



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

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.

5th Sunday of Easter Mass Bulletin

May 18, 2025

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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.
- **June 8th - 11:00 a.m.** (Please note time change of Mass).
- **June 8th - Spiritual Stations of Pride: An Experiential Walk for LGBTQIA+ in Taylor Park - 1:00 p.m.** Join Franklin County's open and affirming faith communities in this ecumenical, collaborative event. All are welcome!



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 the Acts of the Apostles.

(Acts 14:21-27 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts.

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to the city of Derbe and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch.

In each place, they strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the reign of God."

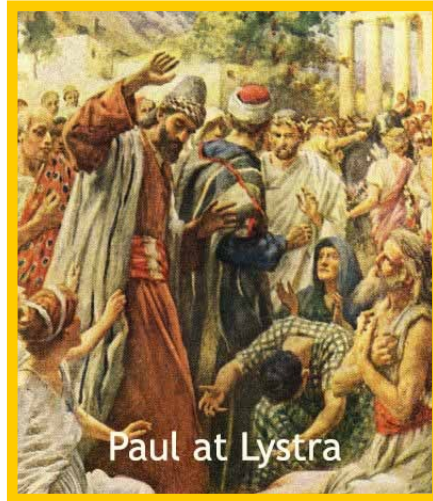
They appointed presbyters for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to God in whom they had put their faith. Then, they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.

After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished.

When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done through them, and how God had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. Paul and Barnabas stayed there with the disciples for some time.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Paul at Lystra

Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Isaiah 56:1,3,4-5; 6-7 (CCL))

Lector: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

People Respond: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

This is a word from God: "Make fair judgment your concern. Guard the common good. Do what is right. For soon all will be set right. My justice is coming."

People Respond: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

Do not let the foreigner who would follow God say: "God will surely exclude me from the chosen people." Do not let the eunuch say: "I am just a dry tree."

People Respond: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

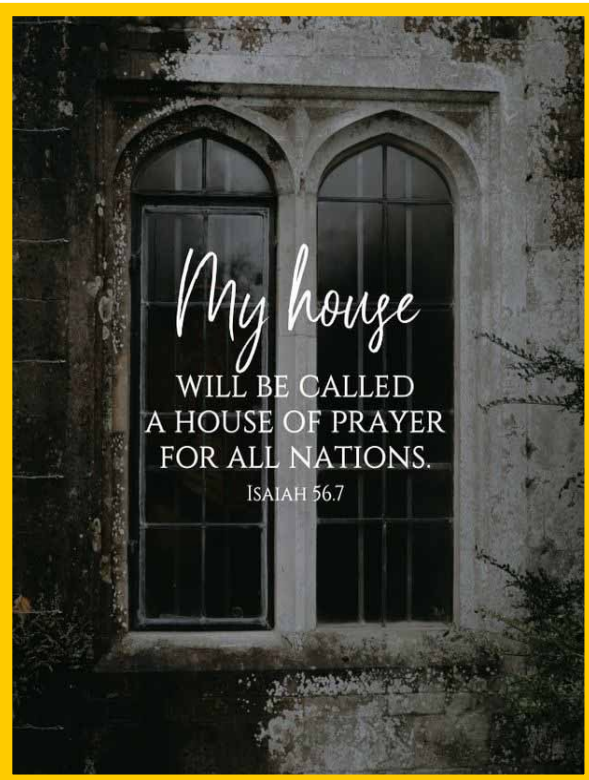
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For this is God's word: "To eunuchs who keep my Sabbath, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant, I will give them, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name. Better than offspring, I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

People Respond: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

To foreigners who join themselves to God to do the work of God, and to love the name of God, and to be servants of God... All these are welcome. They will be joyful in my house of prayer! For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

People Respond: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.



Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

(Revelation 21:1-6 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The first heavens, and the first earth, had passed away. The sea was no more. I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of the skies, adorned as for a wedding day.

I heard a loud voice calling: ***"See, God will make a home among the human race. God will dwell among them. They shall be God's people. God will be with them, always, Immanuel! God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. Mourning and sadness and pain will be no more. The old order is past and gone."***

Then the Holy One said: ***"See, I am making all things new. Write this down, for these words are sure and true: It is accomplished! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water."***

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

People Respond: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

(John 21:1-14 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Gospel attributed to John.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples, this time at the Sea of Tiberias (also known as the Sea of Galilee). He was revealed in this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called “the twin”), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

Simon Peter announced, “I am going fishing.” The rest of them replied, “We are going with you.” They went out and got in the boat but caught nothing at all that night.

When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn’t recognize him. Jesus spoke to them: **“Good Morning! Did you**

catch anything for breakfast?” They answered, “No.”

He said: **“Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”** So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s Jesus!” When Simon Peter realized that it was the Teacher, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and then dived into the sea.

The other disciples came in by boat for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread already cooking on it. Jesus said: **“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.”**

Simon Peter joined them and pulled their net to shore - 153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t tear. Jesus said, **“Come and eat. Breakfast is ready.”** Not one of the disciples dared ask, “Who are you?” They knew who it was.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third-time Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after being raised from the dead.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.

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 & 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. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to 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

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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