



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# 5th Sunday of Easter Mass Bulletin

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## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

## 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.

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- **May 31st - Feast of the Visitation**
- **June 18th - Father's Day**



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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

## First Reading

### A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Lector: As the number of followers continued to grow, a dispute arose between the Hellenistic Jews and those who spoke Hebrew because local followers were neglecting to share the community's food and charity fairly with Hellenistic widows.

So the Twelve assembled the community of followers together so the matter could be discussed. They said: *"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at tables. Sisters and brothers - Look around, from among your numbers, and select from among you seven reputable people from the community. They must be filled with the Spirit and full of wisdom, and we will appoint them to the task of taking care of our poor. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of God's word."*

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented them to the apostles, who prayed over them and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of Temple priests began believing in Jesus!

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*People Respond: O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Lector: Sing out your joy to Yahweh, you who love justice; Praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Praise Yahweh with the harp; and Play music with a ten-string lyre!

*People Respond: O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Lector: For the word of Yahweh is true; and everything God does can be trusted. Yahweh loves justice and right, and fills the earth with love.

*People Respond: O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

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

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[www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

*Refer to the Order of the Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*

Lector: The eyes of Yahweh look on those who stand in reverence; on those who hope in God's love, to rescue them from death, or keep them alive during famine.

*People Respond: O God, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

## Second Reading

### A Reading from First Epistle of Peter.

Lector: Beloved, come to Christ Jesus. He is like a living stone, rejected by mortals, but chosen by God and precious in His eyes. As his followers, you are like living stones. So, become a holy priesthood and allow God to use you to build a spiritual home. This way, you might offer spiritual sacrifices to God, through Christ Jesus.

For it says in Scripture: ***“Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious; and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”***

You believe, so Jesus is precious to you, but those who do not believe will find Jesus like, ***“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”*** and, at the same time, He will be ***“an obstacle and a stumbling block.”***

Those who stumble and fall are the disbelievers in God's word; it is their destiny to stumble and fall. But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart to sing the praises” of the One who called you out of darkness, and into His wonderful, divine light.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying

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*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to my Father, except through me.”

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

## Gospel

### A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ***“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back again to take you with me, so that where I am, there, you may also be. You know the way that leads to where I am going.”***

*(Gospel continues on the next page.)*

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

And Thomas said to him: *“But we do not know where you are going; how are we supposed to know the way?”*

Jesus said to him: *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to my Father except through me. You’ve know me a while; now you know and have seen the Father!”*

Then, Philip said to him: *“Rabbi, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”*

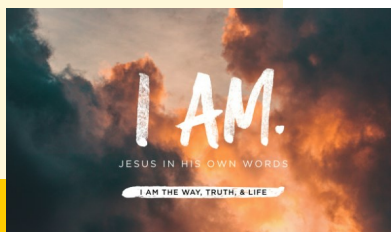
Jesus said to him: *“Have I been with you for such a long time, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you are not my own, but the Father who dwells in me, accomplishing his works. Believe in me, that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.”*

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the Faithful

*People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.*



At Saint Martin of Tours 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.

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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](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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