



*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

April 28, 2024

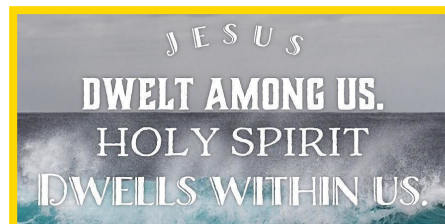
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## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at [www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

# Liturgy of the Word

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### First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
(Acts 16:1, 40 & 17:1-4,10-12; 22-25, 27-28, 32-34 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After being released from prison in Philippi, Paul and Silas went to the house of Lydia, a leading dealer in purple cloth. She was a new follower of Jesus. They encouraged all who gathered in her house before leaving Philippi. After a long journey, they reached Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue.

Paul went into the synagogue, as was his custom. On three consecutive Sabbaths, he discussed and debated the scriptures with them, interpreting them, and explaining that the Messiah had to suffer and then rise from the dead: "And this Jesus whom I proclaim to you," Paul said, "is the Messiah."

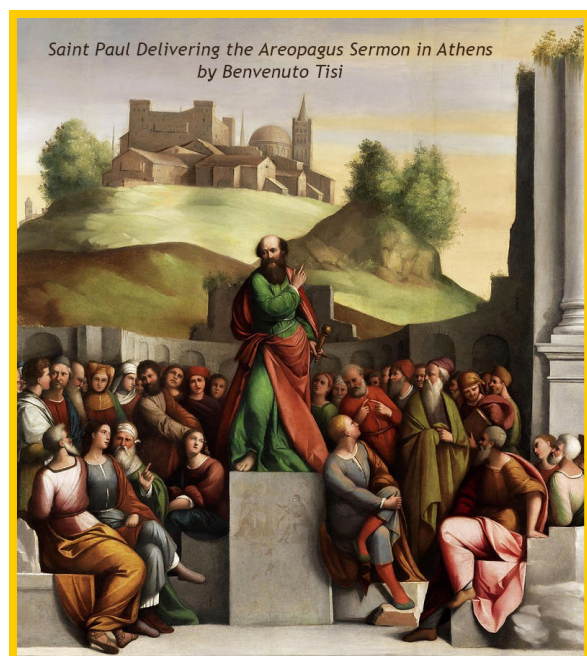
Some were convinced and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many Greeks including a number of the leading women. From Thessalonica, Paul and Silas went to Berea. Upon arrival, they went to the Jewish synagogue. These Jews were students of Scripture. They received the word with all willingness, and examined the Scriptures to see how Paul's interpretation was supported by the text. Many believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing.

Later, the believers sent Paul to Athens, where he was distressed to see the city full of idols. He debated in the synagogue with the Jews and God-fearing Greeks. He debated daily in the marketplace with

whomever happened to be there. Some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also debated with him.

Some said: "What does this babbling say?" Others said: "He seems to be proclaiming foreign deities." They said this because Paul was preaching about Jesus and the resurrection.

Then they brought Paul to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him: "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" Paul then stood up among them and said: "People of Athens, I see how very religious you are in every way. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I found an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What you worship as 'unknown', I proclaim to you that the God who made the world and everything in it, is the God of heaven and earth, and does not live in shrines made by human hands. It is God who gives everything - including life and breath - to everyone. Indeed, God is not far from each one of us. For in God, we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We, too, are offspring of the Divine.'"



Paul then spoke to them about the resurrection of the dead. Some sneered, but others said: "We are eager to hear more from you about this." Paul left, but some of the Athenians joined Paul and became believers, including Dionysius the Aeropagite, who was a member of the high court of appeals; a woman named Damaris; and a number of others.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)** (Psalm 22: 10-11, 26-28, 30-32 (CCL))

Lector: The Beloved dwells among us.

*People Respond: The Beloved dwells among us.*

Beloved, You are the One who took me from the womb. You kept me safe upon my mother's breasts. Upon You I rested from my birth. Ever since my mother bore me, You have been my strength.

