



Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community



Sunday Bulletin

6th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
February 16, 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

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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 Jeremiah.
(Jeremiah 17:5-8 (CCL))

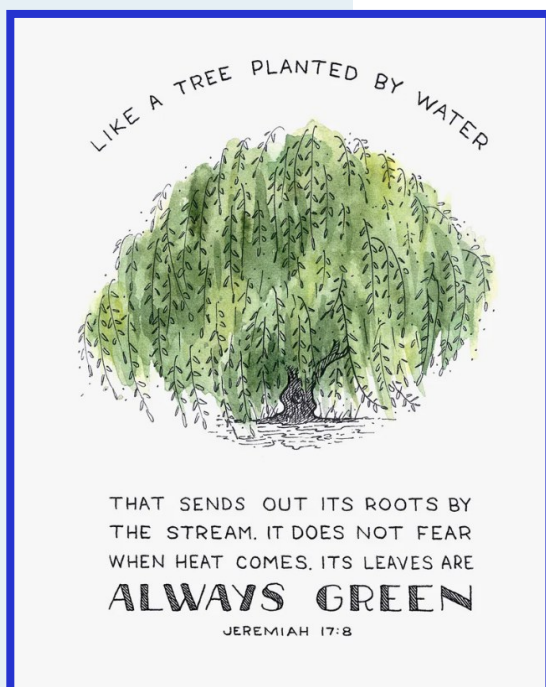
Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

“Lost are those who trust immoral inclinations,” says God, “who rely on power, greed, and envy, whose hearts turn away from God. They are like stunted vegetation in the desert with no hope in the future. They are like vegetation standing in stony wastes, an uninhabited land of salt.”

“Blessed are those who trust in God, whose hope is God. They are like trees planted by the river, thrusting their roots toward the stream. When the heat comes, they feel no heat; the leaves stay green. Like trees untroubled in a year of drought, those who trust in God never cease to bear fruit.”

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken) (Proverbs 8:32-36 (CCL))

Lector: Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

People Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

Lector: And so, my people, hear me well. Happy are you when you keep my ways! Take my instruction seriously and grow wise. Don’t neglect my lessons.

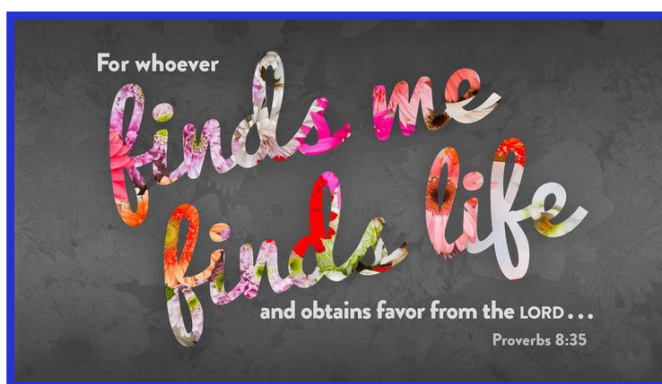
People Respond: Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

Lector: Happy are you who listen to me, watching daily at my gates waiting beside my door.

People Respond: Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.

Lector: All who find me, find Life, and receive my loving blessing. All who lose me, lose their souls. All who hate me, love death.

People Respond: Blessed are all who seek Wisdom.



*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 First Letter of Saint Peter.
(1 Peter 4:12-17 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved,

Do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if it were unexpected. Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Jesus, so that when the glory of the Christ is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted as a follower of Christ, blessed are you.

God's spirit, in Her glory, will rest upon you. See to it, however, that none of you suffers for being a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a destroyer of another's rights; but whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed.

Instead, glorify God because of the name of Jesus. It is a time for judgment. We, and indeed, all believers, are accountable to the good news of God.

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: Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 6:17-26 (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.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus stopped in a level area where there was a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. People had come to hear Jesus, to be healed of their diseases, and even, to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because healing power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said:

“You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You who hunger now are blessed, for you will be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you will laugh. You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One.

Gospel continues on the next page.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure

Gospel (cont.)

On the day they do so, Rejoice! Be glad! Your reward in heaven will be great and everlasting, for your ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

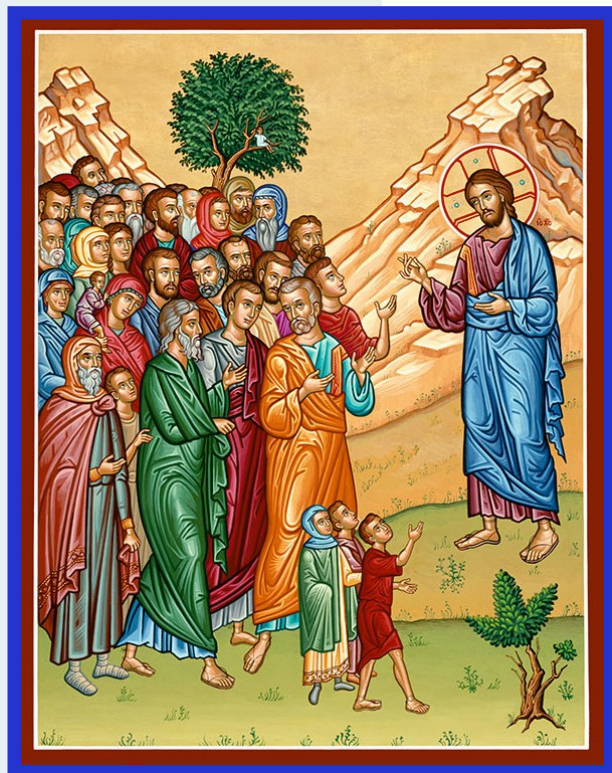
But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full now. But woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will weep and grieve. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for your ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way.”

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!

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- 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

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

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