



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

13th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
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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

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck** - 10:30 a.m.
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival** - 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. - Like last year, we will partner with the [Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington](#) (also a [CACINA](#) ministry) to share a booth. Stay tuned for further details.



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 Second Book of Kings:

One day Elisha [EE-lye-shah] came to Shunem [Shoe-nehm], where there was a woman of influence, who urged Elisha to dine with her. Thereafter, whenever Elisha passed by the area, he would stop there to dine.

So she said to her husband: **“I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us, he can stay there.”** Sometime later, Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, **“Can something be done for her?”** His servant Gehazi answered: **“Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.”** Elisha said, **“Call her.”** When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, **“This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”**

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.

*People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.*

The promises of Yahweh I will sing forever, through all generations, my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

*People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.*

Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O God, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

*People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.*

For you are the glory of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted. For our shield belongs to Yahweh; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

*People Respond: Forever I will sing the goodness of our God.*

### Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death? We were buried together with him in a baptism of death. But, the glory of God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, just so we could live a new life.

If we died with Christ Jesus, we believe we will live together with him. We know that, since Christ Jesus rose from the dead, he cannot die again. Death no longer has power over him.

A Shunammite Couple Showed Hospitality to Elisha



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When Christ Jesus died, he died to sin forever. Now that he lives, he lives for God. Like Christ Jesus, you should consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive for God in Christ Jesus!

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.*

Celebrant: Announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness, and into his wonderful light.

*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: † Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Jesus said to the followers he sent out:

***“Whoever loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy to be my follower. Whoever loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy to be my follower. Whoever does not carry his cross and follow me is not worthy to be my follower. Whoever finds his life only in this world will lose it. But whoever loses his life in this world because of me will truly find it.”***

***“Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes God, the One whose sent***

## Gospel

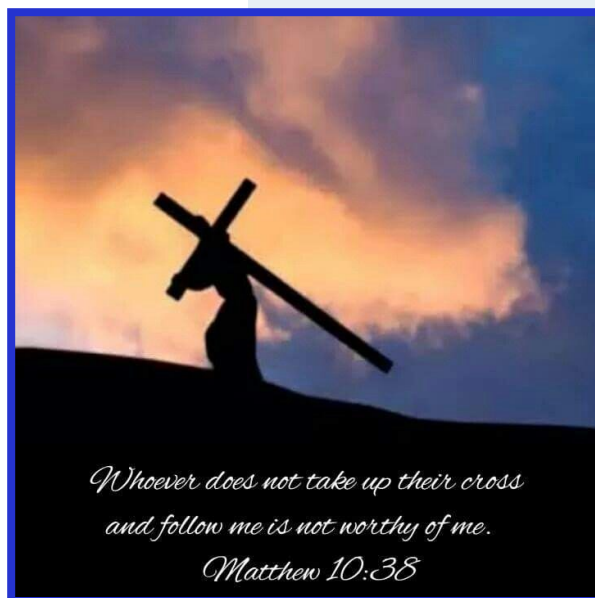
***me. Whoever welcomes someone because they are God's messenger will receive the gift God gives his messengers. Whoever welcomes someone because he is good will receive the gift God gives good people. And, whoever gives a drink of cold water to anyone because he is my follower, will not lose the gift God offers him.”***

Celebrant: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

*People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

### Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Gracious God, hear us.”*



*Whoever does not take up their cross  
and follow me is not worthy of me.  
Matthew 10:38*

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

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& sign up to receive our newsletter.**

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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).*
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [smartins.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:smartins.pastor@gmail.com).

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **August 13th - Second Annual Mass on the Farm & Potluck 10:30 a.m.**- Enjoy the beauty of Vermont's summer weather in full bloom at our Second Annual Mass on the Farm and Potluck Brunch! Don Fournier is again generously hosting our parish for this event. Please consult our website: [saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch](http://saintmartinoftoursvermont.org/mass-on-the-farm-and-potluck-brunch) for more information and directions to the Farm.
- **September 10th - Vermont Pride Festival 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** - Like last year, we will partner with the Incarnation Catholic Community of Burlington (also a **CACINA** ministry) to share a booth. Please sign up to help us set up, tear down and speak with Festival attendees about our faith community! Stay tuned for further details.

### 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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