



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

**Solemnity of Christ the King
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 20, 2022**

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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 community centered around the Eucharist and all Sacraments
- a people of prayer and a people of service and social justice
- a sacramental community grounded in all we love of the Catholic tradition, the celebrations, and the rhythms of the liturgical year
- inclusive, affirming, respect 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!)

No matter what your experience of "being Catholic" has been, we honor you for who you are as a member of God's family. ALL who worship at Saint Martin's are invited to God's Table to experience and fully participate in the life of this community.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Nov 20th - Christ the King (Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)** - End of Ordinary Time 10:30 am
- **Nov 24th - Happy Thanksgiving!** (No Mass Today)
- **Nov 27th - First Sunday of Advent** - Blessing of Advent Wreath 10:30 am
- **Dec 18th - Decorating for Christmas** after Mass. Help us decorate St. Martin's!
- **Dec 24th - Nativity of the Lord** (Christmas Eve Mass) 7:30 pm
- **Dec 25th - Merry Christmas!** (No Mass Today)
- **Jan 1st - Mary, Mother of God** (New Years' Day Mass) 10:30 am
- **Jan 8th - Epiphany;** Help us undecorate after Mass
- **Jan 15th - Memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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

Inclusive Language Sources: World English Bible and
The Inclusive Bible/First Egalitarian Translation

Reading 1 - From the Second Book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel gathered at Hebron and said to David, "Behold, we are your own flesh and blood. In the days when Saul ruled over us, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And Yahweh said to you, "You shall shepherd of my people, Israel, and you shall be commander over Israel."

All the elders of Israel came to David at Hebron; and David made a covenant with them there, before Yahweh. And they anointed David as king of Israel.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

People Respond: I rejoiced when I heard them saying, "Let us go to the House of Yahweh."

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of Yahweh." And now we have set foot within your gates, Jerusalem.

People Respond: I rejoiced when I heard them saying, "Let us go to the House of Yahweh."

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity, as one united whole; Here, the tribes ascend, the tribes of Yahweh.

People Respond: I rejoiced when I

heard them saying, "Let us go to the House of Yahweh."

As God commanded Israel, They come to praise Yahweh's name. Here, where the tribunals of justice are, the judgment seats for the house of David.

People Respond: Yahweh comes to rule the earth with justice.

Reading 2 – From Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

Thanks be to God, who has made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the reign of Christ, His only begotten Son. And it is through Christ that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God; the firstborn of all Creation. For, in Christ, all things were created, in heaven and on earth: all things, visible and invisible, everything we can see and everything we can't see; All thrones, dominations, sovereignties and powers - all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Christ is before all things; In Christ, all things hold together. He is in the head of the church, and the church is His body.

Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn to rise from the dead, and so, Christ is first in every way, and in all of Creation.

God wanted all the fullness of perfection to be found in Christ, and all things to be reconciled back to Him through Christ.

God made peace with everything on earth and in heaven through the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross.

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People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) - Sung

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of our God! Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor, David!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – From the Gospel of Luke

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

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

The people stood there, watching, but the rulers sneered at Jesus and said: "He saved others, let him save himself, if he really is the Messiah of God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, and served him sour wine. And they said

to Him: "If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

There was an inscription above Jesus that read: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who hung there, beside Jesus, also insulted him, saying: "Are you not the Christ? Then, save yourself - and us!"

But the other criminal replied to the first, and rebuked him: "Have you no respect for God? We're all condemned to death. You and I received a just sentence. After all, we did so many bad things that we deserve to die. But this man, He did nothing wrong!"

And then the criminal said to Jesus: "Remember me when you come into your reign, in Heaven."

Jesus replied to him: "Amen, I say to you, today, you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

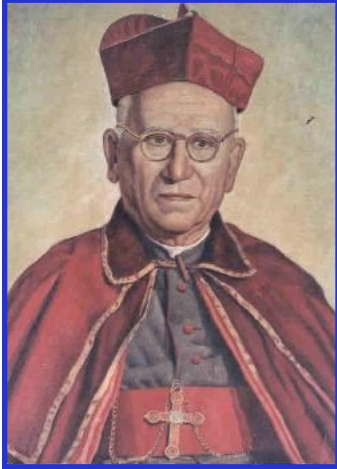
Prayers of the People

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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Our Catholic Roots



Saint Charles of Brazil (Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa, 1888-1961) became diocesan bishop of Botucatu, Brazil, within the Roman Catholic Church, on

December 8, 1924. He served in that office until the views he expressed about the treatment of Brazil's poor by government and church officials caused his removal from the diocese of Botucatu. Bishop Carlos was subsequently named Titular Bishop of Maura by Pius XII.

