



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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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FIRST SUNDAY
in Lent

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 Jeremiah.
(Jeremiah 8:4-7 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Tell the people of Judea: "Thus says God - When someone falls, do they not rise again? If they turn away, do they not turn back? Why then are these people in constant rebellion? Why do they cling to deception, and refuse to return?"

I have listened closely; they speak what is not true. No one regrets wickedness; no one says, 'What have I done?' Everyone keeps running their course, like a horse dashing into battle.

"The stork in the sky knows its seasons. Turtledoves and thrush observe the time of their return; but You, My people, do not know the sacred order of things, the holy harmony of things. How can you say, 'We are wise! We have the law of God!'"

The law has been changed into falsehood by the lying pen of the scribes!"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 78 (Merrill))

Lector: Return to God, the Beloved.

People Return to God, the Beloved.

Lector: Listen well, O peoples of Earth, to inner promptings of the Spirit. Let Silence enter your house that you may hear! For within your heart, Love speaks; not with words of deceit, but of spiritual truths to guide you upon paths of peace.

People Respond: Return to God, the Beloved.

Lector: Throughout the ages, the lover of the universe has shown the marvels of creation, of wonders to behold. All through the ages, Earth has yielded its bountiful harvest. When will we attune our hearts to the music of the Earth's rhythms? Who will rouse us from our apathy and quicken our spirits that we might serve the God of Love?

People Respond: Return to God, the Beloved.

Lector: Who will awaken our sleeping minds? Who will lift up our hearts to the Truth? Greed has become the great destroyer of life, taking without offering back, consuming Earth's bounty with abandon, leaving death, disease, and destruction in its wake.

People Respond: Return to God, the Beloved.



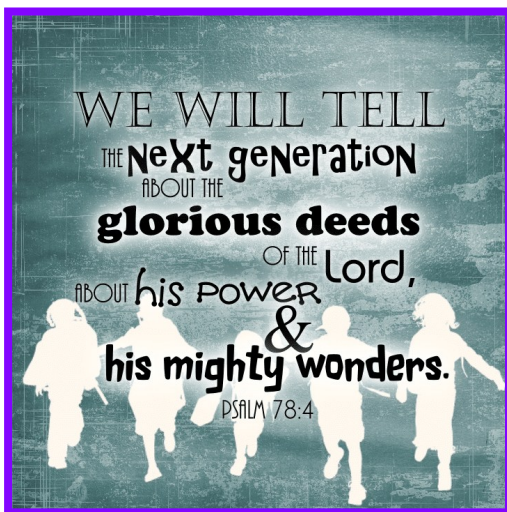
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Lector: Even so, the Source of Life remains faithful, ever ready to lead us out of the wilderness, and speak to us in the Silence of our Hearts. For, if we return to the Beloved, listening for Love's voice within our own hearts, we will walk in integrity; we will radiate love.

People Respond: Return to God, the Beloved.

Lector: The Beloved awaits. Let us arise and journey to the new dawn, where peoples of Earth will be united in peace, where harmony will reign forever in the beauty of diversity, and all peoples will know the One Who is Love.

People Respond: Return to God, the Beloved.



Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.
(Romans 10:5-8, 10-13 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Moses writes this about the righteousness, that is, by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."

But the righteousness, that is, by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will make it up into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who will go

down into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart." For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess and are healed.

As Scripture says, "No one who believes in Me will be put to shame." There is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same God is God of all and richly blesses all who call upon his Holy Name. Indeed, "Everyone who calls on the name of the God will be heard."

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: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 4:1-13
(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.

After his baptism, Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit and was led into the desert for forty days. There he was tested by the Devil, the Voice of Embodied Evil. Jesus ate nothing at all during those days.

At the end of the forty days, Jesus was hungry. The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Chosen One of God, command that this stone to turn to bread."

Jesus answered: "*It is written, 'We do not live on bread alone.'*"

Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant and said to Jesus: "To you I will give all power and dominion over them, and the glory that goes with it. It has been given to me, and I can give it to whomever I wish. If you only worship me, it will all be yours."

But Jesus answered: "*Scripture says, 'You shall worship God alone, whom alone you shall serve.'*"

Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the parapet of the Temple, saying, "If you are God's Chosen One, throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you. With their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash even a foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered: "*It also says, 'Do*

not test your God.'"

After exhausting every test, the Devil left Jesus, until the opportune moment.

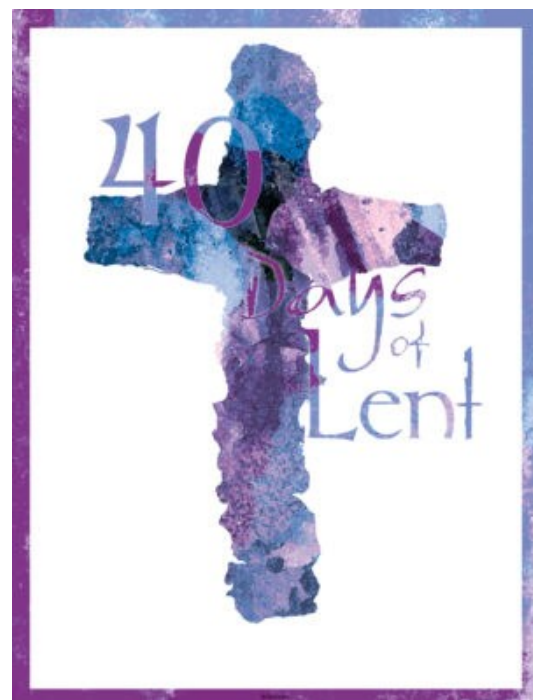
Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.



Prayers of the People

People Respond: In Your mercy O 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).
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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.

Support our Ministry

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