



*Saint Martin  
of Tours  
Catholic  
Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
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## 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.

## Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Jan 1st through Feb 12th - Collection of Palms at Saint Martin's** Please bring any palms, palm crosses, etc., you may have at home. Palms distributed on Palm Sunday are blessed. Do not discard them. Instead, please bring them with you to Mass.
- **Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins** (Wednesday evening Mass with distribution of ashes) 7:00 pm
- **March 12th - Daylight Savings Time Returns!** Spring forward one hour. DST ends Nov 5th.
- **April 2nd - Palm Sunday** Holy Week begins.
- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper** Time TBA
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion** - 3:00 p.m.
- **April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - Time TBA
- **April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass** - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!

**Our Guest Celebrant today  
is Fr. Mike Ellis.**

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

### Reading 1 - From the Book of Sirach.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments; they will save you. If you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose. Stretch forth your hand.

Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.

The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

*People Respond: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

*People Respond: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

*People Respond: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Their hearts are steadfast; they shall not fear. Lavishly they give to the

poor; Justice shall endure forever; Their horns shall be exalted with honor.

*People Respond: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

*People Respond: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

### Reading 2 — From Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom — mysterious, hidden, which God pre-determined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew. For, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

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

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[www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org)  
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

## Guest Celebrant: Fr. Mike Ellis

### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Gospel – From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

*People Respond: † Glory to you, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Lord, hear our prayer.*



## Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

### Current ways to help our community.

- \* Prayers for our new faith community.
- \* Liturgical Banners: seeking a group of individuals to help us make (rather than purchase) liturgical banners for our worship space.
- \* **ONE LICENSE** Membership (church music licensing) to resume using music during liturgies.
- \* Advertising Resources to help spread the word.
- \* Liturgical Bells.

*To submit your gift for Saint Martin's or for more information on how to help our ministry, please call 802-332-3890, or*

## Announcements – Looking Ahead

### Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Passion of Our Lord - Blessing & Distribution of Palms.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on his way to his passion and death. The Palm Sunday celebration marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- ***Holy Thursday, April 6th, TBA - Mass of the Last Supper.*** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his Great Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- ***Good Friday, April 7th, 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.*** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- ***Holy Saturday, April 8th, TBA - Easter Vigil.*** Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- ***Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!***

### 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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