



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

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

- **October 6th - Pet Blessing in Taylor Park** - 10:00 a.m. *NO MASS at Saint Martin's.*
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- **Christmas Caroling in December** - Stay tuned for more info in mid-October.

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 the Numbers.
(Numbers 11:25-29 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

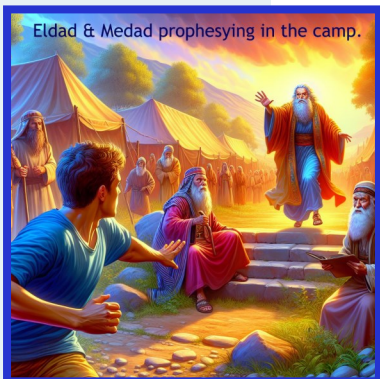
God appeared in the cloud and spoke to Moses. God took some of the prophetic spirit that was on Moses and rested it on the seventy elders who had left the camp with Moses to worship in the Tent of Meeting.

When the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied; but they did not do so again. However, two of the seventy elders remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad. The spirit remained on them. They were among those registered as elders. They had not gone out to the Tent with Moses and the other elders, so they prophesied within the camp.

Someone from the camp ran to tattle on them to Moses, saying: "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua, Moses' assistant, was one of those Moses had chosen to be a leader, and he said: "Yes, Moses, stop them!" But Moses said, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of God's people were prophets! If only God would bestow the spirit on them all!"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 19:2-3, 5:8-10, 11 & 15 (CCL))

Lector: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

People Respond: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

Lector: The heavens themselves sing of Yahweh's glory! Fertile darkness gives birth to the divine dance! Day unto day proclamations ring out. Night unto night wisdom is revealed. Their music resounds through all the earth, their words, to the ends of the world.

People Respond: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

Lector: This Wisdom of God is all-embracing, refreshing the soul. The precepts of God are sure, making wise the simple. The words of God are true. All of them are just, good and right.

People Respond: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

Lector: Your wisdom, Yahweh, is more desirable than gold, than a treasure of pure gold; Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of honeycomb.

People Respond: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

Lector: May the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts, be sweet and pleasing to You. Yahweh, our Source and our All.

People Respond: Yahweh, we hear Your voice.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Second Reading

A Reading from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
(Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Gifts were given to each of us that, together, we may be the gift of Christ to the world. Some of us were gifted as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others, still, as pastors and teachers. Each helps to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, the building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Chosen One, maturing into the fullness of humanity.

For we are not infants, tossed by waves and swept by every wind of "teaching" arising from deceitful interests. Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into the one who is the head, the Christ. In Christ, the whole body is joined and held together by every supporting ligament. The proper functioning of each part brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in Love.

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: Your word, O God, is truth; consecrate us in truth.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
(Mark 9:14-29, 38-41 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

After Peter, James, and John experienced Jesus transfigured, they came down from the mountain. When they rejoined the others, they saw that a large crowd had gathered around the disciples. Some religious scholars were debating with them. Immediately, when the crowds saw Jesus, they ran to greet him. He asked, "**What are you debating about?**"

Someone from the crowd answered, "Sir, I brought to you my child who has a mute spirit. Whenever the spirit comes, it seizes my child and dashes the body to the ground. My poor child grinds teeth, foams at the mouth, and goes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."

Jesus said to the disciples, "**You faithless generation! How much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring the child to me.**" So, they did. Immediately, the mute spirit threw the child into convulsions. Falling to the ground, the child writhed and foamed at the mouth.

Jesus asked, "**How long has this been happening?**" The parent responded, "From infancy. It has often thrown our child into the fire, and into the water, with one end in mind: death. If you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us." "**If you are able!**" retorted Jesus. "**All things can be done for those who believe.**" Immediately, the parent cried out, "I believe. Help my unbelief."

(Gospel continued on the next page.)

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel cont.

Seeing that crowds were coming, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, ***“You! The spirit that keeps this child from speaking and hearing! I command you - come out, and never again return!”***

After shouting and convulsing the child terribly, the spirit came out. The child’s body looked like a corpse, so that most said, “Your child is dead.” Taking the child’s hand in his own, Jesus raised the child, who was able to stand.

When Jesus returned to the house where they all were staying, the disciples asked him in private, “Why couldn’t we drive the spirit out?” Jesus said to them, ***“This kind can only come out through prayer.”***

Sometime later, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name. We tried to stop it since the person isn’t one of us.” Jesus responded, ***“Do not stop such a one! No one who does a powerful act of compassion in my name can, in the next moment, say anything ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will not lose God’s gratitude.”***

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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- Scan our QR code and donate online.



If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements – Looking Ahead

- **October 6th - Pet Blessing & Ecumenical Worship Service in Taylor Park** - 10:00 a.m. Saint Martin's will join with First Congregational, St. Paul's UMC & St. Luke's Episcopal to honor our animal friends. Please bring your pets to our worship service which will include Pet Blessings and remembering furbabies who have crossed Rainbow Bridge. We invite everyone to take part and bring along pictures of beloved pets. **NO MASS at Saint Martin's.**
- **Mid-October Gathering Meeting for Christmas Caroling in December** - St. Albans Bay UMC; Date/Time TBA. Contact Rev. Barb for more info.
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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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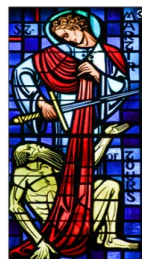
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