*People Respond: The Beloved dwells among us.*

I will tell of Your Name to all I meet! In the midst of the assembly, I will praise You! All who are in wonder of the Mystery, give praise!

*People Respond: The Beloved dwells among us.*

To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation. You promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast. The hungry shall eat and be satisfied. Those who seek You shall sing praise! Your heart shall be our dwelling place forever.

*People Respond: The Beloved dwells among us.*

### **Second Reading**

**A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John.**

(1 John 3:1-2, 18-21, 23-24 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

See what love God has given us that we are called Holy Ones, beloved children of God, God's own! That is what we are! Beloved, we belong to God; we are of God. What we will be has not yet been revealed. But when it is made known, we shall be like the Christ, for we shall see God as God is.

Dear ones, let our love continue in our words and in our speech; but let our love be genuine, revealed true through our actions. In that way, we will know that we are living with integrity. When our hearts condemn us, know that God is greater than our hearts.

God knows everything, sees more than we see, and is gracious. If our hearts do not condemn us, Beloved, we have boldness before God, for we have heeded God's commandment of love. God commands that we trust in the way of Jesus the Christ, who is of God, and that we love one another, just as Jesus called us to do.

All who follow these commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. We know that God abides in us because the Spirit of God has breathed into all our hearts.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*



## Gospel

### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

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

### Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.  
(John 15:1-2, 4-5, 8 (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 John.

*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

“I am the true vine, and my loving God tends the vine. God cuts off dead branches. Even branches that do bear fruit may need pruning to flourish.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. You must be rooted to bear fruit. Your fruitfulness is God’s glory.

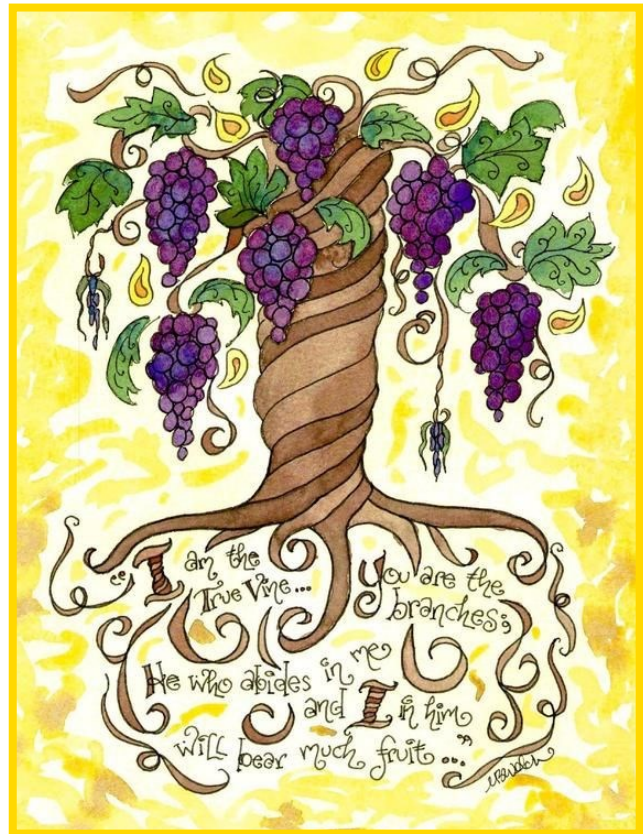
“Love in action is your fruitfulness. Do not love only in word. You show yourselves to be my disciples by the fruit that you bear, which is the Beloved’s glory.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

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

### Prayers of the Faithful

*People Respond: “Risen Christ, we trust in you.”*



*Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!*

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& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

# Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

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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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link ([https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC\\_Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely))
- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).

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### Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto: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

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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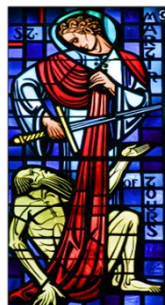
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