



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 6, 2023

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck** - 10:15 a.m. in Highgate. Please consult our website: saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch for directions to the Farm..
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Battery Park Extension, Burlington. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stop by **CACINA's** table where we will be highlighting both Vermont ministries.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Daniel.
(Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw:

One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9)

Lector: Yahweh reigns, the Most High over all the earth.

People Respond: Yahweh reigns, the Most High over all the earth.

Yahweh reigns! Let the earth rejoice! Let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness surround you, O God; Righteousness and justice are your foundation.

People Respond: Yahweh reigns, the

Most High over all the earth.

Let your kindness comfort me, as you promised your servant. Let your compassion come to me, and breathe life back into me, for your Law is my delight.

People Respond: Yahweh reigns, the Most High over all the earth.

For you, O God, are the Most High, over all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods.

People Respond: Yahweh reigns, the Most High over all the earth.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Peter.
(Peter 1:16-19)

When we told you about the power of Christ Jesus and his return in glory, we didn't have you chase after some clever story someone made up. We saw his glory in person.

God our Father gave him honor when he told us, "***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.***" We heard that voice when we were with Jesus on the holy mountain. We are also sure with the words the prophets spoke about Jesus.

You should hold onto those words as if they were a lamp that lights up the dark. You should hold on to them until the day dawns and the morning star shines in your hearts.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 13:44-52)

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 Matthew.

People Respond: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah.

Six days later, Jesus led Peter, James, and James' brother, John, up a mountain, so they could be alone. There, Jesus was transfigured right in front of them. His face shone like the sun. And his clothes were as white as sunlight.

Suddenly, the three followers saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus.

Peter spoke up: **"Lord! We're lucky to be here! If you want, I'll pitch three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."**

While Peter was still speaking, suddenly, a light-filled cloud covered them.

And just as suddenly, a voice spoke from the cloud: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; so listen to him."**

When the three disciples heard the voice, they were so afraid that they

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fell down and put their faces to the ground.

But Jesus came to them and touched them, saying: **"Rise and do not be afraid."**

And so, they looked up, but they didn't see anyone else but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountainside, Jesus commanded them: **"Don't tell anyone about what you've seen until the Son of Man has been risen from the dead."**

Celebrant: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: O God, graciously hear us."



Saint Martin will be moving! Our new church home, as of October 1, 2023, will be at the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church (SABUMC)! Mass will be in SABUMC's sanctuary at 11:30 am (note time change). Stay tuned for updates.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours 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 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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- Scan our QR code and donate online.



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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck 10:15 a.m.** - Enjoy the beauty of Vermont's summer weather in full bloom at our Second Annual Mass on the Farm and Potluck Brunch in Highgate, Vermont! Don Fournier is again generously hosting our parish for this event. Please consult our website: saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch for directions to the Farm. **NOTE:** GPS may get you as far as Highgate & Hazard Roads. Cross through the intersection at Hazard Road. Just beyond is a one-room schoolhouse and stone road. Turn right at the stone road. Look for the signs and balloons at the entrance. See you there!
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Like last year, we will partner with the Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington (also a [CACINA](#) ministry) to share a booth. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Please stop by [CACINA's](#) table! We will be highlighting both Vermont ministries. Battery Park Extension is located near Monroe & Park Streets in downtown Burlington (near the lake).

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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