In the 1930s, Bishop Carlos was a strong advocate for the reform of the Roman Church. His positions included a more pastoral approach to the divorced, divorced and remarried; he challenged mandatory celibacy for the clergy, rejected abuses of papal power, and considered papal Infallibility a misguided and false dogma. Bishop Carlos' criticisms of the Brazilian fascist government in the 1930s and 1940s earned him repeated troubles.

In 1944, he was imprisoned, while Brazilian bishops and the Vatican remained silent regarding this injustice. Successful diplomatic pressure from U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and U.K. Prime Minister Winston Churchill gained Bishop Carlos his release.

On July 6, 1945. Bishop Carlos was eventually separated from the Roman Church by Pope Pius XII after criticisms of Vatican foreign policy regarding Nazi Germany. This schism was an act by Rome.

Following World War II, Bishop Carlos publicly denounced the Vatican's issuing of passports to some high-ranking former Nazi officials fleeing from the Allies to South America. Upon separation from the Roman Church, Bishop Carlos immediately established the independent Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (ICAB) church on that same date, which he led until he died in 1961.

After its founding, ICAB attracted inquiries from Catholics worldwide who wished to retain their Catholic Faith. They felt the Roman Catholic Church had failed to address contemporary world issues and hence, did not meet their pastoral needs. Bishop Carlos sent bishops to serve in these other countries. While bound by a common origin through Bishop Carlos Duarte-Costa's apostolic line, Catholic Apostolic communions were established, based on particular geographical boundaries, as self-governing and autonomous "jurisdictions." In addition to ICAB in Brazil, sister apostolic branches are formed in several other countries, each with a unique national identity, such as Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, and in South, Central, and in North America, as CACINA.

The Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) has been since its founding, and remains, an independent church with a presence throughout portions of the United States and Canada. CACINA is honored to share this heritage with the larger family of Catholic Apostolic Christians. All are our brothers and sisters in Christ, whom we love and honor as children of the same God in heaven, and with the same brother on earth: Saint Charles of Brazil.

From such a history, one could believe that there was great animosity felt by both Bishop Duarte-Costa toward the Roman Catholic Church. Nothing could be further from the truth. The events recorded here are history that caused much suffering. That the Church of Rome contributed to the persecution of Saint Charles, and later ICAB/Brazil, is reprehensible and cannot forever be a source of discord.

The Roman Catholic Church is one of the long-standing pillars of the Christian faith. We are all one in Christ, and to hold animosity toward the Roman, her people, or her leaders would be to have such feelings for Christ. As the bishop of Rome, the Pope occupies a unique position in the Christian world.

It is to this role that Christ called Saint Peter. He did not call Peter a monarch or a head of state, but, like Jesus Himself, to be a servant, a voice for peace among peoples, a teacher, a defender of the right and a promoter of justice, and a leader in our day. As with all our Christian brothers and sisters, CACINA holds the bishop of Rome and all the people of God of the Roman Catholic Church in deep affection and respect. In this, we obey our Savior and Redeemer who taught us, "By this shall all people know you are my disciples when you love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:35).

Currently, approximately 250 religious organizations in the United States consider themselves part of the Independent Sacramental Movement (independent Catholic churches). These churches are diverse, ranging from those with only one or two clergy and no parishioners to those like CACINA, with a national presence and established Faith communities, missions, and ministries.

In the United States, CACINA evolved into a fully affirming, inclusive, and welcoming communion of churches and ministries. CACINA's mission of sacramental justice invites ALL to participate in the Sacraments of the Church, without judgment. We welcome ALL PEOPLE, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, divorced/remarried, married or single, into full participation in the church. CACINA has maintained a thorough selection and preparation process for Holy Orders (ordinations) but reserves no impediments.

The national church has a diverse clergy of straight, gay, trans, married, single, male, and female deacons, priests, and bishops. Some CACINA clergy complete three years of closely directed study and pass a rigorous, independently scored comprehensive examination through the Saint Charles Seminary. Others are trained in nationally accredited seminaries.

All CACINA clergy give their time in active ministry without financial compensation. Within the Independent Sacramental Movement, lay persons are invited (and needed) to be actively involved in the governance of their local faith community. Through diverse gifts, the laity exclusively manages financial and administrative matters. It takes a village!

Collaborative relationships among pastors and their respective faith communities negate the need for hierarchical decision-making. Pastors and other parish clergy tend to hold a consultive role, along with primary responsibilities for liturgy, sacraments, and pastoral care. Together, clergy and laity collaborate to promote evangelization, stewardship, and lay involvement within community ministries. There are also opportunities for lay leadership within CACINA and for representing the local faith community at national CACINA gatherings (known as General Assemblies).

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.

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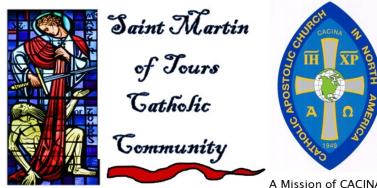
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