



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

Feast of the Holy Family,  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of  
God, & Mass for World Peace  
December 31, 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.

Worship Location:

Saint Albans Bay  
United Methodist Church Sanctuary  
575 Lake Road,  
Saint Albans Bay  
Vermont 05481  
Phone #802-332-3890

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- December 31st - Feast of the Holy Family, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, & Mass for World Peace (Liturgy for January 1st) -11:30 a.m.
- January 1st - NO MASS TODAY
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- Jan 23rd – Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 74 years!



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 Numbers.  
(Numbers 6:22-27 (CCL))

God spoke to Moses and said, “Speak to Aaron, Elisheba and their children and say: ‘This is how you will bless the Israelites.

You will say: May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May God’s face be lifted up to you, and grant you peace.’

In this way, they will invoke my Name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (USCCB))

*People Respond: May God bless us in his mercy.*

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

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May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

*People Respond: May God bless us in his mercy.*

### Second Reading

A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.  
(Galatians 4:4-7 (INCL))

When the designated time had come, God sent forth the Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted daughters and sons.

The proof that you are children of God is the fact that God has sent forth, into our hearts, the Spirit of the Child who calls out, “Abba, Father!”

You are no longer slaves but daughters and sons. And if you are daughters and sons, you are also heirs, by God’s design.

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.*



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

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# Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

## Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
(Luke 2:16-22, 39-40 (USCCB))

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 Luke.

**People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told to them about the child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told to them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem for his circumcision. He was presented to God and named Jesus, the name given to him by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb.

When the prescriptions of the law had all been fulfilled, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

## Prayers of the People

**People Respond: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**



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.

## Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (payable to) "Saint Martin of Tours 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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link ([https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC\\_Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely))
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto: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](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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