

# Dear Padre,

**I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?**

**W**e commit the sin of *detraction* when we, "without objectively valid reason, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction.

We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see CCC 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*We know that slander always kills. This "diabolical cancer" that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one's own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
APRIL 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**  
APRIL 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**  
APRIL 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**  
APRIL 24  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday**  
APRIL 25  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 4:8-12  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

## What Will It Take?

**W**hat will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst?

Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her

name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

- \* Our faith tells us that the risen Lord is in our midst. Pray that you might recognize him in your family members or in your workplace.
- \* What can you do for the needy in your society with whom Christ identifies?



[Jesus] asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41-43



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, Apr. 19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff+</b>
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday, Apr. 22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday, Apr. 23</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff+</b>
<b>Saturday, Apr. 24</b>	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, April. 25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thomas K. Edwards +</b>

April 17, 4:00 p.m.	Alvin Bergkamp
April 18, 9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones
April 24, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
April 25, 9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman
May 1, 4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
May 2, 9:00 a.m.	Karen Burden
May 8, 4:00 p.m.	Julie Kaps
May 9, 9:00 a.m.	Steve Sullivan

*Thank you so much for your ministry!*

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 18, 2021**



**LORD JESUS, OPEN THE SCRIPTURES TO US; MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN WHILE YOU SPEAK TO US (LK 24:32)**

In these weeks after Easter, we will be hearing about those first believers, the early community of faith which came to life in the light of the resurrection. They had to tell the story. Not to a few, but to anyone who would listen. And so they went from town to town proclaiming loud and clear that this man Jesus, this person they knew personally, had died and rose from the dead.

My friends, I can't overemphasize the importance of continuing to tell the story of Jesus in every time and place, to every person and in every circumstance. The story was powerful two millennia ago, and it is powerful today. This is THE story --- the Greatest Story Ever Told --- the story that changed the world. But is that the ONLY story we should be telling? Is that the ONLY story we should be witnesses to? What are we witnesses to?

My friends, at some point we need to be telling our own stories, stories of the difference Jesus makes in our lives, stories of how God continues to give us hope and joy and peace, stories of how believing in the death and resurrection of Jesus gives real meaning and purpose to our lives. In other words:

Am I a changed person because of what I believe?

Am I a changed person because of what God continues to do in my life?

Am I a changed person because I accept God's forgiveness and strive to be better?

Am I a changed person because the cross of Jesus gives my own crosses meaning?

THAT'S the story we need to be telling. THAT's the story we need to be giving witness to. The truth is --- our stories are not over. The story of God's action in the world is not over. The story of salvation is not over. The story of God's redemptive love is not over. It continues in every human heart that is willing to embrace it, trust in it --- that is, live it.

Fr. Peter Tran

**COLLECTION** for April 11, 2021: Envelopes: \$1,740; Loose: \$489; Online Giving: \$1,650.90; Total \$3,879.90; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under (+2118.73)

*Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS)** We are in the process of starting to schedule Mass ministries. If you would like to be scheduled to serve, please let Fr. Peter know.

**MASS SERVERS NEEDED & MASS SERVER TRAINING** We will resume to have Mass Servers at weekend Masses. If you are willing to continue to be scheduled or anyone who would like to serve, we will have a training sessions on Sunday (4/18) right after Mass. Please let Fr. Know.

**FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SIGN UP** If you would like to spend some time with Our Lord in adoration from **12:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, the SIGNUP SHEET on the **BULLETIN BOARD ON BOTH DOORS**. Please make an effort to do so, as Jesus asked St. Peter, **“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” (Matthew 16:40)**

**LIVE YOUR FAITH BY JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** If you are a male, 18 years of age or older, and you are a practical catholic, then the Knights of Columbus invites you to join the order. The K of C is a charitable, fraternal organization dedicated to “Together, we’re empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.” The K of C was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

There will be an initiation of new members on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at St. Dominic’s Church in Garden City. The initiation takes less than an hour and your family is invited to attend. If you are interested, please contact Bob Beymer, 620-260-8613 (cell) or email [beymer56@gmail.com](mailto:beymer56@gmail.com). Also, you may contact any other member of the Lakin Council of the Knights of Columbus if you are interested.

**A FEW CHANGES IN MASS PROTOCOL** To follow our local guidelines and after consulting with our Pastoral Council members we will begin with a few changes in our pandemic protocols. 1. Ropes will be taken down the South Side. 2. Although the mask mandate has been lifted in our community it is up to you to wear them if you are able. 3. Holy Water bowl fonts are available and they are refilled after every Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES –APRIL:** 21, 28—Last day of CCD.

**VOCATION VIEW** Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** The disciples in today’s Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** by Origen “Heavenly Father, May the Lord Jesus touch our eyes, as he did those of the blind. Then we shall begin to see in visible things those which are invisible. May he open our eyes to gaze not on present realities but on the blessings to come. May he open the eyes of our heart to contemplate God in Spirit, through Jesus Christ the Lord, to whom belong power and glory through all eternity. Amen.”

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Luke 24: 35-48)**

**Flesh and bone** In their different ways all four Gospel-writers try to help people believe in something that seems unbelievable: the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Luke shows that Jesus’ risen state isn’t a purely spiritual experience, a mass hallucination, or mere wishful thinking.

- Jesus has hands and feet; ghosts don’t
- Jesus is flesh and bone, a biblical expression for being human
- Jesus eats food The risen Jesus is part of time and space, but he is no longer subject to it. He has triumphed over death and is now lord of all, both of the spiritual and the material.

