



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

29th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration** - 11:30 a.m.
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Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the
LORD, all the earth.

Psalm 96:1

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 45:1, 4-8)

This is what God says to the Anointed One, to Cyrus: "It is I who grasp your hand to lead, and it is I who will humble nations before you. I will loosen the loins of tyrants, disarming them, and throw open all their doors so that even city gates cannot be shut.

"For the sake of Leah, Rachel and Jacob, my servants, and For the sake of Israel my chosen one, for them, I have called you by name, conferring on you a title of honor, even though you do not know me. I am God, and there is no other. Apart from Me there is no god.

"It is I who strengthen you, though you do not know Me, so that in all places where sunrays reach, in all lands that darkness envelops, people will know there is none besides Me. I am God, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness. I make wounds and create woe. I bring seasons of plenty and author what you call disaster. I, God, do all these things.

"So, let justice descend, you heavens, like morning mist. Let the clouds drop it down, like gentle rain. Let the earth open and healing bud forth. Let justice spring up with them. I, your God, have created all this!"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 96:1, 11-12, 2-10a, 13bc)

Lector: Shout out the good news through all the earth.

People Respond: Shout out the good news through all the earth.

Sing God something new! Sing Earth and all living things! Let's hear it from Sky, with Earth joining in, and thunderous applause from Sea. Let Wilderness turn cartwheels; Animals, come dance! Put every tree of the forest in the choir!

People Respond: Shout out the good news through all the earth.

God's terrible beauty makes other gods bow. The gods of power and wealth are in tatters and rags. But God made the universe from which royal splendor radiates. A powerful beauty in all is God's signature.

People Respond: Shout out the good news through all the earth.

Everyone, join in the great shout, in awe before the beauty, in awe before the immensity. On bent knee or head raised high, everyone worship! Spread the Word! God's reign is near! In the resounding echoes of the spheres, in the smallest whisper of justice: God is here.

People Respond: Shout out the good news through all the earth.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
(Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

To the church of the Thessalonians, in God, our Creator, and through our Servant-Leader, Jesus the Christ. Grace to you! And peace!

In the presence of God, we give thanks always, for all of you, remembering you unceasingly in our prayers, calling to mind your work of faith, your labor of love and your endurance in hope of Jesus the Christ.

We know, beloved of God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, and with authentic conviction.

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 Matthew.
(Matthew 22:15-21)

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Then the Pharisees went off and be-

gan to plot how they might trap Jesus by his speech.

They sent their disciples to Jesus, accompanied by sympathizers of Herod, who said: "Teacher, we know you are honest and teach God's way sincerely. You court no one's favor and do not act out of respect for important people.

Give us your opinion, then, in this case: Is it lawful to pay tax to the Roman emperor, or not?"

Jesus recognized their bad faith, and said to them: "Why are you trying to trick me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that is used to pay the tax."

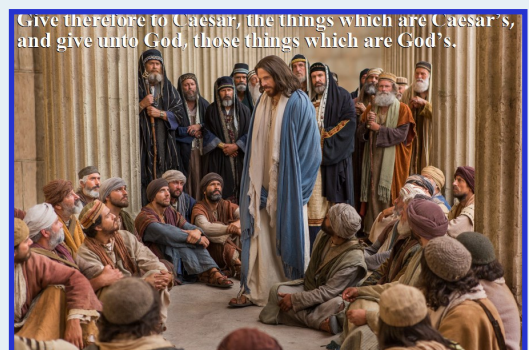
When they handed Jesus a small Roman coin, Jesus asked them: "Whose head is this, and whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. At that, Jesus said to them: "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: "Faithful God, hear us."



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **October 29th - All Saints/All Souls Commemoration - 11:30 a.m.** - Our **Book of Remembrance** will be available at Mass so that parishioners may add the names of their deceased loved ones. Their names will be memorialized during the Masses in November. Additionally, those in attendance will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones. If you cannot attend Mass in person, please email your names to saintmartins.info@gmail.com, by October 27th and we will record them.
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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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