



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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SABUMC

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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.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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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.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

(Wisdom 6:12-16; (CCL))

Wisdom is brilliant. She never fades. She is readily perceived by those who love Her. By those who seek Her, She is found.

She anticipates those who desire Her by making Herself known first. The one who rises early to seek Her will not be disappointed. She will be found waiting at the door. To fix one's thoughts on Her is to invite full understanding.

One who keeps vigil on Her account will soon be free from care. She Herself searches everywhere for those who are open to Her, graciously appearing to them on their ways, meeting them in every thought.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9;(CCL))

Lector: O God, Your love is life.

People Respond: O God, Your love is life.

O God, You are my God. It is You I seek! For You, my body yearns; for You, my soul thirsts in a land parched, lifeless, and without water.

People Respond: O God, Your love is life.

I look to You in the sanctuary, to behold Your glory, the power of

Your beauty. Your love is better than life. My lips will forever praise You.

People Respond: O God, Your love is life.

I will bless You as long as I live! I will lift up my hands, calling on Your Name! My soul shall be sated as with choice food. With singing lips my mouth will praise you.

People Respond: O God, Your love is life.

Upon my bed, I remember You. I think of You through the watches of the night. I cling fast to You. You uphold me. You are indeed my Refuge. In the shadow of Your wings, I shout for joy.

People Respond: O God, Your love is life.

Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

(1 Thessalonians 3:6, 9-12; (CCL))

Just now, Timothy has returned to us from you, bringing us the good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us and long to see us as we long to see you!

What thanksgiving, then, can we render to God for you, for all the joy we feel on your account before our God? Night and day, we pray beyond measure to see you in person, to supply whatever your faith is wanting.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel

May God, our Loving Creator, and Jesus the Christ, clear the way for us to come to you. And may God make your love increase and abound for one another and for all, just as our does for you.

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 23:13-39 (CCL))

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.

Jesus addressed some religious leaders who opposed him, teaching them:

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and religious leaders! You hypocrites! You shut the door of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, but nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Woe to you, teachers of the Law and religious leaders! You hypocrites! For you cross both sea and land to make a single convert, but you make the new convert twice as much a child of Gehenna as yourselves. Woe to you, Blind

Guides! You say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by the oath.’

You blind fools! Which is greater? The gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred?

And you say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that they place on the altar is bound by the oath.’ How blind you are! Which is greater? The gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

Whoever swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it! Whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the One who dwells in it! And whoever swears by heaven, swears by the hand of God, and by the One who made the heavens.”

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: Loving God, hear our prayer.



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. In good stewardship, Saint Martin's holds its expenses to a bare 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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- Scan our QR code and donate online.



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

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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.

Support our Ministry

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