



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter Mass Bulletin

May 4, 2025

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
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**THE
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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 the Acts of the Apostles.

(Acts 9:10-21 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Risen Christ called to him in a vision, "Ananias." Ananias answered, "Here I am."

In the vision, Christ said, "Get up and go to the street called Straight. Ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there, praying.

In a vision, he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay hands on him, that he may regain his sight." But Ananias replied, "I've heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name."

But the Risen One said to him, "Go! For this Saul is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, rulers, and Israelites. I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name."

When Ananias entered the house where Saul was staying, he laid hands on Saul with the words, "Saul, you are my brother through Christ Jesus. I have been sent by Jesus, who appeared to you on the way here, to help you recover your sight. Be filled with the Holy Spirit!"

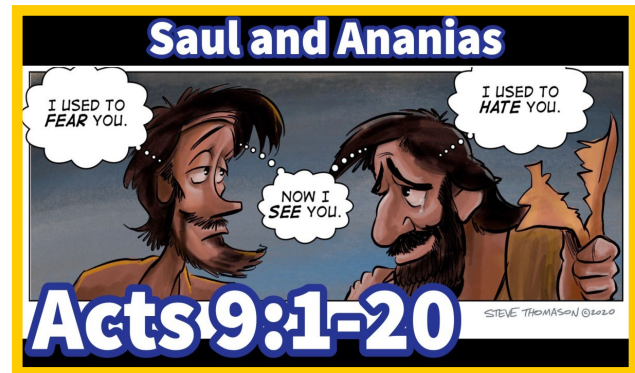
Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. He got up and

was baptized. After eating, he recovered his strength. Saul stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus. He began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "Jesus was of God."

All who heard him were astounded and said, "Isn't he the one who, in Jerusalem, ravaged those who called on this name. Hadn't he come here expressly to take those same people bound in chains to the chief priests?"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 30:2,4, 5-6,12-13 (CCL))

Lector: O God, you clothe us with Joy.

People Respond: O God, you clothe us with Joy.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
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I extol You, O God, for You have raised me up. You did not let evil rejoice. You revived my breath when I was dead, restored me to life from among those returned to dust.

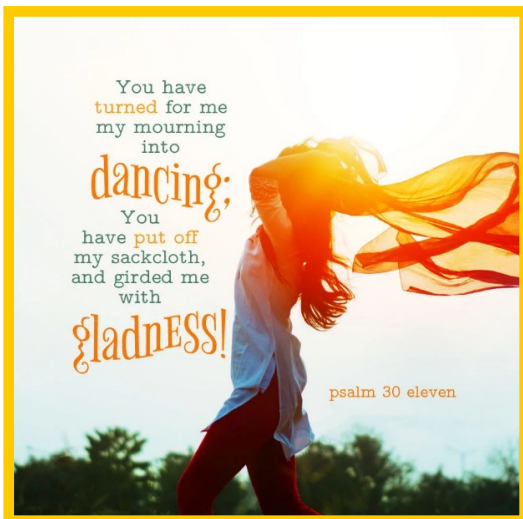
People Respond: O God, you clothe us with Joy.

Sing to the Everlasting One, you who love God. Alleluia to his Holy Name! Suffering will not last; for God's Love endures forever. At dusk, weeping comes through the night, but at dawn there is rejoicing.

People Respond: O God, you clothe us with Joy.

You changed our grief into dancing. You lifted our shroud and clothed us with joy so that our glory can praise Your glory! We cannot keep silent! You are our God! We will always give thanks!

People Respond: O God, you clothe us with Joy.



Second Reading
A Reading from the Book of Revelation.
(Revelation 4:1-3,6-8 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After the letters to the seven churches were opened and read, I had a vision of an open door to heaven. I heard the voice like a trumpet that had spoken to me before, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place." At once, I was spirited away.

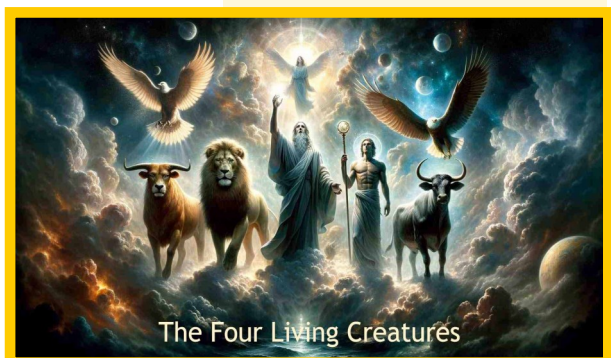
In the heavens stood a throne, with the appearance of the one seated on the throne sparkled like jasper and minerals. Around the throne was a halo-like rainbow, brilliant as an emerald.

Also around the throne, and on each side of the throne, were four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind. The first living creature resembled a lion; the second living creature, an ox; the third living creature had a face like a human face; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

The four living creatures, each of them with six wings, were full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night, without ceasing, they sing:

*"Holy, holy, holy, is God,
the Name above all names,
Who was, and is, and is to come."*

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



Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 24:13-33,35 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

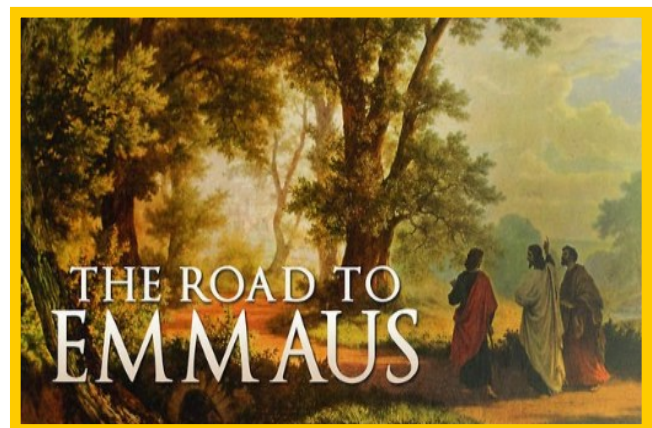
Two of Jesus' disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were discussing all that had happened as they went along.

While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them, but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them: ***"What are you two discussing as you go on your way?"*** They stopped, grief stricken.

One of them, Cleopas by name, asked: "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened these past few days?" Jesus said to them: ***"What things?"***

They said: "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet, powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people - how our religious authorities and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he was the one to set Israel free. Besides all this, just today - the third day since these things happened - some women of our group brought us astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn and didn't find the body. They returned and informed us they had seen a vision of two angels who declared that Jesus was alive. Some of our number went to the tomb and found it just as the women said. They didn't find Jesus."

Then Jesus said: ***"How misguided you are! How slow of heart you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! Did not the Messiah have to suffer all this and then enter into glory?"*** Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of Scripture which referred to the Messiah.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

By now they were near the village of their destination, but Jesus appeared to be going farther. They said eagerly to him: "Stay with us. It's nearly evening. The day is practically over." So, Jesus went in and stayed with them. After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened! They recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight.

They said to one another: "Weren't our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us along the way and explained the Scriptures to us?" They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem. There, they found the Eleven and the rest of the disciples assembled.

The travelers recounted what had happened along the way from Jerusalem, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.



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 & 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. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to 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.

Support our Ministry

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