



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time
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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

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **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.
- **October 1st - First Mass in our new worship home** - the Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. (*Note the new Mass time*).
- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 11:30 a.m.
- **November 5th - Commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m. (Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour.
- **November 26th - Christ the King** - 11:30 a.m. - End of Liturgical Year and 2023 Ordinary Time).
- **December 3rd - Advent Begins** - 11:30 a.m.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Ruth.
(Ruth 2:2-9)

Ruth, a young widow and a Moabite, lived with her mother-in-law, Naomi. All of Naomi's children had died, and Naomi also was widowed.

Together, they moved to Judah, Naomi's home country. In order to sustain themselves, Ruth said to Naomi: "Let me gather ears of grain in the field of anyone who will allow me that favor." Naomi replied: "Yes, go, my daughter."

So Ruth went to gather grain in a field behind the harvesters. She happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Naomi's husband, Elimelech, whose name means, 'God is my Ruler.'

Just then, Boaz returned from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters: "God be with you." "God bless you," they replied.

Boaz asked the head laborer of the harvesters: "Where does this young woman come from? To whom does she belong?" The head laborer replied: "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi, from the country of Moab."

Ruth interjected: "Please, allow me gather whatever has fallen from the sheaves, behind the reapers." The head laborer continued about Ruth: "Ever since early this morning, until now, she has been on her feet, with scarcely a moment's rest."

Then Boaz said to Ruth: "Listen, my daughter. Don't gather in anyone else's field, and don't leave my field. Stay close to the other women who work for me. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. Whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the pitchers of water they have already drawn."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 72:1-2+4; 12-14; 16+17b)

Lector: We reach out our hands, O God.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

Let the rulers rule with Your justice, O God, providing hope to those who benefit least. May they defend the cause of those who are poor among the people. May they defend the oppressed and guard their children, overturning uneven tables.

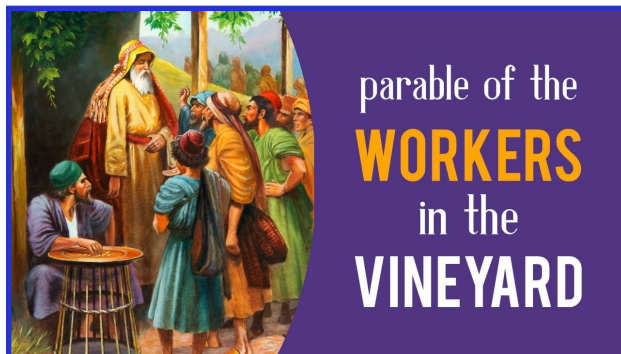
People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

Like God, let us offer a hand to those in need when they call, to those who have no helper. God's compassion is stirred by those who are vulnerable. From extortion and violence, God redeems people. Precious is their blood in God's sight.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.

May there be abundance of grain for all. May it wave on the tops of mountains! May its fruit be like Lebanon! May people blossom across the land, like the grass of the field! May the peoples of Earth be a blessing. May all be happy in one another.

People Respond: We reach out our hands, O God.



Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.
(Romans 12:9-13)

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil. Hold fast to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection. Out-do one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, but be fervent in spirit as you serve God. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints. Extend hospitality to strangers.

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.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 20:1-16)

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: † Glory to you, O God.

The kingdom of heaven is like an owner of a vineyard who went out early in the morning to hire workers. After agreeing with the workers for the usual daily wage, which was one denarius, the workers went into the vineyard.

When the owner went out about nine o'clock and found others standing idle in the marketplace, the wine grower said to them: "You also go to my vineyard, and I will pay you what is just."

So they went. Then the owner went out again about noon, and then again at

about three o'clock. At about five o'clock, still others were just standing around. So, the owner said: "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They replied: "Because no one has hired us."

The wine grower said: "You also go into my vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to the manager: "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." Those who were hired at the end of the day came forward and received the usual daily wage, one denarius. Then, when the first workers came forward, they expected to receive more, but they too received one denarius each, a usual day's wage.

The workers took it, but grumbled at the wine grower saying: "Workers who came last have put in only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, even though we have done a heavy day's labor in the heat."

The landowner answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to pay the latecomer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own affairs? Why should you be envious because I am generous?" It is in this way that the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: "Faithful God, hear our prayer."

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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Preparations are underway for [CACINA/Saint Martin's](#) participation in Vermont Pride. Drop by our table and introduce yourself! We will be highlighting both Vermont ministries. Battery Park Extension is located near Monroe & Park Streets in downtown Burlington (near the lake).
- **October 1st - First Mass in Saint Albans Bay United Methodist Church's (SABUMC) Sanctuary 11:30 a.m.** – Address: 575 Lake Road, Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481 Directions: From downtown St. Albans, head west on Lake Street, past our current location. Lake Street eventually changes to Lake Road. About 100 yards before Lake Road dead-ends at Maquim Shore Road, on your right, is the Methodist Church. Access the parking lot by turning right on Cherry Street, between the church and the old Town Hall building, and head toward the rear of the church at McGinn Drive and Cherry Street. The church entrance is off McGinn Drive.

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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