

January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men . . . "
[Jesus] went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

Matthew 4: 12-23

Life lessons from the busboy

Darren Walker is the president of the Ford Foundation, one of the world's largest philanthropic organizations. With an endowment of \$13 billion, the Ford Foundation last year made some 1,300 grants totaling more the \$650 million, to support the work of organizations around the world tackling justice issues surrounding the economy, the environment, education and technology.

Walker sees the foundation's work as trying to improve the life for people who, in his words, are "invisible in our society."

People like the child he once was.

He was born in a charity hospital in Louisiana and raised in a rural town in Texas. He went to public schools, attended colleges on scholarship, then went to New York to practice law, eventually moving into investment banking.

On Wall Street, Walker made money — and makes no apologies: "Growing up poor [you] never want to be poor again, and to have clarity about that." But Walker walked away from Wall Street and went to work for a nonprofit economic development organization in Harlem. From there, he moved on to an executive role at the Rockefeller Foundation, and then the Ford Foundation, becoming president in 2013.

In an interview in The New York Times [September 29, 2019], Walker said the experience that most prepared him to be president of the Ford Foundation was working as a busboy when he was thirteen.

"When you work as a busboy, you are the lowest person in the organization. You are invisible, and relevant only to the extent that you are cleaning up after people and taking away the things they discard. No one acknowledges you, no one speaks to you, no one recognizes your dignity. There was something about being rendered invisible and the perniciousness of the systems that render too many people invisible that has informed how I think about our work at Ford.

"For me, this question of how I settled into philanthropy is one that I struggle with, because there is an enormous amount of privilege [among Americans]. And so the question is, what are we doing with our privilege?"

Today, Jesus begins his preaching life, proclaiming his vision of the "kingdom of heaven." That vision is illuminated by the "great light" of God's justice and mercy that enables us to see ourselves and one another in all our dignity and goodness, in all our brokenness and failings. In the light of God's Christ, no one is so "invisible" as to be beyond the love of God, no one is so "privileged" as to be above the demanding work of Gospel compassion and justice. As we accompany Jesus in Matthew's Gospel in the year ahead, may we walk with the humility and insight of Darren Walker's 13-year-old busboy, embracing the hope that we can restore and re-create our world by God's grace.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 19, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1665.60
Initial Offering	25.00
Building Fund	5.00
New Years Day	10.00
Advent Folders	20.00
Votive Candles	34.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late William & Ada Myles
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Joan Hearn
Thur, 7 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri, 10 a.m.	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Piercey Family
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 1	
Art Hall Gen Quigley	John Carroll Joan Penney Joe Byrne
February 2	
Tony Griffin Patsy Payne	Donna Eldridge Brian Sparkes Don Gallant
Communion of the Sick	
Tony Griffin	

PARISH DUES: Received January 19, 2020 with thanks from: Assumpta Roche

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church meeting room.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – CANDLEMAS:

On the weekend of February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. That feast is also called Candlemas. At that time the church blesses candles to be used in the church and in homes for the upcoming year. If you wish to have candles blessed, bring them to church and they will be blessed during mass on Saturday, February 1st. After mass, using blessed candles, we will celebrate the blessing of throats.

4 YOUTH – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:

January 28th is the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas. He was a very good student, tops in his class. He joined the Order of Saint Dominic against his parents' wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and he began teaching and publishing his first works at the age of 22. He received his doctorate at age 31. He wrote and preached often and his works are still studied today, He was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. As you continue your student work this month - be it exams, projects or presentations - say a prayer to St Thomas since he is the patron saint of all universities and students. You can find A Students Prayer (by St Thomas Aquinas), published by Catholic Online

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION-Promotion of**

World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

SCHEDULES: The schedules for February and March are available. Please take up your copy at Church and sign the form showing you have received your copy. Before we do the schedule for Easter, we need to be sure who will be present for the Holy Week Liturgies. If you are not going to be here during the week off April 4th to the 12th please let Tony Griffin at 632-5755 or Carol Reid at 785-2587 know at your earliest convenience.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019: Tax Receipts for 2019 are available at the back of the Church. If there are any issues, please contact the Parish Office from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

PARISH MISSION- ADVANCE NOTICE: Our parish will be taking part in a special mission during Lent. Retired Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be with us on the weekend of March 28th, 29th and will lead us in a mission from March 29th to 31st. This will be a tremendous time to celebrate our faith with an Archbishop who has undergone great spiritual healing and has assisted many others in that same journey.

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of March 20th - 21st. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these Net Ministries activities.

HUMOR: Q: What did the Gingerbread man put on his bed?
A: A cookie Sheet!

HUMOUR:

An old man limped into the doctor's office and said, "Doctor, my knee hurts so bad, I can hardly walk!" The doctor slowly eyed him from head to toe, paused and then said, "Sir, how old are you?" "I'm 98," the man announced proudly. The doctor just sighed and looked at him again. Finally, he said, "Sir, I'm sorry. I mean, just look at you. You are almost 100 years old, and you're complaining that your knee hurts? What did you expect?" The old man said, "My other knee is 98 years old too, and that one doesn't hurt!"

ADVANCE NOTICE: PRE-MARRIAGE

SEMINAR: couples planning to marry this year are advised of a special seminar being held Friday, March 6th starting at 7:00 pm and continuing on Saturday March 7th at 9:00 am. We cover topics of Sacramentality of Marriage, communication, financial considerations, relaxation and meditation as well as an overview of challenges to the goals and objectives of the Sacrament. This promises to be a pleasant experience as you prepare spiritually to celebrate your marriage. The fee is \$50.00. Kindly call our office at 634-5161 to register.

BINGO: There will be bingo at the Sacred Heart Gym on February 2nd, at 2 p.m. There is a volunteer list on the bulletin board located at the back of the Church.

Volunteers in the sections G through M on this list are asked to donate items. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you want your name added to or removed from this list.

