



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours 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.

- **Dec 24th — Nativity of the Lord** (Christmas Eve Mass) 7:30 pm
- **Dec 25th — Merry Christmas!** (No Mass Today)
- **Jan 1st — Mary, Mother of God** (New Years' Day Mass) 10:30 am
- **Jan 8th — Feast of Epiphany**
Help us "un-decorate" after Mass as we return to Ordinary Time for a short while
- **Jan 22nd & 29th - Faith Sharing: What is the Independent Sacramental Movement Parts I & II** 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (description in announcements)
- **Jan 23rd — Birthday of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA) - 73 years!**
- **Feb. 22nd - Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins**



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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

Inclusive Language Sources: World English Bible and
The Inclusive Bible/First Egalitarian Translation

Reading 1 - From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Once more, Yahweh spoke to King Ahaz, and said: Ask for a sign from the Yahweh, your God; ask it either in the depth of the netherworld, or as high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt Yahweh!"

Then Isaiah said: "Listen now, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men that you will try the patience of my God also?" Therefore, God himself will give you this sign: A young woman shall conceive, and will give birth to a son. And you shall call him Immanuel."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

People Respond: Let Yahweh enter, the king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell. For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People Respond: Let Yahweh enter, the king of glory.

Who may ascend Yahweh's mountain? Who is allowed to enter Yahweh's holy place? One whose hands are clean and whose hearts are pure, those who do not worship false idols or make false promises.

People Respond: Let Yahweh enter, the king of glory.

Yahweh will bless them; God their savior will declare them innocent. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

People Respond: Let Yahweh enter, the king of glory.

Reading 2 — From the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I, Paul, am a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle. God set me apart to proclaim his gospel, which he promised through his prophets long ago, in the holy Scriptures about his only Son, Christ Jesus, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was made the only begotten of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, and, through the resurrection from the dead, Christ Jesus, our Savior.

Through Christ, we have received the grace of apostleship, that we may bring to obedient faith, for the sake of his name, all the Gentiles, among whom you are also called to belong to Christ Jesus.

To all in Rome, the beloved of God, you are called to be holy people. Grace and peace to you from our God and our Savior, Christ Jesus.

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.

A young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

Don't miss any announcements or upcoming special Masses!

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

Gospel – From the Gospel of Matthew.

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

This is how the birth of Christ Jesus came about:

When Jesus' mother, Mary, was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, an upright and righteous person, was unwilling to disgrace her and expose her to shame. Rather, he decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was Joseph's intention when, suddenly, the angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, heir to the House of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife and into your home. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. Mary will bear a son, and you will name him 'Jesus,' meaning, 'Yahweh Saves'. He will save the people from their sins."

All of this took place in order to fulfill what God had said through the prophet: "A young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and the child shall be named Immanuel, a name that means, 'God is with us.'"

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of God commanded and took Mary into his home.

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.



Saint Martin's Angels Wish List

Current ways to help our community.

- * Prayers for our new faith community.
- * Liturgical Banners for worship space.
- * ONE LICENSE Membership (church music licensing) to resume using music during liturgies.
- * Advertising Resources to help spread the word.
- * Liturgical Bells.

To submit your gift for Saint Martin's or for more information on how to help our ministry, please call 802-332-3890, or email saintmartins.info@gmail.com.



Announcements – Looking Ahead

After-Mass Faith Sharing

The Independent Sacramental Movement: What's That All About?

- This two-session interactive experience will take place Sunday, January 22nd & Sunday, January 29th, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Part I will focus on the history of 19th & 20th century independent Catholicism and the independent sacramental movement. Part II will be devoted to the history of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA), Saint Charles of Brazil (Charles Duarte-Costa), and local church history, specifically, Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community in St. Albans.
- Registration is required. Email your name and whether you will attend in person or through Zoom, to saintmartins.info@gmail.com, on or before January 15th, 2023. Confirmation emails for Zoom attendees will be sent three days before the event with the Zoom link. The zoom link will remain the same for Part 2. In-person participants will receive a reminder email three days before the first session. If you have any questions, please email Mother Barb at stmartins.pastor@gmail.com.

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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