

Good News!

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 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

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

Scripture readings for the week of April 19—25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 4:8-12
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:36-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	1 Jn 3:1-2
						Jn 10:11-18



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From the Priest's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Gospel passage this Sunday from St. Luke we hear the rest of the story after the disciples had come to realize it was Jesus who was walking with them on their way to Emmaus. They were recounting their story when Jesus came through the door and announced: “Peace be with you.”

We hear that greeting at every Mass just before we break the bread and receive Jesus’ body and blood in Holy Communion. We also hear that same greeting when the bishop celebrates the Mass at the beginning. Has it ever struck you before the power of this statement of Jesus: Peace be with you? Do you want some of that peace in your life?

Peace is not the mere absence of conflict, but the result of the presence of God where he gives us forgiveness, mercy, and healing. We also hear the same words from Christ in the words of absolution in confession: “May God give you pardon and peace...”

If we desire that same peace in our lives, there is only one place...or really one person... who can give it to us. Jesus the Christ.

In these past weeks, you should have received both a letter from me and from Bishop Hurley regarding the 2021 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) for the Diocese of Gaylord. With Bishop’s letter, each family will have received a pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year’s appeal. Consider, also, a pledge made over time to help spread the gift over the next 10 months.

In the coming weeks at Mass, you will hear testimony from me and your fellow parishioners on the impact gifts to CSA make each year. We were blessed that last year all four parishes reached their CSA targets with over \$30,000 coming back to our parishes! Our hope is that with your help we will be able to use the monies raised over this year's target for all our special projects: Maria Hall Renovation at St. Anne, new LED lighting in the church at St. Catherine, new windows at St Gabriel, and new carpet in the church at St. Raphael.

God Bless,

Fr Tyler



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
Ronald Frayer

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
Louis Paviglio

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
Mike Endres

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

Monday, April 19

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
For all healthcare workers

Tuesday, April 20,

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
Theresa Clancy

9:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne  
2:00 pm St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, St. Anselm

9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
For our nation

5-6 pm Adoration/Confession St. Catherine  
6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine  
6:30 pm First Communion/Confirmation Prep.  
St. Catherine

Thursday, April 22

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
For the sick and suffering

9:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

Friday, April 23, St. George & St. Adalbert

NO MASS

Saturday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

3:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
Ronald Frayer

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
Richard Malenfant

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Nancy Goebel

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).

Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$87,913.43	\$106,351.95	\$22,759.10	\$30,355.58
Actual year-to-date	\$90,933.71	\$101,146.29	\$19,350.52	\$32,282.36
April 11	\$1,602.00	\$	\$	\$961.33
Other Collections:	\$295.00	\$	\$	\$323.43

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. James Siler

Monday—Rev. Rolando Silva

Tuesday—Vocations to the priesthood and  
all religious life

Wednesday—Rev. Kenneth Stachnik

Thursday—Rev. Dennis Stilwell

Friday—Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe

Saturday— All Seminarians

**Projects at St. Gabriel Church:** A video explanation from Fr. Tyler along with detailed information is available on our website. There is a need to replace the windows of the church which are from the 1890s. The biggest issue is the high water level which is causing severe damage to the foundation of the church. We need to dry out the crawlspace in order to save St. Gabriel’s foundation. Donations toward these projects will be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark the donation envelope or check: St. Gabriel Special Project.

Project Updates:

Maria Hall renovation is coming along well. The building plans have been approved and finalized and now contractors are beginning to submit their bids. We have raised \$49,412 in total funding for the project so far (including the seed donation of \$25,000 and \$15,000 in matching gifts. If in the coming weeks we raise an additional \$5,000, we will reach our first goal from the matching gifts. Thank you, everyone, for your amazing generosity!

St. Gabriel crawlspace and window project: To date we have raised \$7,772 toward the projects. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity! The windows are scheduled to be installed at the end of April. The crawlspace work should be starting around the same time.

Adult Faith Formation – The Mass

We will be beginning once again our Adult Faith Formation lessons on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Catherine (April 13 – May 12). Fr. Tyler will be walking us through an in depth study of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Have you ever wondered why do we say: “and with your spirit”? Or what does the incense signify? Or why do we use bread and wine and not something else. Fr. Tyler will be going step by step through the Mass and discussing with us its tradition, history, and meaning. All are invited. The classes will continue to be livestreamed. The children will continue to meet during class with their catechist as they prepare for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the end of May.

**St. Vincent de Paul** in Mikado is in need of newspapers to use for wrapping fragile items. If you have newspapers to donate, please contact the store at 989-736-6271.

**Saint of the Week-Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen-Feast Day April 24.** Born in Sigmaringen (Germany), Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became “the poor person’s lawyer.” But, disillusioned over other lawyers’ behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.