



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Mass Bulletin

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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.

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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.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Acts. (Acts 2:42-47)

Lector: They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayer. Awe came upon the spirit of all, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common. They would sell their property and possessions, and they divided everything among all, according to each one's need. Every day, they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to the community those who were being saved.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm Psalms 118:2-4)

Lector: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

People Respond: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Lector: Give thanks to our God, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

People Respond: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Lector: I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

People Respond: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Lector: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

People Respond: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Letter of Peter. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Lector: Blessed be our God and Christ Jesus, our Savior! Because of his great mercy, God gave us a fresh, new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead. This is a hope that lives in us.

God gave us an inheritance that will never die. It is imperishable, pure, and will never fade away. It is being kept safe for you in heaven, through faith. Faith tells you that the power of God watches over you. Faith also tells you that God is preparing a place for you in heaven that will be shown at the end of time.

In this you rejoice, although now, for a little while, you may have to suffer various trials. But this will prove that your faith is more precious than gold; that it is tested by fire. In this way, your faith may prove to be for the praise, glorify, and honor of God, when Jesus comes again.

Although you have not seen Jesus, you love him; even though you do not see Jesus now, yet believe in him. You rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith – the salvation of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Jesus said: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to John. (John 20:19-31)

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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

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

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus locked the doors of their meeting place, for they feared the Temple leaders. Jesus came and appeared in their midst, saying: ***“Peace be with you.”***

When he had said this, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They disciples rejoiced when they saw the resurrected Jesus.

Jesus said to them again: ***“Peace be with you. Just as my Father has sent me, so I send you.”*** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them: ***“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”***

But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus appeared. And so, the other disciples said to him: ***“We have seen Christ Jesus.”***

Thomas replied to them: ***“Unless I see the scars from the nails in his hands, put my finger into the nailmarks, and touch the scar in his side, I will not believe.”***

A week later, the disciples were again inside the locked room, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came into the room, even though the doors were locked, and he stood before them, and said: ***“Peace be with you.”***

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Then Jesus said to Thomas: *“Place your finger here and see my hands. Take your hand and see my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”*

Thomas answered him: *“My Lord and my God!”*

Jesus then said to him: *“You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

Now, Jesus performed many other signs and miracles in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these miracles are written down so that you may still believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, through believing, you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Risen Christ, hear us.



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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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