



Saint Martin
of Tours
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 community centered around the Eucharist and all Sacraments
- a people of prayer and a people of service and social justice
- a sacramental community grounded in all we love of the Catholic tradition, the celebrations, and the rhythms of the liturgical year
- inclusive, affirming, respect 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!).

No matter what your experience of "being "Catholic" has been, we honor you for who you are as a member of God's family. ALL who worship at Saint Martin's are invited to God's Table to experience and fully participate in the life of this community.

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

Sunday Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- Dec 24th — Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve Mass) 7:30 pm
- Dec 25th — Merry Christmas! (No Mass Today)
- Jan 1st — Mary, Mother of God (New Years' Day Mass) 10:30 am



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

Inclusive Language Sources: World English Bible and
The Inclusive Bible/First Egalitarian Translation

Reading 1 - From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On that day, a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from Jesse's roots, a branch will bear fruit. The spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of strength, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for Yahweh.

And he will delight, in awe, of Yahweh. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by any hearsay he hears with his ears, but with righteousness he will judge the needy, and decide with equity for the poor of the earth. With a single word, he will strike down the ruthless, and with the breath of his lips, he will kill the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt, and faithfulness will be the sash around his waist.

Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat; The calf and the lion cub will graze together, and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will place its hand into the viper's nest.

There will be neither harm nor destruction, anywhere on all of my holy mountain. As the waters cover the sea, so will the earth be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh.

On that day that the root of Jesse will stand as a symbol for all the peoples of the world - the nations will flock to him, and his dwelling place will be glorious.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

People Respond: Justice and peace will flourish forever.

O God, give your anointed one your judgment and your justice. Teach your chosen one to judge your people rightly. And to bring justice to the oppressed.

People Respond: Justice and peace will flourish forever.

In those days, may righteousness flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

People Respond: Justice and peace will flourish forever.

Your anointed one will deliver the needy who cry out, And the afflicted who have no one to help. Your chosen one will take pity on the weak and the needy, and will save the poor from their distress.

People Respond: Justice and peace will flourish forever.

May the name of your anointed one endure forever; May he remain as long as the sun. Then all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him; and they will call him blessed.

People Respond: Justice and peace will flourish forever.

Reading 2 — From the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written previously was written to instruct us. That way, with patience and the Scriptures encouraging us, we can really have hope. May God, who is the source of all endurance and encouragement, help you to think in harmony with one another, and in keeping with Christ Jesus that, with one accord, you may, with one voice, glorify the God of our Savior, Christ Jesus.

Accept one another, then, the way Jesus accepted you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Jesus became a minister of the circumcised, to show God's truthfulness. By Jesus' life, God confirmed his promises to the patriarchs, and so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

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.

Prepare the way of our God, make straight his paths: And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – From the Gospel of Matthew.

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was John that the prophet Isaiah described when he said: "A voice cries out in the desert, Prepare the way of our God, make straight his paths."

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. For food, he ate locusts and wild honey. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to

John. John baptized them in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, John said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Do something that will really show you've turned back to God, and give some evidence that you mean to reform! And don't pride yourselves just by saying, "Sarah and Abraham are our parents, and God loved them, So he will love us, too."

I tell you, God is powerful enough to raise up children for Sarah and Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you in water, for repentance, but the One who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not even worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire!

"In his hands right now, he holds the tools to separate the grain from the [chaff-leaves] that cover it. He will gather the grain together in his barn, but he will burn the chaff in an unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

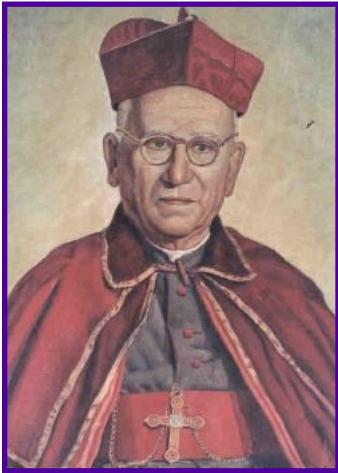
Prayers of the People

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.



On the second Sunday in Advent
the "Peace" candle is lit

Our Catholic Roots



Saint Charles of Brazil (Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa, 1888-1961) became diocesan bishop of Botucatu, Brazil, within the Roman Catholic Church, on

December 8, 1924. He served in that office until the views he expressed about the treatment of Brazil's poor by government and church officials caused his removal from the diocese of Botucatu. Bishop Carlos was subsequently named Titular Bishop of Maura by Pius XII.

In the 1930s, Bishop Carlos was a strong advocate for the reform of the Roman Church. His positions included a more pastoral approach to the divorced, divorced and remarried; he challenged mandatory celibacy for the clergy, rejected abuses of papal power, and considered papal Infallibility a misguided and false dogma. Bishop Carlos' criticisms of the Brazilian fascist government in the 1930s and 1940s earned him repeated troubles.

