



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 15, 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.

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).

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### Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

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- **Christmas Caroling in December** - Stay tuned for more info in mid-October.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.  
(Isaiah 50:4-9 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.


God has opened my ear. I know my lot. I was not rebellious; I did not turn back from suffering. Instead, I gave my back to those who struck me, and turned my cheek to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. God is my helper: I have set my face like flint. Shame is not mine.

The One who vindicates is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let us talk face to face. If God is the one who helps me, who can declare me guilty?

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*



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Isaiah 50:4

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Psalm 62:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 (CCL))

Lector: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

Lector: In the hush of God, my soul finds rest, and liberation comes. In the silent strength of God, I shall not be greatly shaken.

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

Lector: How long can one be assailed? How long till a tottering fence, or a leaning wall, topples. Some have been counseled in but one purpose; to bring another down. Delighting in falsehood, they bless with their mouths, while in their hearts, they curse.

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

Lector: Those who are true to their word, even at a high price; Those who lend without interest, and accept no bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things can never be shaken.

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

Lector: Surely the children of Adam and Eve are but a breath. Those born of humans are ephemeral. Weighed together, they are lighter than air. So, should your riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Trust in God at all times, in all things. Pour out your heart to the God who embraces you.

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

Lector: One thing God has said, two things have I heard: "Yours alone, O God, is the Power, the power that is Unfailing Love;" and "You repay everyone according to their lives and loves."

*People Respond: In Your silence, O God, we find strength.*

## Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

(1 Peter 1:2-7; 3:13-18 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

To the exiles of the Diaspora...May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God of Jesus the Christ! In great compassion, God gave us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. We now have an inheritance that does not fail. This is your treasure, awaiting you when your time comes.

You, by the power of God, are safeguarded through faith, to a wholeness that will ultimately be revealed. In this you rejoice! Although now - for a little while - you may have to suffer various trials. In the trials you may suffer, the genuineness of your faith will be tested, like gold in a refiner's fire. However, your faith is more precious than gold. Gold can perish.

May the genuineness of your faith prove stronger than gold. May it prove to be for the praise, glory, and honor of Jesus the Christ. Now, who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for doing good? But even if you should suffer for doing the right thing, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified. Do not fear those who seek to hurt you. Rather, revere Jesus the Christ in your hearts.

Always be ready to explain to anyone who asks, the reason for your hope; but do it with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed for their slander. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel

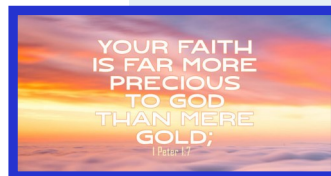
### Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Celebrant: May I never boast except in the cross of Jesus the Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*



### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

(Mark 8:27-37 (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.*

Jesus journeyed on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way, he asked his disciples: **“Who do people say that I am?”** They answered, “John the Baptist. Others say Elijah. Still others, one of the prophets.”

Then Jesus asked them: **“But you... who do you say that I am?”** Peter answered: “You are the Anointed One, You are the Christ.” Jesus sternly told them not to tell anyone about him.

Immediately, Jesus began to teach them that the Incarnate One, the Anointed One, must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and religious lawyers. He must be killed, and after three days, rise again. Jesus said all this quite openly. (Gospel continued on the next page.)

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

### Gospel cont.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him. Turning, and looking at the disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter saying: ***“Get behind me, Satan! Your mind is not set on the things of God, but on human things.”***

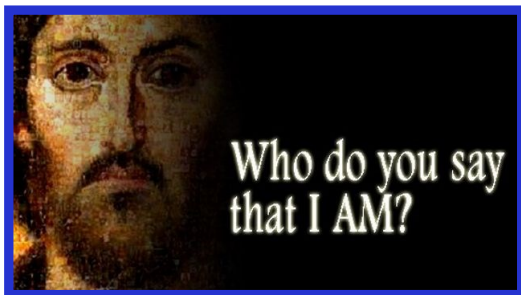
Jesus called to the crowd, as well as his disciples. He said to all of them: ***“If any want to become my followers, you can no longer live for yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit you to gain the whole world and forfeit your soul, your very life? Indeed, for what could you ever trade your life?”***

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

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

### Prayers of the People

***People Respond: God of hope and all goodness, hear us.***



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

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& sign up to receive our newsletter.***



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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link ([https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC\\_Tithely](https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely))
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).

# Announcements – Looking Ahead

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- **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](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

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