

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



3rd Sunday Of Easter

April 18 2021



Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

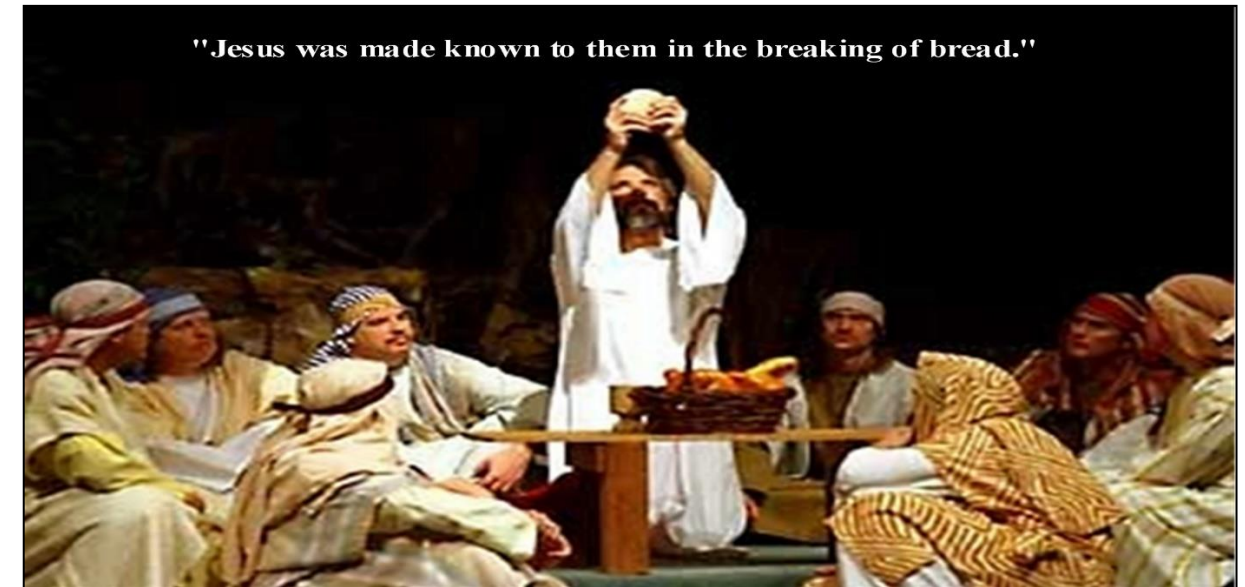
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"Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 17 – April 24

Sat 6:00 pm †Bob Fisher
Sun 11:00 am †Len Sumter
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am †John Hutterer
Wed 8:00 am †James M. O'Neil
Thr 8:00 am †Stella, Frank & Joseph Wozniak
Fri 8:00 am †Melissa Morris

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 17 – April 24

Sat 4:00 pm †Elizabeth Byrd
Sun 9:15 am †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort
Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm