

Catholic Communities in Christ

St Mark's, Belt; Holy Trinity, Centerville; St Mary's Raynesford (Montana)

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Masses for The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the First Week of Ordinary Time
(11 Jan 2020 – 19 Jan 2020)

Sat	11 Jan.	1:00pm, Raynesford	+ John Hill by Lois Hill
Sat	11 Jan	5:00pm, Belt	+ Afton Callahan by Celeste Hoyer
Sun	12 Jan	8:30am, Belt	+ Bob Hoppe (Healing) by the Vogl Family
Sun	12 Jan	11:00am, Centerville	
Mon	13 Jan	8:00am, Belt	+ Art Lureen Klind by Lois Hill
Tues	14 Jan	8:00am, Belt	
Fri	17 Jan	8:00am, Belt	
Sat	18 Jan.	1:00pm, Raynesford	+ Pat Rice by Dan & Jackie Rice
Sat	18 Jan	5:00pm, Belt	+ Ray Hill (1 st Death Anniversary) by Lois Hill
Sun	19 Jan	8:30am, Belt	+ Don Callahan by Celeste Hoyer
Sun	19 Jan	11:00am, Centerville	+ Gary Hotaling by Hotaling Family

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RODRIGO:

We officially closed the Christmas season today with the feast of the Lord's Baptism. In this regard, we look back a little bit at how we, as a community of faith celebrated Christmas beginning with our Advent preparation. We have traveled together a path that deepened our faith in the Incarnation of the Son of God, a conviction that binds us together in the loving presence of the God who became one of us in everything except in sin.

Today, Jesus showed us once more the Father's boundless love by submitting His beloved son to John's baptism in the river Jordan.

In emphasis, we need to be baptized. It is the wiping away of our original sin, and - if we need it - our actual sins too. It restores us to our original innocence. But Christ is not in need of this. He is free from any form of sin - original nor actual. He is fully at one with God. He surrendered himself in baptism not for himself - but for us. Not because he needs it, but because we need it. By submerging into the water of baptism, he submerged fully into our humanity.

Christ is baptized, so that we may become one with him in our own baptism. Let us remind ourselves that of our baptismal promises to be in unison with God, fulfilling our mission as ambassadors of Christ.

Jesus, the Son of the Father and Our Brother

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River is the second "epiphany" – the second manifestation of his identity and mission. The Father's voice reveals that Jesus is the "Son/Servant," the man filled with the Spirit of the Lord, sent to "establish justice on the earth." His mission will also entail taking upon himself the weight of mankind's sinfulness, as foretold in the last of the Servant's Songs. Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptism when the Father pronounced over us the most affirming sentence we will ever hear: "You are my beloved child!" It is this unparalleled dignity which entitles us to participate in the Eucharist, the Banquet of our Lord. Let us do so today with gratitude and love, in full awareness of what this entails. (wordandlife.org)

The Holy Father Pope Francis is inviting us this month of January to pray for:
Promotion of Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast! The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast; St Mark-Belt, Sunday January 19th after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited!.

Blood Drive! St Mark Catholic Church, Belt, Tuesday January 14th

RETRouvaille: HOPE FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGE

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Retrouvaille weekend on **February 21-23, 2020, at the Ursuline Centre, Great Falls.**

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COLLECTION FROM LAST WEEK

Saint Mark Parish: \$1567

Holy Trinity Parish: \$1103 (December 29 & January 1st)

Saint Mary Parish: \$ 555

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUSITY TO OUR COMMUNITIES
