



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
235 North Front St. New Bedford, MA 02746

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17th-25th

Saturday, April 17th—3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Bill Regula
Req. OLPH Bingo

Sunday, April 18th—3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Monday, April 19th—Easter Weekday .

7:30 AM +Louis, +Stanley, +Katherine,
& +Michael Skowronek

Tuesday, April 20th--Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Safe Recovery after Surgery
Req. Anna Michalek

Wednesday, April 21st—Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Maria Cisowski

Thursday, April 22nd—Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention
Req. Adam Antoniszyn & Fam.

Friday, April 23rd—Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Joseph Konopka

Saturday, April 24th—Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Anna Lesniak
Req. Family

Saturday, April 24th—4th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Jennie Kondziolka (anniv.)
Req. Daughter, Nancy

Sunday, April 25th—4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM +Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr.
Req. Patricia Marujo

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

Easter is the greatest feast of the Church Year. More than a one-day event, Easter is a *season* of grace, a time of joy, and a period of reaffirming our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

We are reminded now, more than at any other time of the year, of our heavenly Father's immeasurable love for us in sending His only-begotten Son to be our Redeemer.

April 4th began the Easter Season--fifty days of living the Paschal Mystery in joy, faith and love; fifty days of entering even more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of dying to sin and rising to new life.

The Resurrection gives our faith its meaning!

In the words of the Easter Mass Preface II:

*"It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim You, O Lord,
but in this time above all
to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ
our Passover has been sacrificed.*

*"Through Him,
the children of light rise to eternal life,
and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom
are thrown open to the faithful;
for His death is our ransom from death,
and in His rising, the life of all has risen.*

*"Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land,
every people exults in your praise; and even
the heavenly powers with the angelic hosts
sing together the unending hymn
of your glory...."*

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Psalm 4

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

or R. Alleluia.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,

you who relieve me when I am in distress;

have pity on me, and hear my prayer! R.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;

the LORD will hear me when I call upon him. R.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!

You put gladness into my heart. R.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,

for you alone, O LORD,

bring security to my dwelling. R.

1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

make our hearts burn while you speak to us. Cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia.



Luke 24:35-48

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he 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.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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?*



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LUKE 24:41–43

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.

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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

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.

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