



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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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.

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

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.

Welcome Bishop Michael!



[CACINA](#) Presiding Bishop, Michael Theogene, & Rev. Honey Theogene are joining us for today's Mass on their first visit to our community!

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Yes! I hear the whispering of many, "Terror all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce Jeremiah!" All who were my friends are watching for any misstep. They say, "Perhaps he will stumble, and then, we will prevail against him, and we will take our vengeance out on him."

But Yahweh is with me, as an awesome, and mighty One. My persecutors will stumble; they will not triumph. They will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable disgrace, because they have not dealt wisely.

But, Yahweh is all-powerful, who tests the righteous and who sees the heart and the mind, let me witness the vengeance you take on them; for to you have I entrusted my cause.

Sing to Yahweh! All praise to Yahweh! For God has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: O God, in your great love, answer me.

People Respond: O God, in your great love, answer me.

I have become a stranger in my own family, a stranger to my mother's children. For the zeal of your house consumes me. The reproaches of those who reproach

you have fallen on me. When I wept and I fasted, that was to my reproach.

People Respond: O God, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O God, for the time of your favor. In your great kindness, answer me, with your constant help. Answer me, O God, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

People Respond: O God, in your great love, answer me.

For God hears the poor; He has not neglected those who are captives. For God will free Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. He will return, at last, those who were expelled from the land. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them!

People Respond: O God, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading

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

Sisters and brothers:

Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death. Death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned - for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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Gospel

But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man, Christ Jesus, overflow for the many.

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: The Spirit of truth who comes from God will bear witness on my behalf.

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 told the followers he sent out to serve the people: "Don't be afraid of others! Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed. And all your secrets will be known. What I told you in the darkness, speak in the light.

And what you heard me whisper in your ear, proclaim to everyone from the rooftops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot

kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and spirit in Gehenna."

Then, Jesus said to the Twelve: "Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? Not even one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's knowledge. All the hairs on your heads are counted, and so, do not be afraid. You are worth so much more than many sparrows!

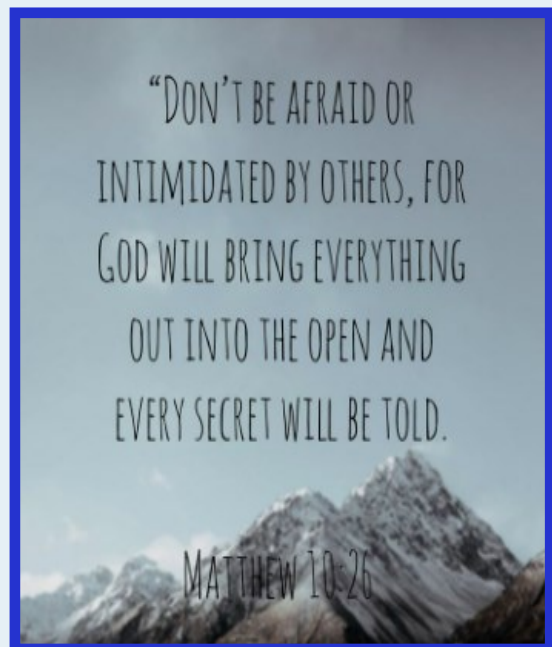
Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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: Loving God, hear our prayer.



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.

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 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 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

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