

# ***Catholic Communities in Christ***

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

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Masses for Palm Sunday (13 April – 16 April 2019)

Sat	13 Apr	1:00pm, Raynesford	Fr. Rodrigo's Intention
Sat	13 Apr	5:00pm, Belt	+Frank Ezop by Mike & Debby Ezop
Sun	14 Apr	8:30am, Belt	+Jerry Gliko by Mike & Leonida Gondeiro
Sun	14 Apr	11:00am, Centerville	+Kathy Mahoney by Mahoney Family
Mon	15 Apr	8:00am, Belt	Fr. Rodrigo's Intention
Tues	16 Apr	8:00am, Belt	Fr. Rodrigo's Intention
Wed	17 Apr	6:30pm, Raynesford,	Tenebrae: The Seven Last Words (No Mass)

Paschal Triduum to Easter Sunday (18 April – 21 April 2019)

Thur	18 Apr	6:30pm, Belt	Mass of the Lords Supper +Barb Ezop by Mike & Debby Ezop
Fri	19 Apr	8:00am, Belt	Station of the Cross (No Mass)
Fri	19 Apr	3:00pm, Centerville	Veneration of the Cross
Fri	19 Apr	6:30am, Belt	Veneration of the Cross
Sat	20 Apr	8:30pm, Belt	Easter (Vigil) Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family by Mike & Debby Ezop
Sun	21 Apr	8:00am, Raynesford	Easter
Sun	21 Apr	11:00am, Centerville	Easter +David Marko by Elaine & Richard Walters
Sun	21 Apr	4:00pm, Monarch	Easter

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## ***Message from Father Rodrigo:***

We have come to the end of our Lenten journey. The Sunday of the Lord's Passion signals the beginning of the holiest week of the year. More than ever, the Church invites us this whole week to be more reflective in our ways, in our words, in our will. Jesus, today, enters the gate of Jerusalem with two contrasting realities surrounding Him - triumph and defeat, joy and pain. He was hailed as the "Son of David," the Messiah but the cross is awaiting for His climb. He was welcomed like a king with joy and exultation but his agony awaits His final surrender.

Our liturgy for the holy week is one that is rich in symbolism. The rituals we witness during this week aims to remind us of the truth of Christ's passion and death. The Lenten journey leading to this week, hopefully, helped us prepare to accompany Jesus in His agony and suffering. As the "Body of Christ," we will journey with Jesus from Jerusalem to Calvary and ultimately to His glory in the morning of the Easter Sunday.

There are a couple of services that we have prepared for our community that I would earnestly invite you to participate so that our observance of this holy week become more reflective and meaningful.

On Wednesday, we will have the Tenebrae Service at Saint Mary's. Tenebrae is a beautiful liturgical service observed since the beginning of the early Church, perhaps originated really in the catacombs of Rome. Then on Thursday at St Mark, we will have the commemoration of the "Lords Supper and washing of the feet" The Institution of the Holy Eucharis and priesthood, where I will share the story of my priestly vocation. On Friday, there will be two services of the Veneration of the Holy Cross - one in Holy

Trinity at 3:00 PM and another one in Saint Mark at 6:30 PM. Take note too that the last Stations of the Cross on Friday is at Saint Mark's at 8:00 AM.

On Easter Vigil, Saturday at St Mark, the service starts at 8:30pm at the church lawn. I remind everyone who might be bothered by incense to kindly find a comfortable seat near the back as we will be using incense constantly during the liturgy. The church will also be dimly lighted at those times until the Gloria. Please check the entire schedule for this Holy Week and mark your calendar so that we can all celebrate our faith and observe its rich tradition during this important week.

Lastly, let us implore the prayer of our Blessed Mother and ask her to walk with us during our observance of the holy week. She, who has suffered with Jesus, is the best person to teach us all the lessons of Christ's passion and death. Finally, let us offer all our sacrifices for this entire week for the peace of the whole world, for our community and homes and for all our personal intentions. Amen.

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### *From Darkness to Light - A Tenebrae Service*

A "Tenebrae Service" will be held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 PM. This is truly a wonderful service that would help us to have a more reflective observance of the holy week. I suggest that if you've never been to a Tenebrae Service that you come and experience it! This might be a tradition we can start here in our parish as part of our yearly holy week liturgy.

Tenebrae service is as old as the liturgy of the Church. For centuries, the Church holds this tradition with esteem. It takes place in one of the last three days of holy week mostly as part of the "Triduum."

The word Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," oftentimes translated as "night" or "death." The main purpose of this service was to remember the events of Jesus' last week from the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the quiet night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday.

During the service the flames of the seven candles are extinguished one by one accompanied by the reading of the Scriptures and music, surrounding the stories of Christ's passion and death. This gradual descent into gloom symbolizes that last few days of Jesus as He going through agony and pain, the seven last words.

To represent the closing of Christ's tomb, a significant loud noise may be sounded. Then out from the hidden view of everyone, a lit candle is made visible to represent Christ's resurrection. From here, the service ends and everyone walks out quietly as the spirit of the service accompanies our contemplative observance of the holy week with deep prayer and gratitude to the mercy and love of God.

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### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast- St Mark, Belt on April 14<sup>th</sup> after 8:30am mass**

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BLOOD DRIVE at the Raynesford Community Center Tuesday April 30 from 1:30-6:30pm, donate blood and save life. This will be in memory of Laurie Anderson- three of Laurie's family were first three donors last drawing!

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