

Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community

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.

Saint Martin of Sunday Bulletin

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- November 24th Celebration of Christ the Servant - 11:30 a.m.
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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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
A Reading from the Book of Daniel.
(Daniel 7:13-14 & 12:1,3 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Daniel.

I, Daniel, had many visions during the night. As they continued, I saw One like a human figure coming with the clouds of heaven. When the figure reached the Ancient of Days and was presented, they received dominion, splendor, and the power of a ruler.

All nations, peoples and tongues would serve this one, whose dominion is everlasting and shall not pass away. The dominion of this One shall not be destroyed.

A messenger from God, the human figure, spoke to Daniel in a vision:

"A time of unsurpassed distress is coming, a time of anguish such as has never been known since nations first came into existence. Yet, the wise will shine brightly, like the splendor of the heavens. Those who have guided the people to justice, will shine like the stars forever."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 83:1-13 (CCL))

Lector: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Lector: O great creator, do not keep silent. Do not withhold your peace or be still, O Giver of Life. For fear is rampant in the world. Those who rule by oppression rise up with power. They lay deceptive plans against the people. They consult together against freedom and justice.

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Lector: Crafty words contradict intent, as thousands reap dire consequence. Nations go to war and the innocent suffer. Yes, they conspire with one accord; against Love, they make a covenant. No institution is free from the insidious arm of corruption.

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Lector: Who will succor the homeless, the orphans, the starving, those cast aside by decisions based on greed? Who will speak up on their behalf?

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Lector: O Beloved, let all that is unholy within us be cleansed. As the fire consumes the forest, as the flame reaches up to the heavens, let the refining fire of Your love reach into the hidden places within open hearts. Forgive us and let the deep regret of our souls Rise up as contrite offerings.

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Lector: Let the nations turn from violence and destruction. Let them know that You alone, You who are love, You who reign in Love, are the Most High over all the Earth; You reign throughout the heavens.

People Respond: Do not be still, O Giver of Life.

Second Reading A Reading from the Book of Hebrews. (Hebrews 10:32-39 (CCL))

Lector: Remember the days past when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a great contest of suffering. At times, you were publicly exposed to abuse and affliction.

At other times, you associated yourselves with those so treated. You even joined in the sufferings of those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, knowing that you had a better and lasting possession. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence!

It will have great recompense. You need endurance to fulfill the desire of God's heart and receive what God has promised:

"For, after just a brief moment, the one who is to come shall come, and shall not delay. The just shall live by faith. I take no pleasure in those who draw back."

We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life.

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.

Celebrant: As for the day or the hour, no one knows but God alone.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. (Mark 13:1-32 or 1-8, 24-32 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.
Celebrant: A reading from the Holy
Gospel Good News attributed to Mark.
People Respond: † Glory to you, O
God.

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of his disciples said, "Look, Teacher, what large stones! What grand buildings!"

Then Jesus asked, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another. All will be thrown down."

Later, when Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, across from the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew questioned him when they were by themselves: "Tell us, when will this be? What will be the sign that all these things are about to happen?"

Then Jesus told them: "Beware that no one deceives you. Many will come using my name and say, 'Here I am'. They will mislead many through deception. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This is something that must happen; but the end is still to come. Nation will fight against nation, and empire against empire. There will be earthquakes in various places; and there will be famines. This is the beginning of birth-pangs.

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

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Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

"But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time, people will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Angels will be sent to gather the chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

"Take the fig tree as a parable and learn its lesson. As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that the one coming into the world is near, right at the door. This generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"As for that day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven, nor the one born of God, but only God and God alone."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Gracious God, hear us.





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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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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