



## Mass Intentions

August 17, 2020– August 23, 2020

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH – BAY CITY**

<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m. James E. Mitchell
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m. <b>Ray Kacal</b>
<b>HC School</b>	9:00 a.m. Teachers, Parents, & Students
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m. Nicole Adams
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m. <b>Ray Kacal</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 p.m. Vicente Tran
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. Parish Family
	10:00 a.m. Fred Holub
	6:00 p.m. <b>Michael Daniel Branson</b>

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## Eucharistic Adoration

*We will have Eucharistic Adoration in the Church each day following the morning Mass until 12 Noon, and on Fridays 8:00 am - 12 Noon.*

*Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

***we will not have a Mass on Fridays.***

*(There will be Mass on First Fridays. If you wish to attend Mass, please consider going to Our Lady of Guadalupe)*

***Please join us each Friday for Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon***

## Traveler's Blessing & Blessing of Vehicles

*Have you had your truck or car blessed? Are you college bound, or going on a trip? Please call the Church Office to schedule a Traveler's Blessing or the blessing of your vehicles.*

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday, August 23, 2020:** *Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20.*

## Holy Cross Collections

**August 08, 2020 – August 09, 2020 Collections**



Weekly Collections \$7,618.00

*May God Bless You*

*Thank you for your support & generosity*

## Today's Readings



This week's first reading called for respect for the Lord's Day. The Sabbath was the day set aside for prayer, rest, and worship. We are commanded by God to observe his Sabbath because we need to spend unhurried time in worship each week. Scripture tells us very clearly to remember the "Sabbath" as a holy day.

The second reading showed how God's mercy is open to all people, and the Gospel revealed faith as the response to the living power and presence of God in your life. We need to remember that in the days following Pentecost, the new Christian church was filled mostly with Jewish people. Because of the missionary efforts of Peter, Paul, Philip and others, Gentiles became believers. It was not very long before the Gentiles, or non-Jewish believers, became the majority in the church. This turning from the Jews toward the Gentiles did not mean that God had abandoned them; it meant that when a Jew came to Christ, there was great rejoicing, as if a dead person had come back to life.



This Gospel passage shows us that faith is available to all people. Consider faith to be a response to the living power and presence of God in your life. The woman in today's reading had a tremendous amount of faith in Jesus. Consider that in those days even approaching the Rabbi was very restricted. Yet, not only is the teacher approached and even being bothered by her begging, but all this is being done by a woman. There were no equal rights for women or children in those days.

This week, do nothing on Sunday other than celebrate in church and spend time with your families. Do no work unless it is absolutely necessary. Parents, plan an activity with your children that will increase their faith. Children, this Sunday, study God's readings and share them with your parents before going to church. Single people, join a church fellowship and get into a Bible study. Learn how his Word will make every day the "Lord's Day."

***A PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS***

Saint Thomas Aquinas, you are called by Holy Mother Church, the Angel of the Schools. Your wisdom, gathered through long meditation from the source of all wisdom, the most holy Trinity, has long been a shining light in the Catholic Church. Ignorance of the things of God is a darkness now enveloping the minds of many of our countrymen. In this darkness, we need a saint like you who will protect, foster, and nourish the schools we have, and guide and strengthen us in establishing and building newer and more adequate schools for the instruction of our children in the ways of Christ. Help and bless the generous laity, sisters, brothers, and priests who labor so unselfishly in the classroom to spread the knowledge of Christ. Inspire our Catholic men and women to be most generous in the support of the schools we have. Grant to parents the wise generosity they need to give their child back to God when that child wishes to follow a priestly or religious vocation. Help us, Saint Thomas, Angel of the Schools, to understand what you taught, and to follow your example.

Amen.

**Save the date!**

*Holy Cross Church  
Fall Festival*

**Sunday  
September 27, 2020**

*Raffle tickets will be going out in the  
mail this week.*



*“Celebrating 80 Years”*



The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to make a difference in the world by loving God, others, and ourselves through learning as we build our Christian family.



**\*Our first School Mass  
will be on Tuesday,  
August 18, at 9:00 am.**

(This Mass is currently not open to the public)

Please pray for our teachers,  
staff and students  
as they enter into an exciting  
new school year!

Please visit the Holy Cross School website:  
[bholycrossschool.org](http://bholycrossschool.org)  
for additional safety protocols,  
exciting news, and information.

— WELCOME —  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**