



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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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.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **March 10th** - Daylight Savings returns. Move clocks forward one 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 Genesis.

(Genesis 7:11-18; 8:6-7a, 11-13, 18-19; 9:9-11, 13, 16 (CCL))

In the 600th year of Noah's life, all the underground springs of the earth erupted, and all the windows of the heavens were thrown open. Rain poured on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. On the day that the rain began, Noah, his wife, their sons, and their sons' wives came into the ark, and with them, every kind of creature, of every kind, that had the breath of life came into the ark.

Then God shut the door of the ark behind them. The flood continued for forty days. The waters rose and bore the ark up, high over the ground. The flood deepened on the earth, but the ark floated on the surface of the water. After 40 days, Noah opened a window that he had made in the ark, and sent out a dove. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there, in its beak, was a freshly plucked olive leaf!

Then Noah knew that the water was receding from the earth. After 7 days, he sent out the dove again, but this time it did not return. By the first day of the first month of Noah's 601st year, Noah opened the hatch of the ark and saw dry ground. Noah, together with his wife, their sons, and daughters-in-law, disembarked, and then, all of the animals and creatures that move along the ground, and all of the birds - every creature on the face of the earth - came out of the ark, one kind after another.

And God said: "I am making My covenant with all of you, your descendants, and with every living creature with you for all ages to come that, never again, will all life be destroyed by floodwaters. No,

never again will a flood destroy the earth. I have set My bow in the clouds, to serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between Myself - your God - and every living thing, every last-living creature on earth."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (USCCB))

Lector: Your ways, O God, are love and truth.

People Respond: Your ways, O God, are love and truth.

Your ways, O GOD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

People Respond: Your ways, O God, are love and truth.

Remember that your compassion and your love, O GOD, are from of old. In your kindness, remember me, O GOD, because of your goodness.

People Respond: Your ways, O God, are love and truth.

Good and upright are you, O GOD; You show sinners the way. You guide the humble to justice, and You teach the humble their way.

People Respond: Your ways, O God, are love and truth.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Letter of Peter.
(1 Peter 3:18-22 (CCL))

This is what Christ Jesus experienced: he suffered because of the mistakes and evil acts of others. He clung to justice in the face of injustice for the sake of the unjust. In this faithful endurance, God was revealed to us. Jesus was put to death in the flesh, and then transformed, alive in the Spirit.

In the Spirit, the risen Christ visited those who were lost in the Flood in the days of Noah and incorporated them into the family of God. All those who did not heed God's call when the ark was being built were gathered again in the basin of God's love. In the Flood, only a few were spared- eight in all. They were saved through water.

In the same way, the waters of baptism flood us with new life. Baptism is not a literal cleansing of the body, but a spiritual renewal and a rebirth of conscience through the resurrection of Christ Jesus. The Christ has gone into the eternal universe and is with God. Among all angels, powers, and authorities, the Christ is the definitive Word.

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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 Mark.
(Mark 1:12-15 (CCL))

Celebrant: May the Word of Christ be

Gospel

with you all.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Immediately after Jesus' baptism, the Spirit drove him into the desert. Jesus remained there for 40 days and was tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Good News of the gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News."

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Merciful God, hear our prayer.



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

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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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