



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

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.

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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.
- **October 19th - In-Person Sunday Mass resumes & First Mass on Zoom** - 11:30 a.m.
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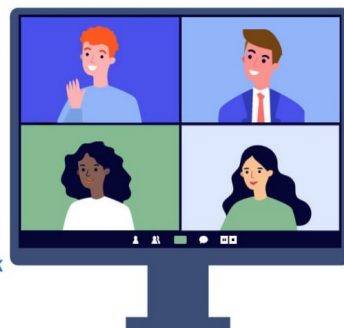
Sunday Mass Link:

bit.ly/SMOTICC-Mass-ZoomLink

Phone: 719-359-4580

Meeting ID: 843 9858 0806

Passcode: 257133



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 Genesis.
(Genesis 38:6-27 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Judah had three sons. Tamar was married to the eldest, Er, who was wicked. God took Er's life, leaving Tamar a young widow. Judah arranged for his second son, Onan, to be her husband and raise up a child for his deceased brother, to continue his line. Onan refused Tamar a child.

So, God took Onan's life. Judah then said to his daughter-in-law, Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my third son, Shelah, grows up." For Judah thought, *"I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers."*

Tamar went and lived in her father's house. Time passed. Tamar saw that Shelah had grown up but that she was not given to him in marriage. With no prospect of husband or child, Tamar veiled herself in disguise. She sat at the gateway to the road that Judah was to travel on his way to shear his sheep. Judah, seeing her, mistook her for a prostitute because she had her face covered.

Not realizing it was his daughter-in-law, he said, "Come now, let me sleep with you." "And what will you give me to sleep with you?" she asked. "I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he offered. "Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?" she asked. He said, "What pledge should I give you?" "Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand," she answered.

So, he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. After they departed from one another, she took off her veil and put

on her widow's clothes again. Judah sent her the young goat by a friend of his, who was also to recover the pledge from the woman.

Judah's friend inquired of the townspeople, "Where is the temple-prostitute who was by the roadside?" They responded, "No prostitute has been here." Returning, Judah's friend reported, "I did not find her. What's more, the townspeople told me there had been no prostitute there."

"Let her keep the things," Judah replied, "or we shall be made a laughing-stock. After all, I came good on my promise by sending this kid, even though you could not find her."

About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law, Tamar, has played the harlot, and is pregnant." "Bring her out," ordered Judah, "let her be burned."

As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "It is the man to whom these things belong that made me pregnant. To whom do this seal and this cord and this staff belong?"

Judah recognized them and said, "She is more in the right that I am, since I did not give her to my son, Shelah." Judah had no further sexual relations with Tamar, and she gave birth to twins, Perez and Zerah. Through Perez, David, the ruler, was born of Tamar's line.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

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or upcoming special Masses!
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**www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.**



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 121:1-8 (CCL))

Lector: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

People Respond: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

Lector: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the Holy One, who creates the cosmos, who created this Earth.

People Respond: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

Lector: God will not let your foot slip. The One who keeps you will not slumber. The One who keeps you will neither slumber nor sleep.

People Respond: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

Lector: God is your keeper, your shade at noon, your strength. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

People Respond: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

Lector: God will keep you from all evil. God will keep your life. God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and always.

People Respond: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Timothy.
(2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 (CCL))

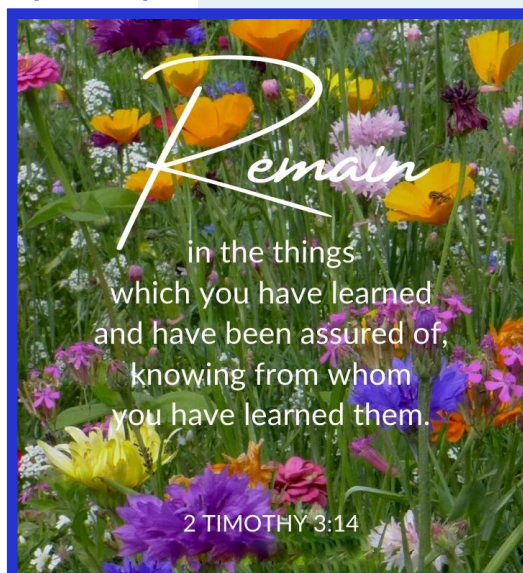
Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Timothy.

As for you, Timothy, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. From infancy, you have known the sacred scriptures, which are able to make you wise through faith in Christ Jesus. The holy scriptures are inspired by God and useful for teaching, giving counsel, reconciling and training in justice, so that the servant of God may be competent, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Jesus the Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's coming and the kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word. Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Convince, counsel, reconcile, and encourage people as you teach with the utmost patience.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 18:1-8 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Good News attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not lose heart. He said: *"In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to the judge with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'*

"For some time, she was refused by the judge. But, finally, the judge thought, 'Even though I do not fear God or respect people, because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

Jesus said, *"Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not, then,*

God bring about justice for God's chosen ones, who cry out in prayer day and night? Will God keep putting them off? I tell you, they will get justice, and quickly. However, when the Chosen One comes, will anyone with faith be found on Earth?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: Creator God, hear our prayer.



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 and 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

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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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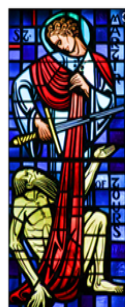
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