



*Saint Martin of
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Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent

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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.

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 Exodus.

(Exodus 33:7, 9-13, 17-20 & 34:4-6, 27-32 (CCL))

During the early Exodus years, Moses would take a tent and pitch it himself outside the camp, some distance away. He called it the Tent of Meeting. Those who wished to consult with God would go out to that Tent of Meeting. Whenever Moses entered the Tent of Meeting, a pillar of cloud came down and rested at the entrance. All the people arose and bowed down at the entrance of their tents. In this way, God spoke to Moses, face to face, as friends would speak to one another.

Moses said to God: "You have told me to lead this people, but You have never told me whom You will send with me. You've said to me, 'I know you by name' and 'You have found favor with me.' So, if I have found favor with You, teach me your ways that I might truly know You and that I might find favor in Your sight.

God replied to Moses: "As you have asked, I will do; for you have found favor in my sight and I have known you by name."

Then Moses said: "Please. Show me your glory!" And God said: "I will make the fullness of my goodness pass before you. I will pronounce my name, I AM, in your presence. I show my grace to whom I show my grace, and I show my compassion to whom I show my compassion. But you cannot see my face. No human can see my face and live."

After the encounter, Moses chiseled out two stone tablets and, Early in the morning, climbed Mount Sinai carrying the tablets as God had commanded. Then, God appeared in a cloud and stood before Moses

to proclaim the divine name, I AM. God passed before Moses, proclaiming: "I AM! I am your God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in kindness and faithfulness."

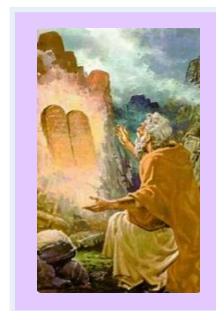
Then God said to Moses: "Put these laws in writing, for they are the terms of the contract, the covenant that I hereby make with you and Israel."

Moses stayed with God for forty days and forty nights, with neither food nor water, and wrote on the tablets the words of the Ten Commandments. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the tablets, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God.

When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near. Then Moses spoke to them. Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from God on Mount Sinai.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



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Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 15:1-5 (CCL))

Lector: Those who do justice see God's face.

People Respond: Those who do justice see God's face.

God, who may abide in your tent? Who may ascend your holy mountain?

People Respond: Those who do justice see God's face.

Whoever walks in integrity, does what is right, and speaks truth from the heart; Those who do not use the tongue for slander, do not wrong others, and never defame a neighbor.

People Respond: Those who do justice see God's face.

Whoever despises evil, but honors those who honor God; Those who keep their word, even if it does not benefit them; Whoever lends money at no interest; Those who accept no bribe against the innocent.

People Respond: Those who do justice see God's face.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken, and dwells with God.

People Respond: Those who do justice see God's face.

Second Reading A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter. (Peter 1:16-18 (CCL))

We did not rely on cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power of the coming of Jesus the Christ. Rather, we were eyewitnesses to this splendor. Jesus was honored and glorified by our loving God: There came to him, from the sublime Presence, a voice that said: "This is my

Gospel

Beloved, my Own, on whom my favor rests." We, ourselves, heard this voice come from the cloud when we were with him on the holy mountain.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
(Mark 9:2-10 (CCL))

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

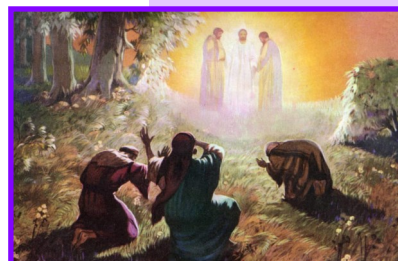
People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain so they could be by themselves. There, Jesus was transfigured in their presence. The clothes Jesus wore became dazzling, radiant with a brightness different from what any earthly bleacher could make. Then Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and they spoke with Jesus.

(Gospel continued on the next page).



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont).

Then Peter said, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be here. Let's make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter didn't know what he was saying. The disciples were all terrified. Then a cloud appeared, casting its shadow over them. From out of the cloud there came a voice: "This is my Beloved, my Own, listen to Him!"

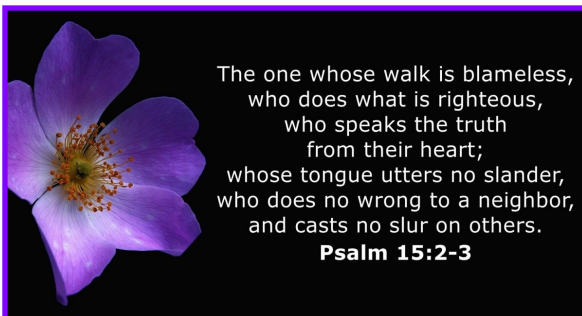
Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore - only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them to not tell anyone what they had seen until He had been raised from the dead. They kept Jesus' words and their experience to themselves, While questioning what "rising from the dead" could mean.

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Mark.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Announcements – Looking Ahead

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- **May - Priest in the Park** - Mother Barb will be in Taylor Park 1 Saturday & 1 Sunday per month, beginning in May. 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 Specific dates to be announced in April.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Saint Martin's will participate in parade & festival on June 8th. There will be an ecumenical Pride service in Taylor Park on June 9th. Stay tuned!

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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