



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Feast of Mary Magdalene
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

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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

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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.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Judith.
(Judith 8:2-17)

Judith's husband died when she was still young. She maintained her bereavement for three years and four months. She built a small tent on the roof of her house and lived there, wearing sackcloth.

Judith was very beautiful and wealthy. She ran her entire estate. No one ever spoke a harsh word about her because she was devout. Judith heard the cries of the people of the land. They were weak, for lack of water and could no longer defend their village against attackers.

She heard what their leader, Uzziah, had said to them, how he promised them under oath to surrender the town to the attackers after five days, if God did not deliver them. She invited village leaders to her home.

She said to them: ***“Listen to me. You are supposed to be the leaders of the people here; but what you said to the people today was wrong. You should never have sworn before God that you would surrender the village to our enemies if God did not come to our aid in five days. What gives you the right to put God to the test? You can never fathom the depths of the human heart or know what anyone is thinking. Yet you dare to read God’s mind and interpret divine matters?!”***

God cannot be threatened like a human being or won over by pleading like a mere mortal. So, while we wait for deliverance, we must continue to call upon God to help us. Whatever happens, our voices are heard, and we are in God’s hands.”

Uzziah then spoke: ***“This is not the first time you have shown your wisdom. Ever since you were born, people have recognized that you pos-***

sess keen understanding and integrity. But the people are so thirsty. Pray for us that God will send rain to fill our wells. Then we will no longer be weak from thirst.”

Judith replied: ***“What I will do tonight will be told for generations to come. God will deliver Israel through me.”***

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 42)

Lector: My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

People Respond: My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O Beloved. My soul thirsts for the Beloved, for Living Water.

People Respond: My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

People Respond: My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

When may I come and behold Your face? Tears have been my only nourishment day and night. Friends ask continually, “Where is the Beloved of your heart?” All this I remember as I pour out my soul.

People Respond: My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

How I once knew Your presence within me. Now my soul is cast down within me. From my mother's womb to maturity, through all the days of my life. You have led me in steadfast love, and by night, Your song is within me.

People Respond: The My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you disquiet within me? My hope is in the Beloved, my strength and my joy. Open the door to Love, O my soul.

People Respond: The My soul thirsts for You, O Beloved.

Second Reading

A Reading from Book of Proverbs.
(Proverbs 1:20-23)

Woman Wisdom cries out in the street.

In the squares, she raises her voice. At the busiest corner, she takes her stand. At the entrance of the city gates, she speaks:

“How long, O thoughtless ones, will you wallow in ignorance? How long, O scoffers, will you delight in your scoffing? How long, O fools, will you shun knowledge and refuse to learn?”

Give heed to my reproof, and follow me. I will pour out my spirit on you. I will tell you my thoughts. I will make my words known to you. You who listen to me will have inner strength, and will live in peace, without fear.”

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

Celebrant: Tell us, Mary of Magdala, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

(John 20:1 - 2, 11-18)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

After the Sabbath, very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw the stone was rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. Mary ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them: *“The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”*

Mary stood just outside of the tomb, weeping. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside the tomb. There, she saw two angels in dazzling white robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been laid.

Both asked her: *“Why are you weeping?”*

She answered them: *“Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they've laid Him.”*

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Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

No sooner had she said this, than she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus asked her: ***“Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?”***

Mary supposed that he may be the gardener, so she said to him: ***“Sir, if you’ve carried Him away, please tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”***

Jesus said to her: ***“Mary!”***

She turned to him, and in Hebrew, said: ***“Rabboni!”*** which means “teacher.”

Jesus then said: ***“Don’t cling to me, for I’ve not yet ascended to my Father. Go to my sisters and my brothers and tell them: ‘I am ascending to my Father, God, and your God.’”***

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples and announced: ***“I have seen the Teacher!”*** and she reported what the savior said to her.

Celebrant: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of John.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: O God, graciously hear us.”



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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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