



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time
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Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community 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

- **February 14th - Ash Wednesday** - CANCELED.
- **March 10th** - Daylight Savings returns. Move clocks forward one hour.
- **March 24th - Palm Sunday** - 11:30 a.m. - Holy Week begins.
- **March 28th - Holy Thursday** - No Mass today.
- **March 29th - Good Friday Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 7:00 p.m.
- **March 30th - Holy Saturday** - No Mass today.
- **March 31st - Easter Sunday Mass** - 11:30 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

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus.

(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (CCL))

God said to Moses and Aaron: "Those who have a scab or abscess or blotch on their skin, which appears to be the sore of leprosy, shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among Aaron's descendants.

If a person is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare the person unclean. "Those who bear the sore of leprosy shall keep their garments torn and heads bare. They shall muffle their beards and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

As long as the sore is on them, they shall declare themselves unclean, since they are in fact unclean. They shall dwell apart, making their abode outside the camp."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 32:3-4, 6-7, 10-11 (CCL))

Lector: Unfailing love surrounds us.

People Respond: Unfailing love surrounds us.

When I was cut off from Love, my body wasted away. I groaned all day long, day and night. I felt Your hand heavy upon me; My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People Respond: Unfailing love surrounds us.

Let all who are sincere offer a prayer to the Beloved. When we feel overwhelmed by fear, we shall be

embraced by Love. Dwelling in the heart of the Beloved, we are free from distress, free to live creatively. You will surround us with glad cries of liberation.

People Respond: Unfailing love surrounds us.

Many are the heartaches of those separated from Love; but steadfast Love abides. Surrender your lives into the Beloved's hands. Be glad and rejoice, you who walk in truth. Shout for joy, you who are upright of heart!

People Respond: Unfailing love surrounds us.

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 (CCL))

"Everything is lawful," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful," but not everything builds up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. Rely on common sense. Eat anything sold in the market, Without concerning yourself with whether it was sacrificed to idols.



Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Gospel

God.

On one occasion, someone suffering from leprosy came to Jesus, and kneeling down, begged him: “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper, saying: “I am willing. Be made clean.” And, at once, the disease departed, and the person was made clean.

Then Jesus sent the person off with a stern warning: “Speak not a word to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest. Offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed, as a witness.”

However, the person went away and began to proclaim the whole matter publicly, spreading the word about what had happened, everywhere. As a result, Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but had to stay in deserted places. Even so, people kept coming to him from all over.

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Mark.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Heal us, O Jesus.

After all, “The earth and everything in it is God’s.” If an unbeliever invites you to dinner and you want to go....go! Eat anything that is set before you. You need not raise questions on grounds of conscience. On the other hand, if anyone says to you: “this is meat sacrificed to idols,” do not eat it. Even though you may be indifferent as to where it came from, the one who is making a point about it is not. So, for the sake of the other person’s conscience, refrain. In all other cases, your conscience should be determined by *your* views, not someone else’s.

Give thanks for what is before you, and ask God’s blessing upon it. So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God, not worrying about what others may say about you. At the same time, don’t be insensitive in Your exercise of freedom to those who exercise their beliefs differently. I try my best to be considerate, so as not to offend anyone and to open the door of faith in the Christ to all.

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 Mark.
(Mark 1:40-45 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, O



*“I am willing. Be made clean.”
~Jesus*

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

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- Use your bank's online bill pay section to mail your donation directly to Saint Martin's (address above).
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- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

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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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