In 1944, he was imprisoned, while Brazilian bishops and the Vatican remained silent regarding this injustice. Successful diplomatic pressure from U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and U.K. Prime Minister Winston Churchill gained Bishop Carlos his release.

On July 6, 1945. Bishop Carlos was eventually separated from the Roman Church by Pope Pius XII after criticisms of Vatican foreign policy regarding Nazi Germany. This schism was an act by Rome.

Following World War II, Bishop Carlos publicly denounced the Vatican's issuing of passports to some high-ranking former Nazi officials fleeing from the Allies to South America. Upon separation from the Roman Church, Bishop Carlos immediately established the independent Igreja Católica Apostólica Brasileira (ICAB) church on that same date, which he led until he died in 1961.

After its founding, ICAB attracted inquiries from Catholics worldwide who wished to retain their Catholic Faith. They felt the Roman Catholic Church had failed to address contemporary world issues and hence, did not meet their pastoral needs. Bishop Carlos sent bishops to serve in these other countries. While bound by a common origin through Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa's apostolic line, Catholic Apostolic communions were established, based on particular geographical boundaries, as self-governing and autonomous "jurisdictions." In addition to ICAB in Brazil, sister apostolic branches are formed in several other countries, each with a unique national identity, such as Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, and in South, Central, and in North America, as CACINA.

The Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) has been since its founding, and remains, an independent church with a presence throughout portions of the United States and Canada. CACINA is honored to share this heritage with the larger family of Catholic Apostolic Christians. All are our brothers and sisters in Christ, whom we love and honor as children of the same God in heaven, and with the same brother on earth: Saint Charles of Brazil.

From such a history, one could believe that there was great animosity felt by both Bishop Duarte-Costa toward the Roman Catholic Church. Nothing could be further from the truth. The events recorded here are history that caused much suffering. That the Church of Rome contributed to the persecution of Saint Charles, and later ICAB/Brazil, is reprehensible and cannot forever be a source of discord.

The Roman Catholic Church is one of the long-standing pillars of the Christian faith. We are all one in Christ, and to hold animosity toward the Roman, her people, or her leaders would be to have such feelings for Christ. As the bishop of Rome, the Pope occupies a unique position in the Christian world.

It is to this role that Christ called Saint Peter. He did not call Peter a monarch or a head of state, but, like Jesus Himself, to be a servant, a voice for peace among peoples, a teacher, a defender of the right and a promoter of justice, and a leader in our day. As with all our Christian brothers and sisters, CACINA holds the bishop of Rome and all the people of God of the Roman Catholic Church in deep affection and respect. In this, we obey our Savior and Redeemer who taught us, “By this shall all people know you are my disciples when you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:35).

Currently, approximately 250 religious organizations in the United States consider themselves part of the Independent Sacramental Movement (independent Catholic churches). These churches are diverse, ranging from those with only one or two clergy and no parishioners to those like CACINA, with a national presence and established Faith communities, missions, and ministries.

In the United States, CACINA evolved into a fully affirming, inclusive, and welcoming communion of churches and ministries. CACINA’s mission of sacramental justice invites ALL to participate in the Sacraments of the Church, without judgment. We welcome ALL PEOPLE, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, divorced/remarried, married or single, into full participation in the church. CACINA has maintained a thorough selection and preparation process for Holy Orders (ordinations) but reserves no impediments.

The national church has a diverse clergy of straight, gay, trans, married, single, male, and female deacons, priests, and bishops. Some CACINA clergy complete three years of closely directed study and pass a rigorous, independently scored comprehensive examination through the Saint Charles Seminary. Others are trained in nationally accredited seminaries.

All CACINA clergy give their time in active ministry without financial compensation. Within the Independent Sacramental Movement, lay persons are invited (and needed) to be actively involved in the governance of their local faith community. Through diverse gifts, the laity exclusively manages financial and administrative matters. It takes a village!

Collaborative relationships among pastors and their respective faith communities negate the need for hierarchical decision-making. Pastors and other parish clergy tend to hold a consultive role, along with primary responsibilities for liturgy, sacraments, and pastoral care. Together, clergy and laity collaborate to promote evangelization, stewardship, and lay involvement within community ministries. There are also opportunities for lay leadership within CACINA and for representing the local faith community at national CACINA gatherings (known as General Assemblies).

Announcements — Looking Ahead

CACINA - National Church Annual Outreach Collections

(From October through November 13th)

- CACINA supports a cemetery in New York for clergy who do not have sufficient resources for burial costs. A fund is maintained specifically for that purpose. Once per year, CACINA relies on the voluntary generosity of its faith communities and ministries to assist with replenishing this fund. Designated contributions may be made electronically, on Saint Martin's website donation page (<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins>), or brought to Mass.
- *The Alzheimer's Association* was selected as CACINA's 2022 National Charity. Designated contributions to our National Charity may be made electronically, on Saint Martin's website donation page (<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2StMartins>), or brought to Mass.

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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