



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday Mass Bulletin

April 21, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Acts 1:3-5, 12-15 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now, Saul was still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Messiah until, on the way to Damascus, a light from heaven flashed around him, and he had a vision of the resurrected Jesus. Afterwards, Saul began to proclaim in the synagogues that Jesus is the Messiah of God.

Later, Saul arrived in Jerusalem. He tried to join the disciples there, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was now a disciple. But Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles.

Then, Saul reported to them, how, on the way to Damascus, he had seen the Risen Christ who had spoken to him, and how, in Damascus, he spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus. From then on, Saul moved about freely with them, in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus.

Saul also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. When the leaders learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way home to Tarsus. Then, the church throughout all of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened.

Walking in the love of God and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, the church increased in numbers.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

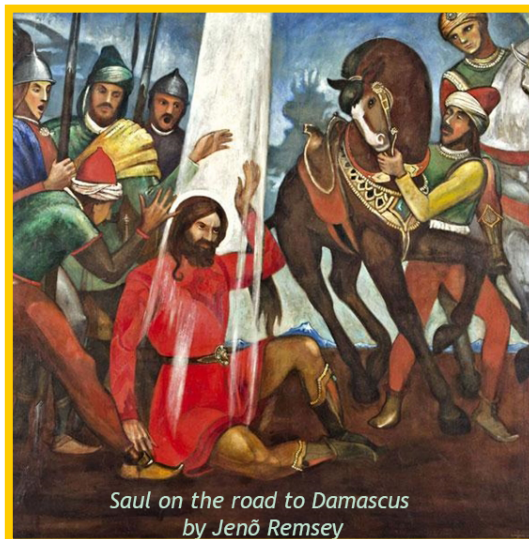
Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)
(Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
(USCCB))

Lector: I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

People Respond: I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

O Beloved, You are our Shepherd. We shall not want. You bring us to green pastures for rest and lead us to still waters, renewing our spirits; restoring our souls. You lead us in the path of goodness to follow Your way of Love.

People Respond: I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.



Saul on the road to Damascus
by Jenö Remsey

**Don't miss any announcements
or upcoming special Masses!**

Visit our website
www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.

Even though we walk through the valley of loss and death, we are not afraid. For, You are ever with us. Your rod and your staff guide us. They give us strength and comfort.

People Respond: I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

You prepare a table before us in the presence of all our fears. You bless us with oil. Our cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

People Respond: I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 16:1-16 ((USCCB)

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I commend to you our sister, Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae. Welcome her, in the name of our God, in a way worthy of you, holy ones, and help her with her needs.

She has looked after a great many people, including me. Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila. We all worked alongside each other in the service of Christ Jesus. They even risked their lives for my sake. Not only I, but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Remember me, also, to the church that meets in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the firstfruits in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my fellow prisoners; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.

Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in Christ. Greet Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. Greet my relative Herodion.

Greet those in Christ who belong to the family of Narcissus. Greet those workers in Christ, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in Christ. Greet Rufus, chosen in Christ, and his mother and mine. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the saints who are with them.

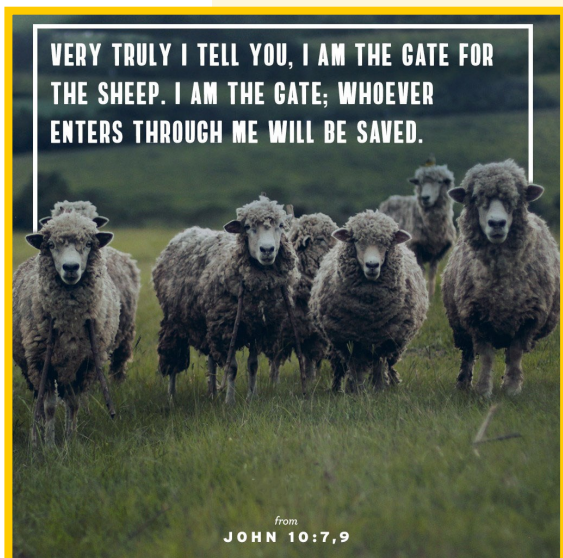
Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas, and all the holy ones who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!



Gospel

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A Reading from the Gospel according to John.
(John 20:1, 11-18 (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 John.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said to some of the Pharisees, *“Truly I tell you, the one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. Anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by another way, is a thief and a bandit. The sheep hear the shepherd’s voice, calling the sheep by name and leading them out.*

When all the sheep have been brought out, the shepherd goes ahead of the sheep, and the sheep follow because they know the shepherd’s voice. They will not follow a stranger, but will run from a stranger, because they do not know the stranger’s voice.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with these Pharisees, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So, again, Jesus said to them: *“Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by me, will be made safe and will come in and go out and*

find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down one’s life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd, and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not love the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as God knows me and I know God. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they too will listen to my voice, so there will be one flock. One shepherd.

It is for this reason that God loves me: Because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own accord. I have the choice to lay it down, and I have choice to take it up again. This, I received from God.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: “Good Shepherd, we trust in you.”

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

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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:

- Mail a check (payable to) "Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community," P.O. Box 636, St. Albans, VT 05478.
- 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.
- Scan our QR code and donate online.



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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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