



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Feast of the Epiphany
of the Lord

January 7, 2024

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.

Worship Location:
Saint Albans Bay
United Methodist Church Sanctuary
575 Lake Road,
Saint Albans Bay
Vermont 05481
Phone #802-332-3890

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- January 14th - Distribution of 2023 Giving Statements & 2024 Budget.
- January 21st - Guest Presider & Homilist, Father Mike Ellis of CACINA
- January 23rd – Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 74 years!
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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 Sirach.
(Sirach 24:1-5, 12-20 (CCL))

Wisdom sings Her own praises. She tells of Her glory in the midst of Her people. In the assembly of the heavenly host, the chorus of the universe, she opens Her mouth:

“I came forth from the mouth of the Creator. I came to Earth, covering Earth like mist. My tent was in the highest heavens, my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Then, a place on Earth was chosen for my tent, and I took root in a people honored by God, in God’s own portion and heritage.

I have grown tall as a cedar in Lebanon, as a cypress on Mount Hermon. I am raised aloft, as a palm in En-Gedi, as the rose bushes of Jericho. I have grown tall, as a fair olive tree in the field; and as a plane tree by the water.

I have yielded a perfume like cinnamon and camel’s thorn. I spread my fragrance like choice myrrh, like sweet spices, like the smoke of frankincense in the tent. I have spread my branches like terebinth, and my branches are glorious. Like the vine, I bud forth delights, and my blossoms become glorious and abundant fruit.

“I am the mother of beautiful love, of fear, of knowledge, and of holy hope. Being eternal, I am given to all my children, to those who bear the Holy Name. Come to me, all you who desire me, and eat your fill of my fruit. For the memory of me is sweeter than honey. Wisdom is sweeter than the honeycomb.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 96:1-4a 7-10 (CCL))

People Bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness.

Sing to the universe a new song; sing to the Beloved, all the earth. Sing to the Creator! Bless his name above all other names

People Respond: Bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness.

Proclaim the Glorious One, day after day. Declare the splendor of the Radiant One to all nations, the marvelous works of Love to all peoples. For great is the Beloved, and he is greatly to be praised.

People Respond: Bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness.

Give to God, you families of the earth! Yield to Love’s glory and strength! Give to God the glory due his Holy Name! Make of yourself an offering and be guided by Love.

People Respond: Bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness.

Bring gifts and enter God’s holy courts; bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness. Tremble before God, all the earth! Declare among all peoples: God is here! The Creator of the universe reigns!

People Respond: Bow down to the Beloved, splendid in holiness.

Don’t miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
(Ephesians 3:2-11 (CCL))

I trust you have already heard about the mission I have been given; to take up the cause of God's grace for you. That is, for those considered "outsiders." This mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have briefly written earlier. Reading about my conversion will enable you also to see into the mystery of the Christ.

In earlier generations, this mystery was not made known. Only in our time has it been made clear to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, through the good news of God.

Of this I became a minister by God's grace. To me, less than the least of God's holy people, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light, for all - the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things.

Through the church, the wisdom of God, in its rich variety, is now made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This radical welcome of all God's people was according to the eternal purpose that God intended from the beginning, and accomplished in Jesus the Christ.

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 2:1-12 (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.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Judea during the reign of Herod, the Magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem asking, "Where is the newborn leader of the Judeans? We observed the child's star at its rising and have come to pay homage."

When Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him. Calling together all the head priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah. For, from you shall come a leader who is to shepherd my people, Israel.

Herod secretly called for the Magi. He learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. He sent them along to Bethlehem, saying, "Go! Search diligently for the child! When you have found the newborn, bring me word so that I may also go and pay homage." *(continued on the next page)*



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

"Upon hearing these words of Herod, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, the mother, and they knelt down and paid homage.

Opening their treasure chests, they offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another route.

Celebrant: This is the good news from the Gospel of Matthew.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Christ, our Light, 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!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (payable to) "Saint Martin of Tours 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

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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

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

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