

Jesus did not live for personal satisfaction but, as it is written: ***“The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”***

For everything in the Scriptures is written for our instruction. With endurance, and Scriptural encouragement, we have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live with one another in harmony, in the spirit of Christ Jesus.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ Jesus has welcomed you. Do this for the glory of God. Jesus became a servant to his own, the Judean people, so as to confirm the truth of God’s promises given to their ancestors. Jesus also became a servant to the Gentiles, so that all might glorify God; for God loves all.

Scripture reminds us that God has always welcomed all: ***“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God’s people”***. And again, ***Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will sprout; a child will rise up and call forth all peoples. That one will come; and in this Expected One, the Gentiles shall hope.”***

May the God of hope fill you to overflowing with joy, fill you to overflowing with peace, so that your belief lives! Filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, brim over with hope!

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: The greatest among you should be like the least, and the leader like the one who serves.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.



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or upcoming special Masses!***

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Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 22:14-30 (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.

When the hour came, Jesus and the apostles reclined at the table. Jesus said to them, *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I will not eat it again until the Passover is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, said *"Take this and share it with one another. From this moment, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until God's reign comes."*

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: *"This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

In the same way, with the cup, after supper, Jesus said: *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. But, see, the hand of the one who is going to betray me is at this table with me. The Chosen One will go as it has been determined, but woe to the person by whom the Chosen One will be betrayed!"*

They began to ask one another which of them it might be who would do this. Another dispute arose among them about which of them would be regarded as the greatest.

Jesus said to them, *"Earthly rulers lord it over their people, and those who exercise authority are addressed as 'Benefactors.'"*

But this must not happen with you. No, the greatest among you should be like the least, and the leader

like the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one who reclines at table or the one who serves? Surely it is the one reclining at the table?

But I am here among you as one who serves. You are among those who have stood by me in my trials. I confer on you, just as my God conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

Presider: Ever-Present God, Scripture tells us that those who have guided the people to justice will shine like the stars forever; that we are among those who have faith and will possess life. In that spirit of Gospel hope, let us call on God to offer our concerns to you and to pray for the needs of the whole world.

Lector: Our prayer response is: "Teach us to be your Servant, O God."

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

Prayers of the People

- ✝ For our global church, and all people of goodwill: that we may take seriously our call to be with those who walk in darkness and to serve with generous and open hearts, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ For our world, that leaders everywhere may promote the common good and contribute to the healing and wholeness of Creation; and that wisdom will guide them to recognize the suffering of all people, to seek alternatives to bloodshed and violence, and to strive for ways of peace, especially in Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, & Israel, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ For those who continue to suffer in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: for those who grieve lost loved ones, for all who have lost property and livelihoods, and for blessings and strength of all rescue and humanitarian workers in the region who tirelessly serve the afflicted in their time of spiritual and material need, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ That, like the original readers of the Letter to the Hebrews, we continue in trusting faith, in the assurance that we will possess everlasting life, and that - with God - all things are possible, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ For the poor and powerless in our society; for those who struggle in their daily lives; and for those who are isolated and alone: that we may hear their voices, empathize with their pain, and humbly walk alongside them, through their challenges in life, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be

your Servant, O God.

- ✝ For all who are facing illness, for those who suffer from chronic illness, sickness, and disease - and for our prayer intentions for this Mass today, especially for: Steven, Peg, Theresa, Cathy, James and James, the parents of Don Fournier, and Bishop Frank, that God's peace and healing will be upon them, offering them strength, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ During this month of Remembrance, we offer our prayers for those who have gone home to the Creator, especially those at the hand of natural disasters, that they may rest in the everlasting peace and joy of Christ Jesus, and that loved ones may be consoled as they mourn their loss, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ That God may receive the prayers of grateful hearts, and for prayers answered, we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

- ✝ Let us now take a moment to be mindful of the needs of all beings, and for our prayers today that have remained unspoken, deep within the silence of our hearts [Pause to allow congregation to share their intentions], we pray:

People Respond: Teach us to be your Servant, O God.

Presider: Ever Present God, You are, indeed, the Giver of Life. Hear the prayers we bring to you today in trust and faith. May we not lose confidence in your care and protection. Give us the endurance to fulfill your heart's desire, creating your kingdom of justice, love and peace.

People Respond: Amen.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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!

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).
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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

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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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