



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Sunday Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent & Feast Honoring our Lady of Guadalupe December 8, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.
(Proverbs 8:22-31 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

God gave birth to me, Wisdom, at the beginning, long ago, before the first acts of Creation. From of old I was formed, from the beginning, before the world began.

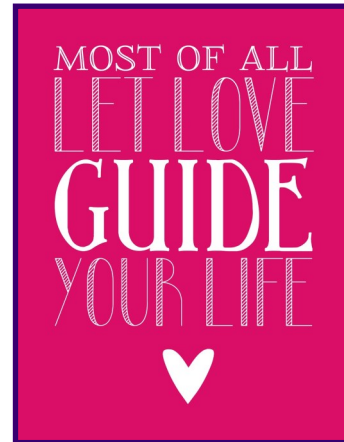
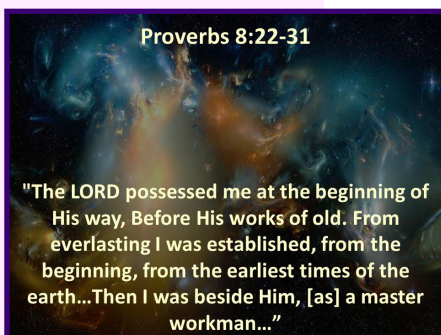
When the deep seas were not, I was brought forth, nor were there springs abounding with waters. Before mountains took their shape, before the hills, I was born. God had not yet made the earth or its fields, nor the first clods of soil.

I was there when God established the heavens and their courses and traced out their horizons circularly above the sea. I was there when God gathered in clouds and the sources of the deep began to swell. I was there when God set the boundaries of the seas, the waters and their shorelines.

I was there when God laid the foundations of the earth. I was the skilled artisan beside God, delighting God, day after day, ever at play in the presence of the Holy, rejoicing in the whole of creation, and delighting in all humankind.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 46:1-11 (Merrill))

Lector: May Love ever guide our lives.

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

Lector: The Beloved is our refuge and our strength, a Loving Presence in times of trouble. We need not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with tumult.

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

Lector: There is a river whose streams make glad the Holy City, the habitation of the Holy. The Beloved is in the midst of it; it shall not be moved. Our loving Creator is an ever-present help. Nations may be at war, countries left in ruins, yet the cosmic Sound of Silence is heard, slowly breaking through hearts of stone. The Beloved is ever with us, the infinite Heart of Love.

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

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

Lector: Come, behold the works of the Beloved, how love reigns even in humanity's desolation. For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease, shining into fearful hearts, loving even those who oppress the weak, refining hearts of steel!

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

Lector: "Be still and know that I am Love. Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy! Do you not know you bear my Love? Who among you will respond?"

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

Lector: O Blessed One, You know all hearts. You are ever with us. May Love ever guide our lives!

People Respond: May Love ever guide our lives.

Second Reading

**A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians.
(Philippians 1:3-5, 9-11 (CCL))**

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, that you may be discerning, with a love both sincere and intelligent.

May you live a circumspect and exemplary life until the day of Jesus the Christ. May it be filled with the fruits of righteousness for the glory and praise of God.

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: O come, Emmanuel, come.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 1:26-38 (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.

In the sixth month after Elizabeth conceived, the angel Gabriel, a messenger, was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman. She was unwed, but betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David and Bathsheba. The young woman's name was Mary.

The angel of God entered and said to Mary, *"Greetings, O favored one! God is with you."* Mary was deeply disturbed by these words and pondered what this greeting could mean. But the messenger said to her, *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."*

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a child, a son, and you are to give him the name 'Jesus.' He will be great, and will be called 'Child of the Most High.' God will give to your child the seat of his ancestors, David and Bathsheba. He will rule over the House of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel forever, and his reign will have no end."

Mary said to the messenger, "But how can this come about, since I do not yet know a man?"

Gabriel responded, *"The Holy Spirit will breathe upon you, and the strength of the Most High will protect you in its shadow. And so the child will be holy, and will be called 'Born of God.'"*

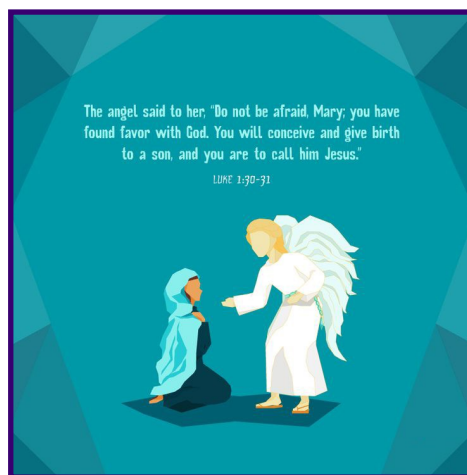
And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth, in her old age, has also conceived. She, whom people called

barren, is now in her sixth month - for nothing is impossible for God."

And Mary said, "May it be so. May your word be fulfilled in me." Then the messenger sent by God departed from her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: O come, Emmanuel, come.



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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.
- 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 saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **December 12th - Christmas Caroling Rehearsal at St. Albans Bay UMC** - 6:00 p.m.
- **December 14th - Christmas Caroling at Local Nursing Homes** - Saint Martin's will join St. Albans Bay UMC for Christmas Caroling in local long-term care facilities around the Franklin County area. To participate, or if you know of a long-term care facility that would appreciate a visit by Carolers this December, please reach out to Rev. Barb. - Time TBD
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Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: saintmartins.info@gmail.com or inform Rev. Barb to have prayer request included in the upcoming Mass.

Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Rev. 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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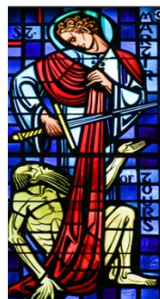
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