



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 26, 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.

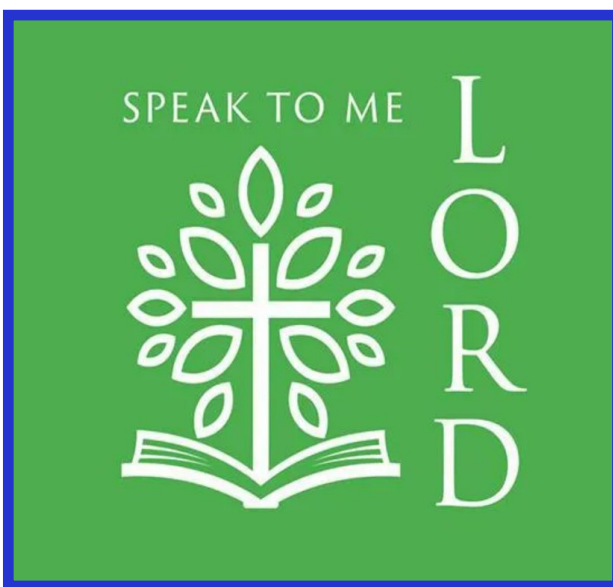
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- January 23rd - Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 75 years!
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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 Nehemiah.

(Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,7, 8-10 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

On the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the scribe brought out the Book of the Law before all the assembled people of all genders, including women, men, and children old enough to understand the reading.

Ezra read the book aloud from early morning till noon while facing the broad expanse before the Water Gate, in the presence of all the people, women, men, and children included. All listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra stood on a raised, wooden platform made for the purpose. He opened the book in the presence of all the people. When he opened it, all the people stood; and when Ezra blessed the Most High, the Greatest God, all the people raised their hands with the response, "Amen, Amen". Then, they knelt down, and bowed before God, their faces to the ground.

The Levites explained the law to the people who remained in their places. Ezra interpreted the Book of the Law as he read it and gave it meaning so that the people understood it.

Then Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra, the priest and scribe, along with the Levites, instructed the people, saying to all of them: "This day is holy to the Most High God - your God. Do not lament. Do not weep" (for all the people had been weeping with sorrow as they listened to the words of the Law).

Then Nehemiah continued: "Go now! Enjoy rich food and sweet wine! Be certain that you send a share to those who cannot provide for themselves. For this day is holy to our

God. Let no one be sad, for the joy of God is our strength."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 19:8-10, 15 (ANEW))

Lector: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

People Respond: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Lector: Your precepts, Yahweh, are right; They gladden the heart. Your command is clear; It gives light to the eyes.

People Respond: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Lector: Reverence of you, Yahweh, is holy; abiding forever; Your decrees are faithful; and all of them just.

People Respond: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Lector: They are more precious than gold; They are much more than pure gold. They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

People Respond: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

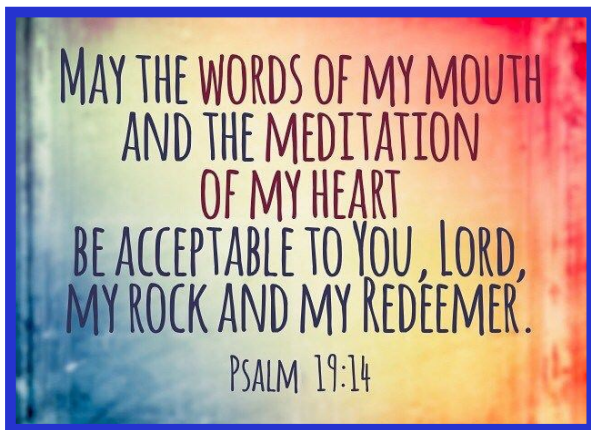
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or upcoming special Masses!*

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*www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org
& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Lector: May the spoken words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart win favor in your sight, O God, my Redeemer, my Rock!

People Respond: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.



Second Reading

A Reading from Book of Revelation.
(Revelation 5:1-5 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the right hand of the One who sat high in the heavens, I saw a scroll. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals.

Then I saw a commanding angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

But no one in heaven, on earth, or under the earth could be found to open the scroll or reveal its contents. I wept bitterly because no one could be found to open or read the scroll.

One of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Offspring of Bathsheba, has overcome and will open the scroll with the seven seals."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

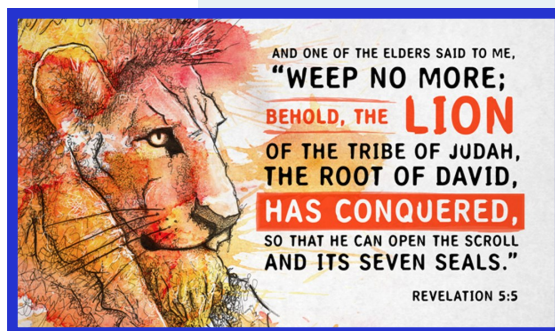
Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: The Father has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (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.

Many others have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events fulfilled among us, just as they were passed on to us by the original eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word.

I, too, have investigated everything carefully, from the beginning, and have decided to write an orderly account for you, noble Theophilus, so that you might know the truth of the teaching you received: After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led him to the desert where he was tested. Then, Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit in him. His reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the synagogues in Galilee, and all were loud in their praise.

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont.)

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom. He stood up to do the reading.

When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passages where it was written: *"The Spirit of God is upon me. The Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor. The Father has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, for recovery of sight to those who are blind, to release to those in prison, and to proclaim the year of God's favor."*

Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the synagogue attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

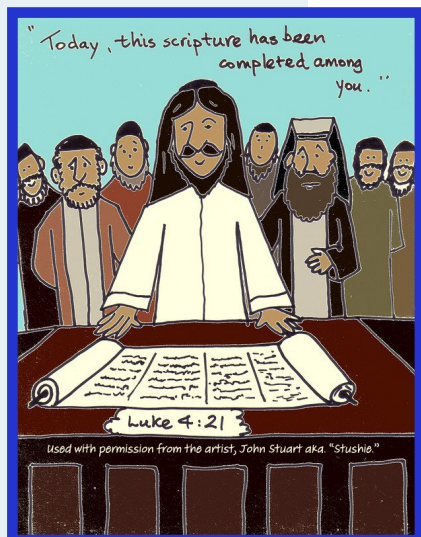
Then Jesus said to them: *"Today, in your hearing, these scriptures are fulfilled."*

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Hear us, O God.



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.
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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.

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