

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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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?

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



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Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Sunday April 18th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

11:00 AM Confirmation

Tuesday, April 20th

9:30 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Youth Worship Team Meets

Wednesday, April 21st

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30PM CCD

Thursday April 22nd

6:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 AM Bible Study

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date



The Sanctuary Candle Week of April 18th—April 24th

St John + Ben Partida
St. Terence + Charles & Sue Warrick

Easter Flowers

Saint John the Baptist Parish continues to thank the generous donors who helped defray some of the costs of this year's Easter flowers:

Deceased Family Members
by Marty & Tina Starks

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 17th

- 4:00PM 1. +Steve Jenkins
2. + Ann & Phillip Rivers
3. + Kim Bedsole
4. +Janice Murphy
5. +Darci Johnson

Sunday April 18th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. +Christy Wriborg
3. + Dora Miller
4. Rufus Shuff (SI)
5. Cyndl Rowe Eyre (SI)

11:00AM

1. + Carol Tarpley
2. + Margie Remedies
3. +Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
4. + Ben Partida
5. + Benny & Wanda Rivers

Tuesday April 20th

- 5:00PM 1. + Steve Jenkins
2. + Mary Jaber Laws

Wednesday April 21st

- 8:00AM 1. + Elmer & Marie Procell

Thursday April 22nd

- 8:00AM 1. The Philip Frilot Family

Thursday April 23rd

- 8:00AM 1. + Fr. Kenneth Williams

Second Collection

A second collection for the Catholic Home Missions will be held the weekend of April 24 and 25. The Diocese of Shreveport receives a significant grant from the collection, so please be generous.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
April 10th-11th, 2021

St John	\$	2663.31
St Terence	\$	1476.00

Congratulations

Congratulations to those receiving the Rite of Confirmation this weekend: *Kaley Koss, Andy Nguyen, Adriana Payne, Alexia Roberts, Daylin Roberts, Trenton Springer, Masen Starks and Vivian Sylvia.*

Need Gifts for First Communion? Confirmation? Graduation? Mother's Day? Birthdays? Baptisms?

We encourage everyone to visit our Youth Group's gift shop. Hours are 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday at the church office or other times by appointment. For more information, contact Jean Rains. We have a variety of items and great prices!

Honoring our Graduates

Are you graduating from high school or college this year? If so, please contact Mrs. Amy Ebarb or leave your name at the church office. We will have special recognition for graduates at the **IIAM Mass on Sunday, May 16th.**

Help Needed

Please help us prepare for our 150th Anniversary celebration by sharing your old pictures, memorabilia and other items that you might have. We can digitally make copies of your pictures in the office or they can be emailed to: office@stjohnmany.org

Connect to our Church Parish!!!!

Stay informed of parish events, schedule changes and important announcements in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) Provide us with your email address. You may send it to our email account (office@stjohnmany.org), drop by the church office, or call us at (318-256-5680). We email monthly newsletters to those whose email addresses we have and we also send out special notices when needed. We protect the privacy of your information.
- 2) Like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stjohnsmanyla/ Keep up with events, photographs and other news regarding our church parish and diocese.
- 3) Visit our parish website: www.stjohnmany.org; There is a wealth of information here including current event announcements. Any group, class, person or organization who would like an item added to the website may contact the church office.
- 4) Obviously, the most current source of news is our weekly bulletin and the pulpit announcements at each weekend Mass. We continue to livestream the IIAM Mass for those unable to attend and our weekly bulletins are published on our website.

Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

Saint John the Baptist is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year and will have various activities planned during the next few months. To kick off our celebration, we are sponsoring a t-shirt design contest with the winning design printed on t-shirts to commemorate our anniversary. Anyone may enter. Participants are encouraged to create a beautiful design for this important event in the life of our church. Entries may be hand-drawn or computerized and should be dropped off at the church office or emailed to: office@stjohnmany.org. Deadline for all entries is **Wednesday, May 5th.**

Donations Needed

Our new ice machine has been installed. We appreciate those who have donated to help us defray this expense. We are still accepting donations which may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the collection basket, clearly marked. All help is appreciated.

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge or gift to support our 2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. Thus far, St. John the Baptist has 61.49% of their goal pledged and St Terence has 50% of their goal pledged. It is still possible to support this cause by filling out a pledge card located in the back of the church. Please support this worthy cause and help our diocese "Return to the Lord" by serving others.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the S. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness, our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Convent Come and See Weekend

Calling all young women! Have you ever thought you might be called to be a sister or a nun? Not sure if religious life is right for you? The Diocese of Shreveport wants to take you on an all-expense paid trip to see what religious life is like and help you discern God's call. The event will be held April 30 – May 1st at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, 9894 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport. The free weekend is for young women 16 years old to mid-20s.