

# 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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**Stations of  
the Resurrection**

**April 18, Sunday,**  
**5.00 PM**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$810.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$408.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1218.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
HOLY LAND	\$100.00
EASTER	\$520.00
TOTAL	\$1858.00
WEITZEL MEMORIAL	\$655.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SACRED HEART**  
**1003 AVE B**  
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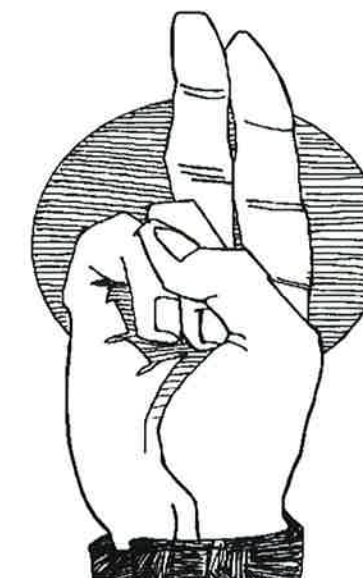
**Stations of  
the Resurrection**

**April 25, Sunday,**  
**5.00 PM**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$925.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$85.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1010.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
RICE BOWL	\$9.85
TOTAL	\$1039.85
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$2915.00
BALANCE	\$1,992.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



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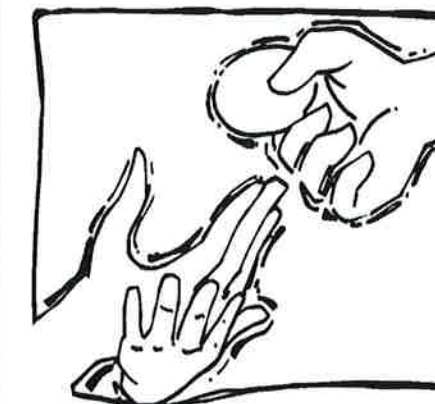
**Stations of  
the Resurrection**

**April 24, Saturday,**  
**5.30 PM**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$770.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$6.00
SUBTOTAL	\$776.00
MASS STIPEND	\$70.00
EASTER	\$300.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$100.00
HOLY LAND	\$60.00
RICE BOWL	\$30.72
TOTAL	\$1336.72
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within us and surrounding us. This awareness should strengthen our hope in His promises, bring us to true repentance for our sins and the renewal of our lives, and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus was to save us from our sins.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish assembly at the Portico of Solomon in Jerusalem. Peter forcefully shows how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges the Jews to repent and turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away. In the second reading, John answers doubts raised by the heretics of his time, asserting the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in him. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name" after receiving the Holy Spirit.

We need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives. Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears, hands, and feet, to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brother and sisters. Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means for us to experience and share the risen Lord with others.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

**Fr. C. P. Varghese**

Pastor

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
04/19	Monday	No Mass Today		
04/20	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	John Weitzel
04/21	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
04/22	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Albert & Mary Lou Weitzel
04/23	Friday	12.00 PM	Bayard	Janis & William Albro
04/24	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For the grand kids of RJ & Kate Waite
04/25	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Fred Turek
<b>04/25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 AM</b>	<b>Bridgeport</b>	<b>First Communion Mass</b>