



## 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

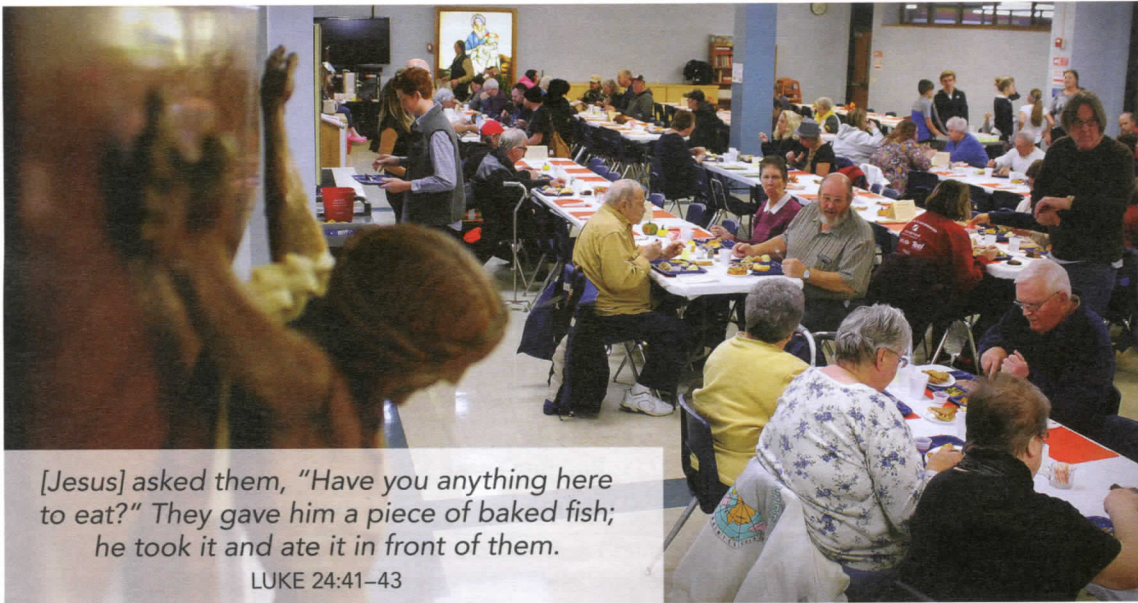
name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

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

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

*St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak*

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

### The Sacraments:

**Baptism:** On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

### APRIL 18, 2021— THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7). Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more “about” Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives. In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.



**4/11: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,100.00**

**4/11: Children's Offering: \$4.00**

**4/11: Building Fund: \$10.00**

**Thank you for Your Generosity!**

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**Bulletin deadline :** Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!



### Ministries for April 25, 2021

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Offertory: Shawn Higgins Family

Ushers: Greg Hoelscher & Chester Hays

Sanctuary Light: April 19th-25th: John Michna by Tom & Julie Motyka

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Lector: Greg Hoelscher

Altar Servers: Gracie, Carter, Tessa



**Prayer Chain...** Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Colt Charanza, Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

### MARAK MASSES —April 18-25, 2021

| Date        | Time    | Mass Intentions   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| Today— 4/18 | 10:15am | + Deceased Members of John & Regina Marak by Cecilia Marak<br>+ Joe Vansa by Leroy Vansa<br>+ Martha Hertenberger by Christa Wade     |
| 4/25—Sunday | 10:15am | + James Junek by Robert & Debbie Vansa<br>+ Daniel Hromcik by Victor & Mary Jane Balcar<br>+ Robert & Donna Dach by Michelle Kostroun |

### CYCLONE MASSES —April 18-25, 2021

| Date          | Time   | Mass Intentions                        |
|---------------|--------|--|
| Today — 4/18  | 8:15am | + Wilbert Mikeska by Richard Schneider |
| 4/20—Tuesday  | 7:00am | Communion Service                      |
| 4/22—Thursday | 7:00am | Communion Service                      |
| 4/23—Friday   | 7:00am | Communion Service                      |
| 4/24—Saturday | 5:30pm | + Wayman Richter by Evelyn Richter     |
| 4/25—Sunday   | 8:15am | + Clarence Bartek by Family            |

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Father Ranjan will be on vacation starting Monday, April 19th and will be going to India. We want to wish him fun and happy times and safe Travels.
- **THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY MASS WHILE FATHER IS GONE.**
- **TODAY:** Rabies Vaccinations at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—4-6pm. Hamburgers available for purchase. See bulletin board for more information.
- **APRIL 20TH:** KC meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone—7:30pm.
- **APRIL 21ST:** Parish Council meeting at 6pm.
- **APRIL 25TH:** Second Collection for Seminarians & Priest Education.
- **APRIL 25TH:** St. Monica's Ladies Drive-Thru—Bar-B-Q Chicken & Sausage Dinner—Raffle-Sweet Shop—Beginning at 10am—Plates \$10.00—See Bulletin Board for More Information.
- **APRIL 25TH:** Cyclone-Marak Knights of Columbus Council #10186 will sponsor a blood drive from 8am until 11:30am at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone. Baylor Scott & White requests scheduling of appointments either by calling 877-724-4376 or going online at [bswblood.com](http://bswblood.com). Walk-ins are also welcome, as space allows. Masks are required during appointments. Complimentary breakfast will be available.

# 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

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