



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 4, 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

- August 18th Feast of the Assumption of Mary - 11:30 a.m.



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

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.  
(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-18 (CCL))

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "If only God's hand had killed us in the land of Egypt, when we sat by meaty stews at night and ate our fill of bread. You've brought us out into this desert to kill this whole assembly with hunger!"

Then God said to Moses, "*I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. Each day, the people will go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will trust in My ways or not. I have heard their grumbling. Tell them: 'In the evening twilight, you will eat meat. In the morning, you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am your God.'*"

In the evening, quail came and covered the camp. In the morning, there was a layer of dew all about the camp. When the layer of dew evaporated, fine flakes were on the surface of the desert floor, like frost. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?"

They did not know what it was, but Moses told them, "It's the bread which God, our God, has given you to eat. And this is what God has commanded you: Gather as much of it as each person needs to eat, a bushel for each person, for as many of you as there are, each of you providing for those in your own tent."

The Israelites did as Moses told them. Some gathered a large amount, and some gathered a small amount. But when they measured it out by the bushel, the one who had gathered a large amount did not have too much, and the one who had gathered a small amount did not have too little. They gathered as much as each needed to eat.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to

God's people.

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 78:2-4, 23-25, 29, 54 (CCL))

Lector: May bread be abundant for all.

*People Respond: May bread be abundant for all.*

I will open my mouth and speak in parables. I will utter ancient words that hold secrets. We have heard and known them. Our parents have told them to us. We will not hide them from our children. We will tell the generation to come. We will speak of the wonderful works that God has done.

*People Respond: May bread be abundant for all.*

God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven. God rained down manna for the people to eat, giving them the bread from heaven. Human beings ate the bread of angels, and were given food in abundance.

*People Respond: May bread be abundant for all.*

And they ate and were well filled. God gave them what they craved. God brought them through the desert to a holy hill, to their home, to the mountain of God.

*People Respond: May bread be abundant for all.*



## Gospel

*People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
(John 6:24-35 (CCL))

Celebrant: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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

*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they got into their boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said: "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

*And Jesus answered them: "The truth of the matter is, you're not looking for me because you've seen signs, but because you've eaten your fill of the bread. You shouldn't be working for perishable food, but for life-giving food that lasts for all eternity. This, the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One."*

At this, the people asked: "What must we do to perform the works of God?" And Jesus replied: "*This is the work of God - to believe in the One whom God has sent.*"

And so they asked Jesus: "What signs are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do? Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; ask scripture says, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" (Gospel continued on the next page.)



### Second Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
(Acts 20:4-12 (Incl Bible))

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

After the feast of Unleavened Bread, we sailed from Philippi to Troas, which took 5 days. Upon arrival, we rejoined Sopater, from Beroea; Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy and Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia, all who had gone ahead of us and waited for us in Troas, where we spent a week.

On the first day of the week, when we gathered to break bread, Paul spoke to them because he was going to leave the next day. He spoke at great length, even until midnight!

There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were gathered. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting on the window sill, was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on.

When overcome by sleep, Eutychus fell out the window from the third story. When he was picked up, he was dead. Paul went down stairs to check on him and threw himself upon Eutychus, embraced him, and said to the others: "Don't be alarmed; there is life in him."

The boy lived, and those gathered were greatly comforted. Then Paul returned, back upstairs; he broke the bread, and they ate. Paul departed after a long conversation that lasted until daybreak.

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 by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Prayers of the People

### Gospel (cont).

Jesus said to them: *“The truth of the matter is, Moses hasn’t given you bread from heaven; it is God who gives you the true bread of heaven. For the bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

‘Teacher,’ the people replied, ‘give us this bread from now on.’ And Jesus explained to them: *“I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty.”*

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

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

### Prayers of the People

Presider: Jesus’ Grace is with us to bring us peace. With the intercession of St. Mary of Magdala, let us call upon our God - the Holy One - for all that we need and the needs of the whole world.

Lector: Our Prayer Response is: Christ is Risen!

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: That we, as the people of God, may remain open to wonder, and along with Mary Magdalene in the garden, be able to say: *“We have seen the Teacher!”* With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: That we might listen to the cries of the world with a tender heart, and live life with our arms wide open to embrace all. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: Just as Mary Magdalene’s responded to the call of Jesus, may we rededicate ourselves to radical inclusiveness and the Gospel’s discipleship of equals, calling us all to become fully human. With Mary of Magdala, we pro-

claim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: In thanksgiving for the strength and witness of apostles, priests, and leaders, from the early Church - both female and male - and who have served throughout the ages, into our own time and place. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: For all who feel isolated, and for all who struggle in mind, body and spirit; that they may be healed, seen, heard and know they are not alone. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: For those who are sick. For those who struggle. For those who feel isolated and alone, and we pray especially for: Tammy, Paul, Peg, Stella, Sarah, and Bp. Frank. May they find peace and healing in God’s gentle embrace. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: For all who have died, that they may rest peacefully in the loving presence of our Creator; and may all who mourn the loss of loved ones be consoled. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Lector: That God may receive the unspoken prayers and intentions of our hearts; and we offer thanksgiving for prayers answered. With Mary of Magdala, we proclaim:

*People Respond: Christ is Risen!*

Presider: Loving God, you made us in your image and we yearn for the healing of all your people. Fill our hearts with the fire of your love and our minds with the thirst for justice and peace. Embolden us to speak out against all forms of oppression, empower us to work for the coming of your reign, and enrich us with your life-giving Spirit so that all of creation may feel your touch and be healed. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

*People Respond: Amen.*

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



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).
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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

- **August 18th Feast of the Assumption of Mary** - 11:30 a.m. - Celebrating our Blessed Mother's spiritual and physical departure from the earth into Heaven.
- **Christmas Caroling in December** - Saint Martin's will join St. Luke's Episcopal & St. Albans Bay UMC for December Christmas Caroling in local long-term care facilities around the Franklin County area. Stay tuned for rehearsal dates in the Fall.

### 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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