



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community 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.

- **December 21st - 4th Sunday of Advent** - 11:30 a.m.
- **December 24th - Christmas Eve** - No Mass
- **December 25th - Christmas Day** - No Mass
- **December 28th - Feast of the Holy Family & Solemnity of Mary** - 11:30 a.m.
- **January 1st - New Year's Day** - No Mass
- **January 4th - Feast of the Epiphany** - 11:30
- **January 10th - 12th Night Ecumenical Celebration of the Feast of the Magi at St. Paul's Methodist** - 3:00 p.m. (Saturday)
- **January 11th - Feast of the Baptism of Jesus** - 11:30 a.m.



For **The Order of the Mass**, please refer to the **Mass Worship Aid** 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 the Prophet Isaiah.
(Isaiah 7:10-14 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

God spoke to Ahaz, ruler of Judah, through Isaiah the prophet and said: "Ask God for a sign, be it in the deepest depths of the earth or the farthest reaches of the heavens." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask for a sign. I will not put God to the test."

Then Isaiah said: "Hear now, you House of David and Bathsheba! Isn't it enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of God also? God will go ahead and give you a sign - that the young woman will be with child and will give birth, and the child will be called, Emmanuel."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



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or upcoming special Masses!*

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

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6 (CCL))

Lector: Let Christ Jesus enter in; He is the King of Glory!

People Respond: Let Christ Jesus enter in; He is the King of Glory!

Lector: The earth and all its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it all belongs to God. For He founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

People Respond: Let Christ Jesus enter in; He is the King of Glory!

Lector: Who can ascend God's mountain? Who may stand in His holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, and who desires not what is vain.

People Respond: Let Christ Jesus enter in; He is the King of Glory!

Lector: The King of Glory shall receive a blessing from God; a reward from God, His savior. Such is the race that seeks for Him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

People Respond: Let Christ Jesus enter in; He is the King of Glory!



Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter to Titus.
(Titus 3:4-7 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Letter to Titus.

When the love and kindness of God appeared in Christ Jesus, we were made whole - not because of righteous things we had done, but because of divine compassion. Through the waters of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, God claims us as God's own. The Holy Spirit was richly poured out on us through Jesus the Christ, our Healer.

Having known the holy power of forgiveness and grace, we become heirs of God, receiving the hope of life everlasting. That is true and trustworthy. I insist on these points so that those who have trusted in God and have known grace, may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good; to doing what is excellent and what is beneficial to others.

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.

Celebrant: O come, Emmanuel, come.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 1:1-18, 22-23 (CCL))

Gospel

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Good News attributed to Matthew.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

In the genealogical book of Jesus Christ... there are 42 generations from Abraham and Sarah and that include Jacob, father of Joseph, and four women named Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and the wife of Uriah, whom we know as Bathsheba.

Joseph became the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, the one called the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed. Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

This happened to fulfill what God said through the prophet:

"The young woman will be with child, and will give birth, and the child will be named Emmanuel,"

which means God with us.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: Come, Christ Jesus, Come.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



Your generosity is essential to breathing life into [Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community](#), and keeping its mission alive. By God's grace and through your generosity, we remain committed to continuing our mission to serve all of God's people.

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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link (https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely).
- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
- Scan our QR code and donate online.



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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's donates a percentage of our monthly giving to "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry crucial in helping to furnish permanent shelter for previously unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing. Support this ministry through our online donation page or by mailing a check to the address below. Stay tuned for updates in the [Saint Martin Messenger \(newsletter\)](#).
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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.

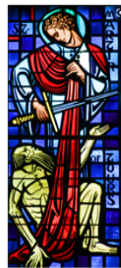
Pastoral Visits

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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