**In fulfillment of the scriptures** The disciples are happy but confused. They didn’t expect Jesus to return like this, and they don’t have a frame of reference for making sense out of his transformed state. Jesus must help them understand. Our Old Testament doesn’t contain verse after verse of detailed information about Jesus. If it did, more people would have accepted Jesus and the disciples would have been waiting for him to appear. There are, however, major themes running through the Jewish scriptures that Jesus embodied.

- God wants to save all of creation and for us to live in peace
- God overcomes every obstacle to his plan • God favors those in need and those who act justly and with love
- God acts within human history in ways that often surprise and startle us.

**Witnesses** Christian faith is based on historical events. These events were first spoken about then written down so that later generations could be sure that they had a credible basis for their faith. In the Jewish tradition, testimony was deemed true if at least two men gave it. Far more people witnessed the events that form the historical core of Christian faith. [oursundayreadings](#)

## CATHOLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

**Q:** About two years ago my now 17-year-old daughter announced that she doesn't believe in God anymore. I am heartbroken over this. We talked about it, and I asked her to keep an open mind and an open heart and to continue to attend weekly Mass with me. She was willing, at first, but has since become angry and defiant when I tell her she has to come to Mass. She has such a sour attitude about it that I am finding myself distracted and sad when we attend Mass. Is it the best thing for me to continue to require her to attend Mass? I pray constantly that she will find her faith again. However, I'm concerned that by forcing her to attend Mass, I am making matters worse. It seems clear that forcing her is making her more resentful rather than fostering any positive feelings toward the Church. Any advice you have will be very much appreciated. – B.

**A:** I am sorry to hear about your daughter. It must be heartbreaking to see a loved one drift from the faith. She is at that age when she is questioning things and rebelling. Which means she is trying to figure out things for herself. This is normal in some regards, since she needs to internalize beliefs and make them her own.

That said, it would be wise to continue to pray for her. She might face serious issues in these next few years, at which point she might rediscover the beauty of the faith.

As to whether you should force her to attend Mass, it seems as though you already have a sense that that could backfire and alienate her further from the Church.

Here, you just have to make your best decision. True, your daughter is still under your roof, but you want to keep the long term in view. In another year or so she will be legally an adult and out of the house and might reject the Church with a vengeance.

If you want to let her make her own decision now, you could let her know you are disappointed. This would make clear that you don't approve of her missing Mass. But you would signal that you have a respect for her freedom, and that could help you later as you try to help her return to the faith.

There are no guarantees, of course, which is why she needs lots of prayer. But respecting her decisions as much as your conscience allows might provide the backdrop for fruitful dialogue in the future.

That she was open about her doubts about God is a sign of a certain sincerity. It's not as though she kept things quiet and just kept up her Mass attendance for the sake of appearances.

The fact that you still love her and treat her as part of the family might help reassure her of her worth in your eyes. That, too, will be a good basis for the future.

In the meantime you might try to engage her and see where her doubts are coming from. What is it that she rejects specifically about the Church? What might be the reason behind her self-professed atheism? There might be all kinds of issues under the surface.

As a concrete way to show that you want to respect her search, you might think about getting her a copy of a book such as "**[From Atheism to Catholicism: Nine Converts Explain Their Journey Home.](#)**"

You could suggest, perhaps, that both of you read a chapter a week and talk about the person's experience. This might help you understand where she is coming from, and help her feel supported and begin to clarify some of her doubts.

Some people in your situation decide to continue insisting on their children attending Mass as long as they live in the family home. Here, for instance, is an explanation of that point of view (<https://aleteia.org/2017/08/17/should-i-force-my-16-year-old-to-go-to-mass/>).

In the end, many different factors come into play, and you as a parent have to make as prudent a decision as you can. One "policy" might be helpful for one child but harmful to another.

You might want to discuss the different options (and the reasons behind them) with your daughter and together come to a mutual agreement about how to proceed. That will show her that you respect her, and it will also foster mutual understanding.

As a mom you have a grace of state to help your daughter rediscover the God and Church who love her. Stay close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. And count on my prayers.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER EACH ONE TEACH ONE

Each of us walks through miracles eventually. Maybe we know it at the time and praise God heartily. Or perhaps we only look back later, realize the road's on fire behind us, and shiver. Sooner or later, we all experience the mystery of grace that carries us over obstacles, through dangers, and ferries us to safety. We are witnesses of these things. And even if we're reluctant to "talk religion" to friends, coworkers, and strangers, we'll inhabit hours when it's time to tell what we know about Divine Providence. Be attentive for when your testimony is required. (Prepare the Word)

### TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA CADA UNO ENSEÑA UNO

Cada uno de nosotros pasa por milagros en algún momento. Tal vez lo sepamos en ese momento y alabemos a Dios de corazón. O tal vez sólo miremos hacia atrás más tarde, nos demos cuenta de que el camino está en llamas detrás de nosotros, y nos estremecemos. Tarde o temprano, todos conocemos el misterio de la gracia que nos lleva por sobre los obstáculos, a través de los peligros, y nos conduce a un lugar seguro. Somos testigos de estas cosas. Y aunque seamos reacios a "hablar de religión" con amigos, compañeros de trabajo y desconocidos, nos encontraremos con momentos en los que es necesario contar lo que sabemos sobre la Divina Providencia. Permanece atento para cuando se requiera tu testimonio.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

We wish to congratulate the children of St. Anthony and Christ the King who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend, Saturday –April 10! We are grateful to their parents, catechists and teachers who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you as you receive Him in the Eucharist!

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