



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

4th Sunday of 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.

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Jan 1st through Feb 12th - Collection of Palms at Saint Martin's** Please bring any palms, palm crosses, etc., you may have at home. Palms distributed on Palm Sunday are blessed. Do not discard them. Instead, please bring them with you to Mass.
- **Feb 19th - "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"** As part of our Sunday Liturgy, we will burn the palms, palm crosses, etc. we have collected. The ashes will be incorporated into this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- **Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins** (Wednesday evening Mass with distribution of ashes) 7:00 pm
- **Postponed until after Easter - Faith Sharing: What is the Independent Sacramental Movement Parts I & II** 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (description in announcements)



For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at [www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

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 Zephaniah.

Seek Yahweh, all you living humbly upon the earth; you, who obey God's laws!

Seek justice, seek humility. Perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of Yahweh's anger.

But I will leave, in your midst, a people – humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of Yahweh: the remnant of Israel.

They shall do no wrong, nor speak lies; neither shall words of deceit pass their lips. They shall graze and lie down to rest, With no one to make them afraid.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

*People Respond: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the reign of heaven is theirs.*

God, you keep faith forever, and secure justice for the oppressed, You give food to the hungry, and you set captives free.

*People Respond: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the reign of heaven is theirs.*

You give sight, O God, to the blind; you raise up those who were bowed down. You love those who do justice; and you protect strangers.

*People Respond: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the reign of heaven is theirs.*

The fatherless and the widow our God sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. Yahweh shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

*People Respond: Blessed are the*

*poor in spirit; the reign of heaven is theirs.*

## Reading 2 – From Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Consider your own calling, sisters and brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were influential and surely, and not many were of noble birth.

Rather, God chose people the world thinks are foolish in order to put people who think they are wise to shame. He chose people whom the world counts as powerless to shame the powerful and influential. He even chose despised and truly unimportant people, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who believed they were something. In this way, no one should boast about themselves before God.

God has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made Jesus our wisdom, our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption. Just as it is written: "Whoever might boast, let that person boast about God!"

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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### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

**People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant: Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven.

**People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – From the Holy Gospel according to 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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”*

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the People

**People Respond: Faithful God, hear us.”**



## Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

### Current ways to help our community.

- \* Prayers for our new faith community.
- \* Liturgical Banners: seeking a group of individuals to help us make (rather than purchase) liturgical banners for our worship space.
- \* **ONE LICENSE** Membership (church music licensing) to resume using music during liturgies.
- \* Advertising Resources to help spread the word.
- \* Liturgical Bells.

*To submit your gift for Saint Martin's or for more information on how to help our ministry, please call 802-332-3890, or email [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).*

## Announcements – Looking Ahead



### Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto: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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