



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

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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.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **March 24th - Palm Sunday** - 11:30 a.m. - Holy Week begins.
- **March 28th - Holy Thursday** - No Mass today.
- **March 29th - Good Friday Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 7:00 p.m.
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- **March 31st - Easter Sunday Mass** - 11:30 a.m. - Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

(Exodus 35:20-29 (CCL))

Moses spoke to the whole community of Israelites, "This is what God has commanded: All who are skillful among you shall come and make all that God has commanded. You will build the Tabernacle and all that is in it: from the entrance of the Dwelling, to its frames, to the bread of the Presence, to the altar, and all the accessories." Then the whole community of Israelites withdrew from Moses' presence.

And all those whose hearts stirred them, and all those whose spirit prompted them, brought an offering for the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and for all its service and for the sacred vestments. Both the men and the women came, all as their hearts prompted them.

They brought brooches, rings, bracelets, necklaces. All those who had pledged gold to God brought golden objects of every kind. All those who happened to own violet, purple, or crimson materials, finely woven linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed red, or fine leather, brought that. Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as an offering to God. Anyone who had acacia wood, suitable for any of the woodwork to be done, brought that.

All the skilled women set their hands to spinning, and brought what they had spun: violet, purple, and crimson materials, and fine linen. All those women whose hearts stirred them by virtue of their skill, spun goats' hair.

The leaders brought cornelians and other stones to be mounted on the ephod and on the breast piece, as well as spices, and oil for the light, anointing oil, and fragrant incense.

Every man and woman and every Israelite, brought to God such voluntary offerings as they thought best, for the various kinds of work which God had commanded Moses to have done.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 133:1-3 (CCL))

Lector: Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

People Respond: Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity, when we live in harmony.

People Respond: Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

Peace is like precious oil poured on the head, running down Miriam's cheek, running down on Aaron's beard, down our necks, upon the collar of our clothes.

People Respond: Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Peace is like the dew of Mount Hermon falling down upon Zion. For where the Holy One bestows blessing, there is life forevermore.

People Respond: Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of James.
(James 5:13-14 (CCL))

Is anyone among you suffering? Let them pray.

Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of Christ Jesus.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ, who reigns in endless glory.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
(Mark 14:1, 3-9 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Gospel

The Passover of the Festival of Unleavened Bread was just two days away. Jesus was staying in Bethany, near Jerusalem. While reclining at table in the home of Simon, the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly oil. She broke open the jar and poured the fragrant oil on Jesus' head. Some of those present said indignantly to one another, "Why waste this precious oil? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages, and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her, harshly.

But Jesus said, "*Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can show kindness to them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body to prepare for my burial. I tell you, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed throughout all the world, what she has done will be told, in memory of her.*"

Celebrant: My friends, this is the good news from the Gospel of Mark.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Merciful God, hear our prayer.



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

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- **May - Priest in the Park** - Mother Barb will be in Taylor Park 1 Saturday & 1 Sunday per month, beginning in May. Stop by to say hi & learn what it means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith Specific dates to be announced in April.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Saint Martin's will participate in the Pride festival on June 8th. There will be an ecumenical Pride service in Taylor Park on June 9th. Stay tuned!

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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