



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent  
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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 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.

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Nov 24th** — Happy Thanksgiving! (No Mass Today)
- **Nov 27th** — **First Sunday of Advent** - Blessing of Advent Wreath 10:30 am
- **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



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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 Isaiah.

This is what Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

It shall happen in the last days that the mountain of Yahweh's temple shall be established as the most important mountain, and shall be raised above all other hills - and all nations shall flow toward it.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the temple of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us in God's ways, and we will walk in God's paths."

For out of Zion the law shall be given, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. God will judge between the nations, and render decisions concerning many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. One nation will not raise up the sword against another, And never again will they train for war.

O, House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh!

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of Yahweh." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

Jerusalem restored!  
As a city united as one;

Here, the tribes ascend,  
the tribes of Yahweh.

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

As God commanded Israel,  
They come to praise Yahweh's name.  
Here, where the tribunals of justice are,  
the judgment seats for the house of David.

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

*Pray for peace within Jerusalem:  
May those who love you prosper;  
May peace be within your walls,  
and prosperity within your buildings.*

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

For the sake of my family and friends,  
I will now say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of YHWH, our God,  
I will pray for your good.

*People Respond: Let us go rejoicing to the House of Yahweh.*

### Reading 2 – From the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Love your neighbor because you know the Lord will return soon, and it is time for you to wake from sleep! Our salvation is nearer now than when we first accepted the Good News. The night is almost over, and the day draws near.

Let us, then, cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of God's light. Live a good life, honorably, as if the day Jesus returned were already here, rather than in carousing, drunkenness, or lust; rather than quarreling, rivalry and jealousy.

Don't be unfaithful. Don't talk behind others' backs. Instead, clothe yourselves with our Savior, Jesus Christ, and make no room in your hearts for evil desires.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) - Sung**  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our God!  
Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor, David!

#### **Gospel – From the Gospel of Luke.**

Celebrant: Our God is with you.  
*People Respond: And also, with you.*  
Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
*People Respond: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Jesus said to his followers:

“The coming of the Son of Man will happen just like in Noah's time. Before the Great Flood, people got married, ate and drank right up to the day Noah entered the Ark. They didn't know what would happen until it was too late, when the flood carried them away and they all drowned.

So it will be also when the Son of Man comes. Two people will be working in the fields. One will be taken away. The other will be left behind. Two people will be grinding grain at the mill. One will be taken, and one will be left behind. Therefore, be vigilant, for you do not know the day when your Savior will come!

And, then, Jesus said: “Be sure of this: If the owner of the house had known when the thief was coming, the owner would have kept a watchful eye to protect the home, and pre-

vented the break-in. So, too, you must be prepared in the same way for when the Son of Man will come, for a time you least expect!”

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

#### **Prayers of the People**

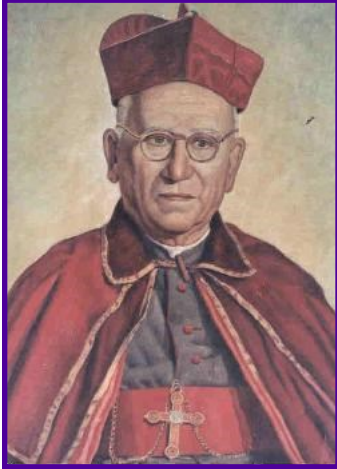
*People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.*



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& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## 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 Catolica Apostolica 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](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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