



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

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Ordinary Time  
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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).

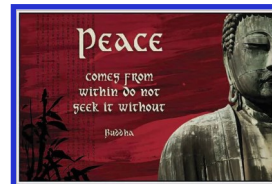
We are:

- 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](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua, son of Nun, secretly sent out two spies saying, "Go and scout out the land, especially Jericho."

When the two reached Jericho, they entered the house of an innkeeper, a prostitute, whose name was Rahab. They spent the night there. Jericho's ruler was told, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land."

The ruler of Jericho sent officials to Rahab with this order for her: "Bring out the visitors who have entered your house, for they have come to spy out the whole land." But the woman had taken the two spies and hid them.

Rahab said to the officials, "True, those you speak of came to me, but I did not know from where they came. When it was time to close the gate at dark, they went out. Where they went, I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them."

She had, however, brought them up to her roof and hid them with the stalks of flax she had laid out there. The officials went in pursuit of the spies, in the direction of the fords of Jordan. As soon as they had gone out, night fell, and the gate was shut.

The Israelites had not yet settled down to sleep when Rahab came up to them on the roof and said, "Now then, since I have dealt with you kindly, vow to me - by your God - that you, in turn, will deal kindly with my family. Give me an unmistakable sign of good faith that you will spare my mother and father, my sisters and brothers, their children, and all who belong to them,

and that you will deliver us from death." The two answered: "We pledge our lives for yours."

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Peace is within you.

*People Respond: Peace is within you.*

Blessed are you who reverence the Beloved, who walk in Love's way! You radiate an inner joy and peace wherever you go. Compassion draws you to the gates of those in need.

*People Respond: Peace is within you.*

Families and friends gather upon your doorstep. Children run to greet you with open arms. Yes, blessed are you who reverence the Beloved!

*People Respond: Peace is within you.*

Strangers feel at home in your home, nourished by your presence. The oppressed are comforted by your support. Blessed indeed are you who reverence the Beloved! Peace is within you!

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

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[www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Gospel

### Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now, beloved, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night.

While people are saying, "Peace has come! Safety is ours!" then sudden disaster will come upon them, like labor pains for a pregnant woman. They will not escape. But you, beloved, are not unaware. The Day of God will not overtake you like a thief. You are aware and alert.

We do not live in fear or ignorance. So then, let us not be lulled into laziness as is so easy to do. Let us rather be sober and alert.

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.

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 continued to teach the disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like

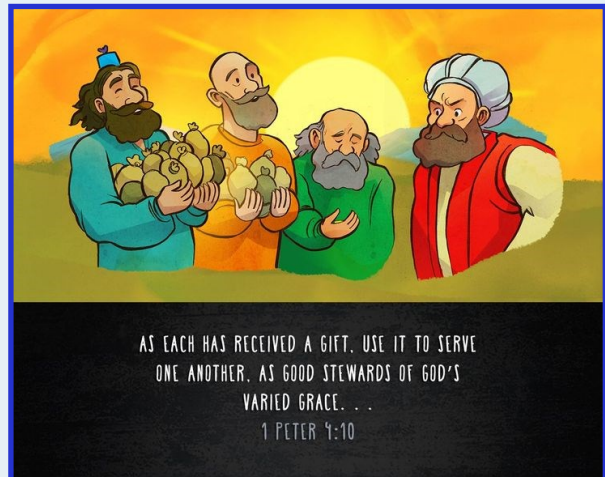
a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five talents; the second, two talents; and the third, one talent, according to each one's ability. The landowner then went away.

Immediately, the worker who received the five talents invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two talents doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one talent, instead, went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with the workers.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five, saying, "You entrusted me with five talents; so here are five more." The landowner said, "Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!"

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## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

*(Gospel cont.)*

The one who had received two talents then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, "You entrusted me with two talents; here are two more."

The landowner said to this one, "Well done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!" Finally, the one who had received one talent stepped forward and said to the landowner, "Seeing your ruthlessness - you, who reap where you did not sow, and gather where you did not scatter - and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here is your money back."

The landowner exclaimed, "You lout! So, you know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?"

Now then, the landowner said to assistants, "take the talent from this one, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For, to all those who have, more will be given and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. So, throw this so-called worker into obscurity, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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: "Everlasting God, 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!

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- Use your bank's online bill pay section to mail your donation directly to Saint Martin's (address above).
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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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