



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*

Sunday Bulletin

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 9, 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

- **March 5th - Distribution of Ash Wednesday Ashes** - 5:30-5:45 p.m.
- **March 5th - Ash Wednesday Mass** - 6:00 p.m. Everyone who receives ashes is invited & encouraged to remain for Mass. Ash Wednesday Mass will not be livestreamed. Lent begins.
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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 Isaiah.
(Isaiah 6:1-8 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Holy One sitting on a throne, high and lofty. The hem of God's robe filled the Temple. Above, seraphim were in attendance. Each had six wings: with two, they covered their faces; with two, they covered their feet; and with two, they hovered.

Calling out to one another, they cried: "**Holy, holy, holy is the God of the universe, whose glory fills the earth.**" The threshold shook to its foundations at the sound, while the Temple began to fill with smoke.

Then I said: "Woe is me! I am doomed. For I am of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips. Yet my eyes have seen the Ruler of All, the God of the universe."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding a live coal which the creature had taken with tongs from the altar. With this, it touched my mouth and said, "Look, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has fled. Your misdeeds have been blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of God saying, "**Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?**" And I said, "**Here I am, send me!**"

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Reading (Spoken)

(Psalm 29:1-2, 4,7-11 (CCL))

Lector: Glory to You, O God. Bless us with peace.

People Respond: Glory to You, O God. Bless us with peace.

Lector: Ascribe to God, O divine beings, ascribe to God glory and strength! Give to God the glory due the Holy Name! Adore the Beloved in holy splendor!

People Respond: Glory to You, O God. Bless us with peace.

Lector: God's voice is strong. God's voice is full of majestic beauty. God's voice strikes with fire upon hearts of stone. God's voice shakes the desert and unsettles us. God's voice uproots oaks, stripping forests bare; God uproots fear and strips egos bare.

People Respond: Glory to You, O God. Bless us with peace.

Lector: But in God's temple, and in the heart's chapel, all cry, "Glory!" For the voice of God is still heard in every storm! God remains God - always. Give strength to Your people, O God. Bless Your people with peace.

People Respond: Glory to You, O God. Bless us with peace.

Gospel

Second Reading

A Reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.
(1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (CCL))

Lector: A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.

Beloved, I want to remind you of the gospel - the good news - that I proclaimed to you. You made the gospel your own, and you have taken your stand on it. If you hold firm to the word that I proclaimed to you, you will be free; you will not have believed in vain. What I received, I also passed on to you at the outset:

- ★ that Jesus died as a servant of all, according to the Scriptures; that he was buried;
- ★ that the Christ was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures;
- ★ that the risen Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene and Peter, and then to Jesus' closest followers;
- ★ that the risen Christ later appeared to more than 500 of the disciples at the same time, most of whom are still living, although some have since died;
- ★ that the risen Christ spent time with James and all the rest of the apostles who were commissioned to continue Jesus' good work;
- ★ and that, last of all, the risen Christ appeared to me, as to one untimely born.

I am the least of all the apostles and don't even deserve to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God; but, by God's grace, I am what I am. This grace was not without effect, for I have reached out to the Gentiles more than all the others.

Yet it was not I who did it, but God's grace that was in me. So, whether you heard it from me, or from the others, it's all the same. This is what we proclaim. This is what you believed.

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: I must proclaim the Good News of God's reign; that is what I was sent to do.

People Respond: Alleluia, alleluia.

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or upcoming special Masses!*

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Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Luke 4:38-44 (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.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and his family. Simon's mother-in-law was in the grip of a high fever. They asked Jesus to help her. Jesus stood over her and rebuked the fever. The fever left her. She got up immediately and began to serve them at table.

At sunset, people who had a variety of diseases were brought to Jesus. He laid hands on each and cured them. Demons departed from many, crying out as they did so, "You are the Chosen One of God!" Jesus rebuked them and forbade them to speak that they knew he was the Messiah.

The next morning, Jesus left the house and went to a desert place. The crowds followed. When they found Jesus, they tried to keep him from leaving them. Jesus said: "***I must proclaim the Good News of God's reign to other towns too. That is what I was sent to do.***"

And he preached in the synagogues throughout Judea.

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!

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)
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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.

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