



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Solemnity of Christ the Servant 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time November 26, 2023

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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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*Christ the
King*
SUNDAY

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book Prophet Ezekiel.

(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (CCL))

Thus says God: "I myself will search for my sheep and tend them. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when the clouds were low and the darkness thick.

I myself will shepherd my sheep and pasture them. I myself will give them rest," says God. "The lost, I will seek. The stray, I will bring back. The injured, I will bind up. The weak, I will strengthen. But the shepherds who have fattened and fed themselves while depriving my sheep, I will destroy. I will feed them with justice."

"As for you, my sheep," says God, "I will judge between the sheep and sheep, between rams and goats."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 23:1-2a,2b-3, 5,6 (UCCCB))

Lector: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures, he gives me repose.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

People Respond: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A Reading from a Letter of Paul to the Romans.

(Romans 15:25-29 (UCCCB))

I, Paul, have decided to travel to Jerusalem in the Service of God's holy people there, because the churches of Macedonia and Achaia have chosen to make a generous contribution to those who are poor among God's holy people in Jerusalem.

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Gospel

Yes, they chose to do this with pleasure; not that they did not owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in the spiritual blessings of the Judeans from Jerusalem, they ought also to be of service to them in material things.

So, when I have made this delivery, and have given this harvest into their hands, I will set out to Spain, visiting you in Rome on the way. And know that in coming to you, I shall also come with the full measure of blessing from Jesus the Christ.

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.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 25:31-46 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

When the Chosen One comes in honor, with all the angels alongside, and takes up the seat of judgment, all nations and peoples will gather around.

Then, the Chosen One will sit as judge and separate people, one

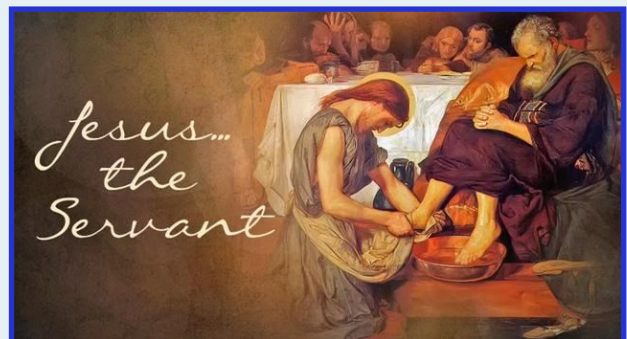
from another, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep will be placed to the right, the goats to the left. Then the Chosen One will say to those on the right,

“Come, you whom my loving God has blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the beginning of creation. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you made me welcome; I was naked and you clothed me; I was ill and you came to my assistance; I was in prison, and you visited me.”

Then those on the right will ask, *“But Your Honor, when did we see you hungry and give you food, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger, or see you naked and give you clothing? When was it that you were sick and we helped you? When did we visit you in prison?”*

And the Chosen One will reply to them, *“In truth, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, you did for me.”*

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Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

(Gospel cont.)

Then the Chosen One will say to those on the left, *“Depart from me, with your own curse upon you, into the eternal fire prepared for evil and those who wreak evil. For I was hungry, but you did not feed me. I was thirsty, but you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you never made me welcome. I was naked and you gave me no clothing. I was sick and you refused to help me. I was in prison and you never visited me.”*

Then those on the left will ask, *“But when did we see you hungry or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or sick, or in prison, and not come to your help?”*

Then the Chosen One will reply to them, *“In truth I tell you, what you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”*

And these will go away suffering eternal consequences. But the righteous will enter into eternal life.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: “Everlasting God, hear our



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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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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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