



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

**30th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025**

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.

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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.
- **November 2nd - All Saints/All Soul's Mass** - 11:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back one (1) hour.
- **November 9th - Saint Martin of Tours Feast Day** - 11:30 a.m.

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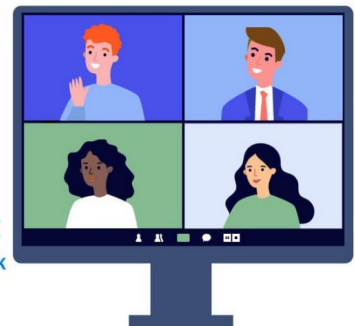
Sunday Mass Link:

bit.ly/SMOTICC-Mass-ZoomLink

Phone: 719-359-4580

Meeting ID: 843 9858 0806

Passcode: 257133



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 35:12,14-15, 22 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Give to God as God has given to you, generously and according to your means. But offer no bribes! These, God does not accept.

Our God is a God of divine justice, a Judge who doesn't play favorites. God never shows partiality at the expense of those who are poor. Rather, God hears the prayer of those who are exploited.

God will never ignore the pleas of children who have no home, or the bereft when they pour out their hearts. See how the tears that stream down their cheeks cry out against the one who causes them to fall!

But you who wholeheartedly give yourselves to God will be welcomed. Your prayer will reach the heavens and be carried upon the clouds. Indeed, the prayer of the humble heart pierces the clouds:

Until it is heard, it will not rest. It will no desist until God responds, granting justice to the righteous, and judging justly and mercifully. But alas for those who are unmerciful!

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 34:2-3,5-6,8,12-13,15-16,19-20 (CCL))

Lector: God hears us when we call to Him.

People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.

Lector: I bless God at all times. Praise is continually on my lips. In God alone do I glory. Let all who are humble hear this and be glad.

People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.

Lector: My spirit cried and was heard by God. I was lifted up and carried through troubled times. The angel of God wraps around us, and tends to all who long for love.

People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.

Lector: Come, my children. Listen to me. I will teach you to love God fearlessly and fiercely. Fix your gaze upon God, and your face will grow radiant. You will never hang your head in shame. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but in God you will not be condemned, you will be delivered into the fullness of life.

People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.

Lector: God is near to the broken-hearted. God helps those whose spirit is crushed. The eyes of God are on those who seek justice. God's ears are attentive to their cry.

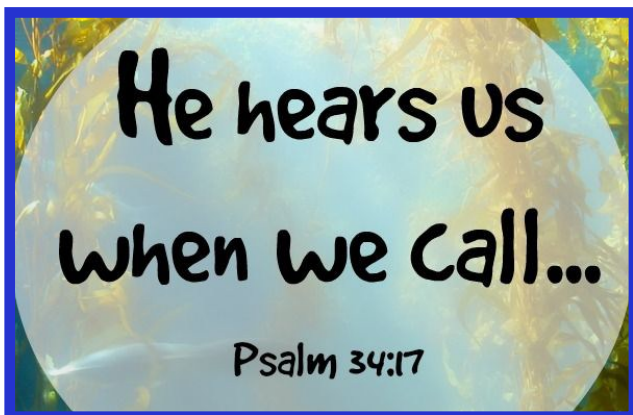
People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.

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or upcoming special Masses!
Visit our website*

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

Lector: Who loves to see good days? Who delights in life? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

People Respond: God hears us when we call to Him.



Second Reading

*A Reading from the Second Letter of Timothy.
(2 Timothy 4:6-19, 21-22 (CCL))*

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out like a wine offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is waiting a crown for righteousness, which God, the just judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me but to all love the Christ and long for the Christ's return.

Do your best to come to me quickly. Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he is of excellent use in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak that I

left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm. God will hold him accountable. You, too, must be on your guard, for he strongly opposed our words.

At my first defense, no one came to my support. All deserted me. May it not be counted against them! God stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. I was rescued from the lion's mouth. God will rescue me from all evil and preserve my heart for the cosmic kingdom. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greet Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. Try to get here before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, and Claudia send their greetings, as do all the beloved.

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: For all who raise themselves up will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be raised up.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 18:9-14, 18-24 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Good News attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

To some who trusted in their own righteousness and looked down on others, Jesus told this parable: *“Two people went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing alone, was praying like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my earnings.’*

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but while breast-beating said: ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this one went back home justified before God, rather than the other. For all who raise themselves up will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be raised up.”

Later, an official asked Jesus this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered, *“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall honor your father and your mother.’”*

The official replied, “All of these I

have observed from my youth.” *When Jesus heard this he said, “There is still one thing left for you. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”*

When the official heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. When Jesus saw that the official was filled with sorrow, Jesus was also sad and said, *“How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God.”*

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: Creator God, hear our prayer.



Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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 and 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. Support 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

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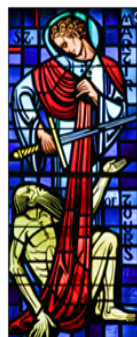
Pastoral Visits

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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