



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# **Sunday Bulletin**

## **1st Mass in the Saint Albans Bay UMC Sanctuary 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 1, 2023**

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### **Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations**

## **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.

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*Welcome to our  
new church  
home!*

*Sincerest thanks  
to the  
Saint  
Albans Bay  
United  
Methodist  
Church for  
hosting our faith  
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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

*Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel.  
(Ezekiel 18:23, 25-32)

“You say, ‘God’s ways are unjust!’ Hear now, O House of Israel: Is My way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

“If a righteous person turns away from what is right and does wrong, they will die for it. Because of their error, they will die. If a wicked person abandons the wrong they have committed, and does what is just and right, they will save their life. None of their offenses will be remembered. Having considered and renounced all previous offenses, they will most certainly live; they shall not die.

Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of God is not just.’ Are My ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

“Therefore,” God said, you Israelites - I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

“Repent! And turn away from all your offenses. Then evil will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed. Get a new heart and a new spirit. Why die? Why choose death? I, your God, take no pleasure in the death of anyone! Turn back to Me, then, and live!”

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 11, 16-17, 21-22)

Lector: Our Life is in You.

*People Respond: Our Life is in You.*

In You, O God, is our life. Holy Mystery, in You we trust. For Your Name’s Sake, the Name from whom all names come, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Redeem Your House, O God, through all its troubles.

*People Respond: Our Life is in You.*

Like God, let us offer a hand to Turn to us, O God! Relieve the troubles of our hearts. Deliver us from distress. Reveal to us Your ways, O God. that we may walk along Your paths. Guide us in Your truth, for You are the One who heals us and sets things right.

*People Respond: Our Life is in You.*

Do not remember our failings, the offenses of our past. For the sake of Your goodness, remember us in the light of Your unfailing Love, which has been from of old.

*People Respond: Our Life is in You.*

May integrity and right-living preserve us as we wait on You. Redeem Your House, O God, through all its troubles.

*People Respond: Our Life is in You.*



## Gospel

### Second Reading

A Reading from Letter of James.  
(James 2:14-19, 25-26)

What good is it, beloved, if you say you have faith, but do not follow it up with action? Can that faith save you? If someone is in need of clothes or lacks enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well, keep warm, and eat your fill," without giving them these bare necessities, what good is that?

In the same way, if good deeds are not action done in faith, then faith is quite dead. But someone might say, "You have faith, and I have good deeds." Show me your faith apart from your good deeds, and I, by my acts of goodness, will show you my faith. You believe that God is one. But even the demons believe that and shudder.

Remember Rahab, the prostitute. Was she not justified by her deeds when she welcomed the messengers into her home, and showed them a safe road to leave by? For just as the body without breath is dead, so too, faith without good deeds is also dead.

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 21:28-32)

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

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

While Jesus was teaching in the Temple in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him and challenged his authority, to which Jesus responded:

*"What is your opinion? A parent had two children of age, and, going to the first said, 'Child of mine, go and work in the vineyard today.' The eldest responded, 'I will not,' but afterwards had a change of heart, and went. The parent then went and said the same thing to the second, Who answered, 'Certainly, I'm on my way,' but then, did not go."*

Jesus then asked: *"Which of the two did what the parent desired?"* They responded, *"The first."*

Jesus said to them, *"It is true; and I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the reign of God ahead of you. For John the Baptizer came to you, showing the right way to live, and you did not believe him; yet the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you did not have a change of heart and believe."*

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: "Forgiving God, hear our prayer."*

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For news, upcoming events & to sign up to receive our newsletter.

## 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

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### 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.

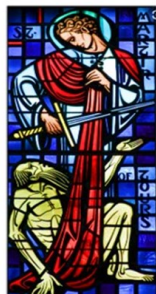
### Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Mother Barb if there's someone you know who needs pastoral care, a hospital visit, or a care facility visit.

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Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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