



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 19, 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 19th - Remembering Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - 11:30 a.m.
- January 23rd - Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 75 years!
- March 5th - Ash Wednesday - Time TBA.
- March 9th - Daylight Savings returns. Move clocks forward one hour.



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

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.  
(Exodus 3:7-12 (Episcopal))

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then Yahweh said: *"I have seen the affliction of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries under those who oppress them. Indeed, I have felt their sufferings. Now I have come down to rescue them from the hand of Egypt, out of their place of suffering, and to bring them to a place that is broad and good land, a land flowing with milk and honey - the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.*

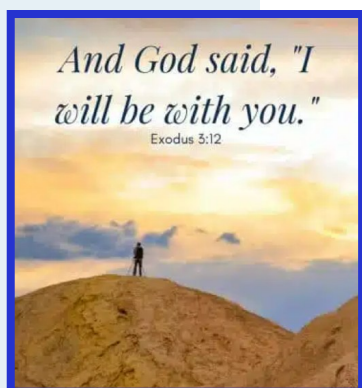
*The cry of the children of Israel has reached me, and I have watched how the Egyptians are oppressing them. Now, go! I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

But Moses said to God: "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the Israel people out of Egypt?"

And God answered: *"I will be with you; this is the sign by which you will know that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought my people out of Egypt, you will all worship on this holy mountain."*

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

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*



### Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Psalm 77:11-13,14-15,16-17, 18, 19-20 (Egal.))

Lector: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.

*People Respond: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.*

Lector: I will meditate on all your works; and think about all you have done. O God, Your way is holy; there is no God greater than Yahweh.

*People Respond: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.*

Lector: You are the God who worked miracles; You have shown the nations your power. With your stalwart arm, You redeemed Your people - the descendants of Israel and their children's children.

*People Respond: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.*

Lector: The waters saw You, O God; they saw You and trembled. The ocean depth quaked. The clouds coursed their waters; and the skies echoed with your voice.

*People Respond: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.*

Lector: Your arrows flashed all around. The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind. Your lightning lit up the world, and the earth shook and quaked.

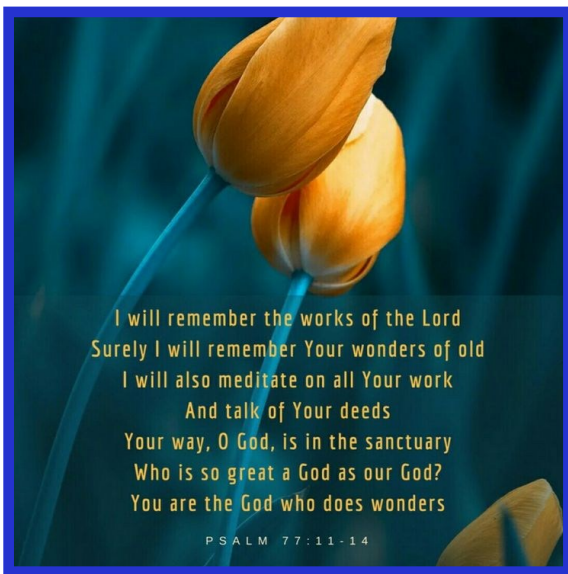
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or upcoming special Masses!  
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& sign up to receive our newsletter.*

Lector: You made your path through the sea, and walked through the might waters, yet, no one could find your footsteps. You guided your people like a flock of sheep; by the hand of Moses and Miriam and Aaron.

*People Respond: I remember Your deeds, O God, and Your wonderful acts.*



## Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.  
(Ephesians 6:10-20 (Egal.))

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

Draw your strength from Christ and from the strength of his mighty power. Put on the whole armor of God so that you can stand firm against the tactics of the devil.

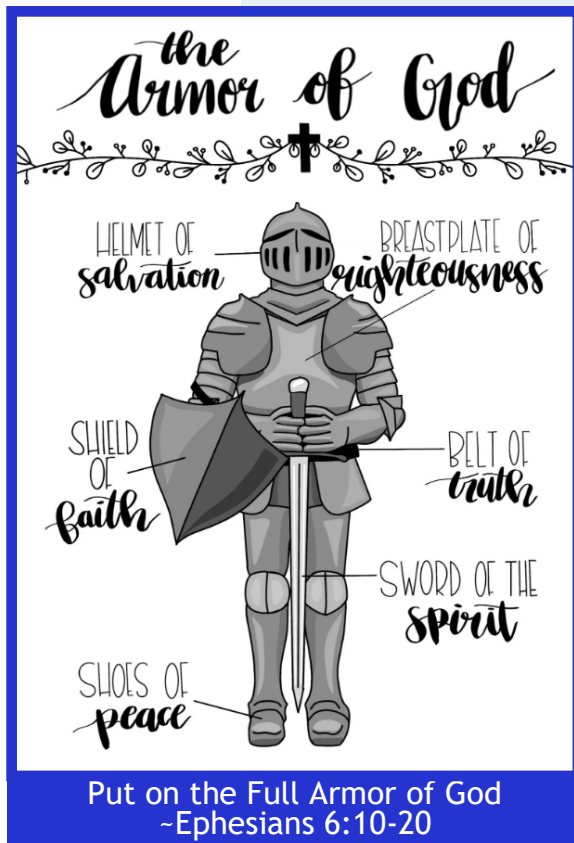
Our struggle, ultimately, is not against human forces, but against sovereignties and authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, and against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to hold your ground.

Stand fast then, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of justice; and hold fast to the zeal in which you spread the Good News, wearing shoes on your feet, making you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help to quench the flaming arrows of the Evil One. Put on the helmet of salvation, and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions. Pray constantly and attentively for all of God's holy people. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, God will open my mouth and place the words on my lips, that I may boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel - that mystery for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may have the courage to proclaim it boldly, as I ought.

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: Be compassionate as your loving God is compassionate.

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
(Luke 6:27-36 (Egal.))

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.*

Jesus said: *"I say: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. When they slap you on one cheek, turn and give them the other also. When they take away your coat, let them have your shirt as well. Give to all who beg from you. When someone takes what is yours, do not ask for it back.*

*"Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit does that do you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. If you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit does that do you? Even 'sinners' do as much. If you lend to those whom you expect to repay you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to other 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.*

*"Love your enemies and do good to them. Lend without expecting repayment in return, and your reward will be great. You'll rightly be children of the most glorious*

*God, since God is kind and full of compassion, even to the ungrateful and the wicked.*

*And so I say to You: "Be compassionate, just as your God is heaven is compassionate."*

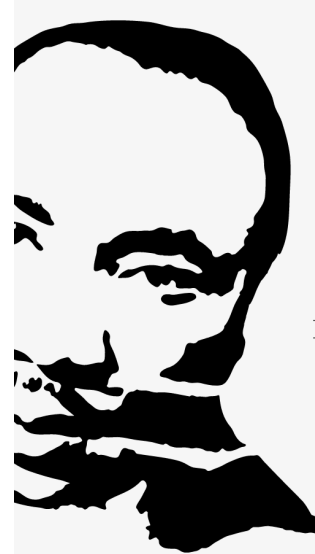
Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

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



### Prayers of the People

*People Respond: Hear us, O God.*



"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Martin Luther King Jr .

excerpt from 1967  
Southern Christian  
Leadership  
Conference - "Where  
do we go from here?"

## 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](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).

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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

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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