



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.

Easter Sunday Mass Bulletin

March 31, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- March 31st Easter Sunday Mass -11:30 a.m. - Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!
- May 11th Saturday Priest in the Park - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon - Taylor Park.
- May 19th Sunday Priest in the Park
 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Taylor Park.
- June 3rd-9th 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week - Visit Saint Martin's table at the Festival (on Saturday), and join us Sunday for the Ecumenical Pride Service.



For **The Order of the Mass**, please refer to the **Mass Worship Aid** handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says God. "The one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David and Bathsheba, the bright morning star."

"Come." Let the hearer say, "Come."

Let the one who thirsts, come! And come, the one who wants to receive the gift of life-giving water.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: How Great is Our God!

People Respond: How Great is

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My whole being praises God! O God, my God, how great You are! You are clothed in celestial splendor! You are wrapped in starry darkness. You stretch out the heavens like a tent for Your people.

People Respond: How Great is Our God!

You set Earth spinning in universal mystery. You blanketed Earth with water. Your voice thundered, and waters yielded land. Mountains breached oceans. Bedrock emerged from the deep. Now springs gush in valleys to give drink to every creature. By streams, birds sing among the branches. You water the mountains. Earth brims.

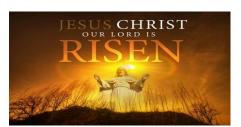
People Respond: How Great is Our God!

You give plants for all creatures to feed from the earth, wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the body.

People Respond: How Great is Our God!

How vast, how wondrous are Your works! In Wisdom, You made them all. Earth resounds with the music of the mystery of the universe.

People Respond: How Great is Our God!



Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Colossians.

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

Thus says God: Christ is risen! And you have been raised with Christ! Since resurrection is already yours, let the mysteries of the universe fill your hearts with ecstasy.

Wonder at the earth's precious and finite place in all of God's creation. Set your mind on virtues that endure. Jesus died. You also will die. You have already known death and loss. In baptism, you died with Jesus the Christ.

Trust that your eternal life, like Jesus', is already real. It may be hidden in God, nestled in God's womb; but, when the Universal Christ is revealed in fullness, you, also, will be birthed into wholeness.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

Visit our website www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org & sign up to receive our newsletter.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

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 John.

People Resp<mark>ond: † Glory to you, O</mark> God.

Early in the morning, on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

Mary stood, crying, outside the tomb. While weeping, she stooped down And saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting, one at the head and one at the feet of where Jesus' body had laid.

The angels asked Mary: "Why are you weeping?" She answered: "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they've put him." (Gospel continued on the next page.)



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont.)

The angels asked Mary: "Why are you weeping?" She answered: "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they've put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. She did not recognize him. Jesus asked her: "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking Jesus was the gardener, Mary said: "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her: "Mary!" She turned. She said to him, "Rabbouni?" - which means "Teacher." Jesus then told her: "Do not hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Beloved.

But tell my other disciples that I am going to my Beloved and your Beloved, to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene then went to the disciples with the message: "I have seen the Teacher!" And she told them what he had said to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: "Resurrected Jesus, hear our prayer."



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community, your time and talent are essential to breathing life into our new community of faith and keeping its mission alive.

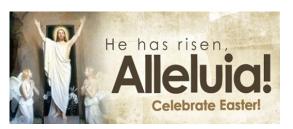
Your financial support is also necessary for us to meet our financial obligations, which, in good stewardship, we try to hold to an absolute minimum. Through your contributions, we can continue our commitment to serving others. Please know how grateful we are for your generous support and, most especially, 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 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 Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.



Announcements — Looking Ahead

- March 31st Easter Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of
- May 11th Saturday Priest in the Park 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon Taylor Park Mother
 Barb will be available to chat with anyone who wishes to stop by to say hi & learn what it
 means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith.
- May 19th Sunday Priest in the Park 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Taylor Park
- June 3rd-9th 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week Saturday, June 8th Parade at 10:00 a.m. Festival is from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Look for Saint Martin's table at the festival! Sunday, June 9th Ecumenical Pride Service at 10:30 a.m. Join Saint Martin's, First Congregational, St. Paul's UMC, and St. Luke's Episcopal for a morning of worship, with St. Paul's praise band providing the music.

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

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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