



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?

What 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



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-
5:30 PM (Suspended)

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of April 19, 2021**

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 24-25, 2021

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

Offered For

† No Mass

† No Mass

† Ed Shields

In Thanksgiving

† Joanne Olszewski

Offered For

† Lyla Maggio

† For The Parishioners

† Frank & Rena Ingegnoli

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$3045.00
St. Patrick - \$1965.00
St. Thomas More - \$1826.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Mass/Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In April

St. Thomas More Ravs

A BIG Thank You is in order for the Rav Twisters for their contribution to keep St. Thomas More Church financially stable. Everyone has enjoyed the tasty ravs but now it is time for the Rav Twisters to rehabilitate their fingers! And enjoy the summer!

Thank you to everyone who supported the church through the purchase of the ravs!

Post Easter Events

After the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, it will be time for First Communion for several of our young Catholics. But before they receive their First Communion, they will make their First Confession. Jesus laid down the importance of confessing our sins, when on Good Friday the sole purpose of His death on the Cross, was to take away our sins. Being in a state of grace is of great importance for us. So we can receive the full effects of Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity.

The First Confessions will be at St. Thomas More on Saturday, April 17th at 10:30AM. And the First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 25th at Holy Trinity's 9AM Mass.

Collection Envelopes

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know how we can get them to you! We can get them to any of the three churches for you to pick them up. Thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Saturday - April 24 - 10:30-11:15pm -
at St. Patrick in the Chapel.

The following confessions will be at St. Thomas More Church in the Hall on May 1.

This Week's Update

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we are asked to believe in what the Sacred Scriptures have told us about Jesus' great offer of salvation through our belief and trust in Him. As we know through St. Thomas' example, it is hard to believe in what we don't see.

Yet, throughout history, people who have prayed for help in difficult, seemingly hopeless situations and have received that help, believe in Jesus because of the relief He brought them. We will in the days ahead need to rely on our faith in God to handle the situations put before us. The big question is will we?

As the Apostles were preparing themselves, through Christ, to go out and bring Jesus to new believers. We are, and have always been, challenged with the same thing today. In fact, when we bring someone to a belief in Christ we help ourselves in saving our own soul.

There are more questionable things going on in the Church today, teachings of the Church have been twisted to fit the world today, none of which are acceptable. We need to know what the Church teaches and we need to know the Bible to know God and Jesus and how they work in the world. Most of all, we need to believe in God and Jesus more than what men of this world tell us. It is up to each one of us! Continue to have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

- Fr. Pat Fixsen

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?

We 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.



Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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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