



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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	DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Apr. 17	6:30 pm	Intentions of Kerry & AJ Judd
Sun.	Apr. 18	8:30 am	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00 am	
		11:30 am	
		6:00 pm	
Mon.	Apr. 19	7:30 am	Luz Padilla Arga
Tues.	Apr. 20	7:30 am	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
Wed.	Apr. 21	7:30 am	Donnabelle Pingol
		12:10 pm	
Thurs.	Apr. 22	7:30 am	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
		12:10 pm	
Fri.	Apr. 23	7:30 am	Intentions of Don & Kathy Johann
		12:10 pm	
Sat.	Apr. 24	6:30 pm	Ernestina Rebello
Sun.	Apr. 25 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
		10:00 am	
		11:30 am	
		6:00 pm	
			St. Theresa's Parish Family
			Matilde David
			No Mass Celebrated

### SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield Acct #20-006-060-482732-100 and include "Sunday Offering" or "Special Collection" in the memo field. Cheques drawn to St. Theresa's Cathedral can also be mailed to the above address. St. Theresa's uses your regular collection contributions to support Parish Operations.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**ALL scheduled meetings and devotions have been suspended until further notice.**

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## WEEKDAY & SUNDAY MASSES AT ST. THERESA'S CATHEDRAL

Dear Friends,

I would like to let you know that I am going to continue to celebrate and live stream the 7:30am weekday mass from Monday – Friday and the 12:10pm mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's Cathedral as well as the 6:30pm Saturday Mass and the 8:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses except for the 6pm evening Mass until it is necessary.

If you would like to have any petition mentioned during the General Intercessions at any of these masses, please email: [orcc@northrock.bm](mailto:orcc@northrock.bm) or [bishopwes.bm@gmail.com](mailto:bishopwes.bm@gmail.com)

Be well and stay safe!

**Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.**





**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**  
**April 18, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. Love is not a feeling. It calls for action, which includes giving of our time, talent and treasure.*

**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**



**18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

**Donation Given for 2 Seven-Day Votive Candles**  
**"Intentions of Robert Hay"**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world – to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believer, and are the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world.

**POPE FRANCIS: 'The Church is a Great School of Prayer':**

Pope Francis said Wednesday that an essential task of the Church today is to teach people how to pray. "The Church is a great school of prayer," Pope Francis said in his general audience livestream on April 14. "And this is an essential task of the Church: to pray and teach how to pray, to transmit from generation to generation the lamp of faith with the oil of prayer," the Pope said.

At his Wednesday audience, Pope Francis encouraged Christians to examine their lives to ensure that personal prayer is a priority. He warned that one of the devil's tactics to attack the Church is to prevent people from praying. "Everything in the Church originates in prayer, and everything grows thanks to prayer," the pope said. "When the Enemy, the Evil One, wants to fight the Church, he does so first of all by trying to drain its sources by preventing it from praying."

Pope Francis stressed that without prayer, the Church becomes "like an empty shell" in which no effective changes take place and which loses its direction to evangelize. He said: "In Luke's Gospel, Jesus poses a dramatic question that always makes us reflect: 'When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?'" "Or will he find only organizations, such as a group of 'entrepreneurs of the faith,' all well organized, who do many things for charity ... but will he find faith?" the pope asked.

"Without faith, everything collapses. And without prayer, faith is extinguished. Faith and prayer, together. There is no other way. For this reason, the Church, which is a home and school of communion, is a home and school of faith and prayer," Pope Francis said.

Vatican City, Apr 14, 2021 / 05:00 am America/Denver (CNA).

**C.O.V.I.D. – 19 = Christ Over Viruses and Infectious Diseases**

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**  
**Joshua 1:9**

**BISHOP'S CORNER**



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Vatican Observatory has a new website which shows that the Catholic Church is not opposed to science, on the contrary, it is its ally. Works on the new website started in the middle of last year. To see and use the resources collected by papal scientists, enter the following address in the search engine: [vaticanobservatory.org](http://vaticanobservatory.org).

The Director of the institution, a Jesuit brother Guy Consolmagno, admitted that the old site was hardly visited and hence the decision to create a new one. "The mission of the Vatican Observatory, left to us by Pope Leo XIII in 1891, is to remind the world that the Church supports science. We did a pretty good job in regards to science, but unfortunately we weren't as successful at "showing to the world". Lots of people told me they didn't even know the Vatican had an observatory", said Consolmagno.

In addition to a website with hundreds of materials on the relationship between faith and science, the Vatican Observatory has also launched a podcast in which, together with Vatican astronomers and guest experts, they discuss the "miracle of the creation of the universe by God". The Vatican Observatory, which dates back to 1582, is one of the oldest of its kind in the world. Its headquarters is in Castel Gandolfo, a town near Rome that is the summer residence of the popes. Several priests and brothers live and work there. The Vatican Observatory also maintains a research group at the University of Arizona, where in collaboration with this University, it has built the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT) on Mount Graham.

Have a restful Sunday and a safe and blessed week

Bishop Wes



# 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.



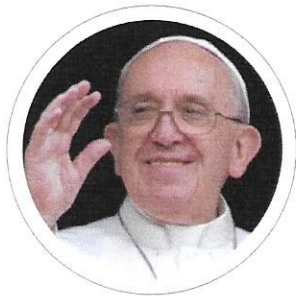
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*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