



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Mass Bulletin

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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 8th - Spiritual Stations of Pride: An Experiential Walk for LGBTQIA+ in Taylor Park - 1:00 p.m.** Join Franklin County's open and affirming faith community in this collaborative event. All are welcome!



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 the Acts of the Apostles.

(Acts 5:12,14,16 & 9:1-9 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts.

At the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders were taking place among the people... More than ever, believers in the Christ, multitudes of men and women, people of all genders, were constantly added to their number.

A large number people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits. They were all being healed...

Saul continued to breathe murderous threats against disciples of Jesus. He had gone up to the high priest and asked for letters, addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorize him to arrest, and take to Jerusalem in chains, any person, regardless of gender, who belonged to the Way.

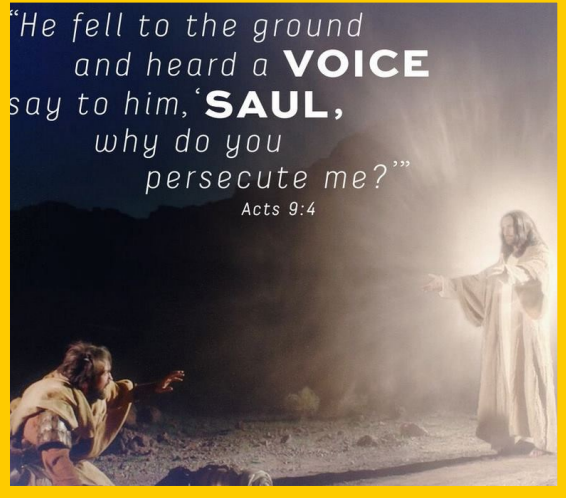
On his journey, as he was approaching Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed about him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying: **"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"** "Sir, who are you?" Saul asked. The voice replied: **"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Get up and go into the city. There, you will be told what to do."**

Those traveling with Saul were speechless. They heard the voice, but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground. When he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. Those with him had to take him by the hand and lead him into Damas-

cus. For three days, he was unable to see, and he ate and drank nothing.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



"He fell to the ground
and heard a **VOICE**
say to him, '**SAUL,**
why do you
persecute me?'"
Acts 9:4

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 118:2-4,5-7,15 & 22-24 (CCL))

Lector: God's love endures forever.

People Respond: God's love endures forever.

Let all in God's House proclaim: God's Love endures forever! Let the House of Miriam and Aaron sing: God's Love endures forever! Let all those who revere the Holy One know: God is Love and endures forever.

People Respond: God's love endures forever.

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*www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
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When in distress, I cried out to God who brought me into a spacious place. God is with me. I am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? God is with me - as my helper!

People Respond: God's love endures forever.

The sounds of joy and songs of deliverance are heard in the tents of the just! For the stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! God has done this. It is marvelous in our sight! This is the day that God has made! We will rejoice and celebrate in it!

People Respond: God's love endures forever.



Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

(Revelation 1:9-11, 12-19 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, am your companion in the faith. I share with you in the suffering, in the kingdom, and in the endurance that are ours in Jesus. I found myself on the island of Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus.

On Sunday, I was caught up in the Spirit and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, saying: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches..."

I turned around to see whose voice it was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands. Among the lamp stands was someone like a human, dressed in a full-length robe, a gold sash across the chest, with hair white like wool or snow and eyes ablaze like a fiery flame.

The human figure had feet like bronze refined in a furnace and a voice like the sound of rushing water. The figure held seven stars in hand. A sharp, double-edged sword came out of its mouth. Its face shone like the brightest sun.

When I saw the sight, I fell at the figure's feet as though I were dead. The human one touched me and said: "Don't be afraid. I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, and now, look! I am alive forever and ever! I hold the keys to death and to Hades. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will take place afterwards."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

(John 20:1, 11-18 (CCL))

Celebrant: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to John.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Mary stood outside the tomb, weeping.

As she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting, one at the head and one at the feet where Jesus' body had lain.

The angels asked Mary, "Why are you weeping?" She answered, "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they have put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't know who he was. Jesus asked her, "**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?**"

Thinking it was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me where you've put him, and I'll get him."

Jesus said to her, "**Mary!**" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni" - which means "Teacher."

Jesus said, "**You can't hold on to me, for I have not yet gone to God. Go to my sisters and brothers and tell them that I am going to my Father, to your Father, to my God and your God.**"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, "I have seen the Teacher!" And she told them the things that he had said to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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 more on this most-needed ministry in the Saint Martin Messenger (newsletter) issue.
- **June 8th - Spiritual Stations of Pride: An Experiential Walk for LGBTQIA+ in Taylor Park - 1:00 p.m.** Join Franklin County's open and affirming faith community in this collaborative event. All are welcome!

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

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