

Saint Martin of Jours Inclusive Tatholic Tommunity Feast of Mary Magdalene

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 21, 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.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- July 21st Special Mass for the Feast of St. Mary of Magdala - 11:30 a.m.- Honoring Mary Magdalene as the woman who first shared the good news of Jesus' resurrection.
- July 28th Saturday Priest in the Park - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Taylor Park.
- August 18th Feast of the Assumption of Mary - 11:30 a.m.



For The Order of the Mass, please refer to the Mass Worship Aid handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Micah. (Micah 6:1-8 (CCL))

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

Hear what God says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice! Hear, O mountains, God's case! Pay attention, O foundations of the earth! For God has a case against the people.

God enters into trial with God's people. "O, my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Bring your charges! I brought you out from the land of Egypt and freed you from a house of slavery. And I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you. Remember now, O my people, what the ruler Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam from the clan of Beor answered. Remember what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know My liberating acts," says God.

The people of Israel responded: "With what shall we come before You, O God, to show homage in Your Holy Presence? Shall we enter with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will You, O God, be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall we give our firstborn children for our transgressions, the fruits of our bodies for the sins of our souls?"

The Prophet Micah said: "God has told you, O people, what is good and what is required of you: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) (Proverbs 1:20-23, 33 (CCL))

Lector: We are called to become fully human.

People Respond: We are called to become fully human.

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, out in the open. In the public squares, she raises her voice. At the busiest corners and on top of the wall, she takes her stand. At the city gate, she speaks.

People Respond: We are called to become fully human.

"How long, O Thoughtless Ones, will you wallow in ignorance? How long, you who mock me, will you delight in your mocking arrogance? And Fools, how long will you hate knowledge, refusing to learn?"

People Respond: We are called to become fully human.

"Give heed to my reproof, and follow me: I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make my words known to you. You who listen to me will have inner strength. You will live in peace, without fear of harm."

People Respond: We are called to become fully human.



Second Reading A reading from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. (Gospel of Mary 4:39-5:8a (Mmag))

A reading from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Having spoken to the disciples, the Teacher departed. The disciples grieved, shedding many tears, saying: "How are we to go among all peoples and preach the Good News of the Kingdom and the hope for humanity that our Teacher embodied? They didn't spare his life, so why should they spare ours?"

Then Mary rose; she embraced them all and began to speak: "Do not remain in sorrow and doubt, for Jesus' Grace will be entirely with you and will bring you peace. Instead of lamenting his loss, let's praise his greatness! He has prepared us for this. He is calling upon us to become fully human."

In this way, Mary turned their hearts towards the Good, and they began to discuss the meaning of the Teacher's words.

Then Peter said to Mary: "Sister, tell us the words of the Savior which you remember and which you know but we do not, and nor have we heard them.

Mary answered and said: "What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you." And she began to speak to them...

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.

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Gospel

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. (John 4:5-21, 23-29, 39-40 (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.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob and Rachel gave to their son Joseph. The well of Jacob, Leah and Rachel was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon, and His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water at the well. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman responded, "How is it that you, a Judean, ask me, a woman and Samaritan, for a drink?" because Judeans do not share things in common with Samaritans."

Jesus answered her: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked me for a drink, and I would have given you living water."

The woman said to Jesus: "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestors who gave us the well, who with their children and flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to the fullness of life."

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Gospel (continued)

The woman said to him: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

And Jesus said to her: "Go, call to your husband, and come back."

The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You're right in saying, "I have no husband." You've had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Dear Woman, trust this. The hour is coming when you will worship our Loving God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. The hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship our Loving God in spirit and truth, for God seeks worshippers such as these. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming; the One who is called the Christ. "When the Messiah comes, that One will proclaim all things to us."

Jesus replied, "I am the One of whom you speak."

Just then Jesus' disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said anything out loud to her, like "What do you want?" or to Jesus, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see someone who told me everything I've ever done! Could this One be the Messiah?"

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." When the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

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

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: Christ is risen!



John 4:5-21, 23-29, 39-40 Jesus' & the Samaritan Woman at the Well

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Announcements — Looking Ahead

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- 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: <u>saintmartins.info@gmail.com</u> 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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