



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Ash Wednesday Bulletin

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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).

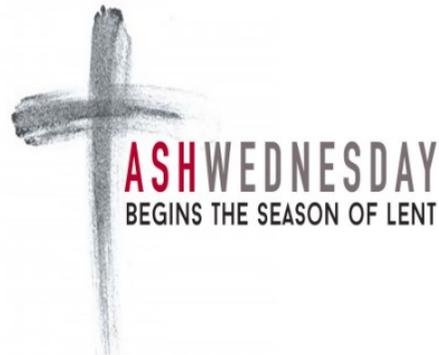
We are:

- 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

- **Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins** (Wednesday evening Mass with distribution of ashes) 7:00 pm
- **March 12th - Daylight Savings Time Returns!** Spring forward one hour. DST ends Nov 5th.
- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** - 7:00 p.m.
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 3:00 p.m.
- **April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - Time TBA
- **April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass** - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!



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

Tonight's Ash Wednesday Liturgy will follow the standard Order of Mass, with a few variations:

- The Penitential Rite is not included.
- We do not pray the Glory to God (Gloria).
- General absolution precedes the Distribution of Ashes.
- After the second reading and before the reading of the Gospel, the following Lenten Gospel Acclamation is spoken in place of the Alleluia: *"Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory."*
- Distribution of Ashes follows the homily.
- Following the consecration, the Lenten Memorial Acclamation is spoken (in place of *"Christ has died..."*):
 - *"Save us, savior of the world; By your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free."*

A Reading from the Book of Joel. (Joel 2:12-18)

But know this, says Yahweh - "Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Tear open your hearts, not your garments."

Return to Yahweh, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness. He relents from inflicting punishment. Perhaps he will come back and again relent, and leave a blessing behind him - even a meal offering and a drink offering to Yahweh, your God.

Sound the shofar in Zion! Proclaim a fast! Call a solemn assembly! Gather the people! Notify the assembly, and assemble the elders! Gather the children - even infants at the breast!

Let the bridegroom go forth from his room and the bride, out of her bed chamber. Let the priests, the ministers of Yahweh, weep between the

porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare your people, O Yahweh! And do not allow your heritage to become an object of ridicule, that the nations should rule over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then Yahweh was stirred on behalf of the land, and took pity on his people.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17)

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Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

People Respond: Be merciful O God, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

People Respond: Be merciful O God, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

People Respond: Be merciful O God, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

People Respond: Be merciful O God, for we have sinned.

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.
(Corinthians 5:20-6:2)

Sisters and brothers:

We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were making the appeal directly through us. Therefore, we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God. For our sake, God made Christ Jesus, to be sin, who did not know sin, so that we might become the very holiness of God in him.

Working together, then, we beg you to not receive the grace of God in vain.

For God says: *"At the acceptable time, I heard you, and on the day of salvation, I helped you."*

Behold, now is the acceptable.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

Celebrant: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ; King of endless glory.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

Jesus said to his followers:

"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that others may see

them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you. That is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise and admiration of others. Surely, I say to you - they've already received their full and just reward. Instead, when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Your almsgiving must be done privately. And your heavenly Father, who sees all that you do privately, will reward you.

"When you pray, do not behave like the hypocrites, who love to stand up and pray in the synagogues and on street corners, for others to see them. Surely, I say to you, they've already received their full and just reward. Instead, when you pray, go off, by yourself, to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your heavenly Father in quiet. Your heavenly Father, who knows all that is done quietly, will reward you.

"When you fast, do not pretend to look gloomy like the hypocrites. When they fast, they deliberately neglect their appearance to let everyone know they are fasting. Surely, I say to you, they've already received their full and just reward. Instead, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that no one, except your heavenly Father, who is hidden but sees everything done in private, knows you are fasting. He will reward you."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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Announcements – Looking Ahead

Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Passion of Our Lord - Blessing & Distribution of Palms.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on his way to his passion and death. The Palm Sunday celebration marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- ***Holy Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his greatest Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- ***Good Friday, April 7th, 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.*** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- ***Holy Saturday, April 8th, TBA - Easter Vigil.*** Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- ***Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!***

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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