



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY – March 25th

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule: 4:00 PM St. Therese | 5:00 PM St. Mary
7:00 AM St. Mary | 8:30 AM St. Therese | 10:00 AM St. Mary | 11:30 AM St. Mary

HOLY THURSDAY – March 29th *(No Daily Mass)*

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper — ST. MARY

GOOD FRIDAY – March 30th *(No Daily Mass)*

12:00 PM — *Ecumenical Service beginning at St. Mary*

3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion — ST. THERESE

HOLY SATURDAY – March 31st *(No Daily Mass or 4PM/5PM Vigils)*

9:00 AM *Blessing of the Food* — St. Mary

10:00 AM *Blessing of the Food* — St. Therese

8:00 PM Easter Vigil — ST. MARY

EASTER SUNDAY – April 1st

7:00 AM St. Mary | 8:30 AM St. Therese | 10:00 AM St. Mary

10:30 AM St. Therese | 11:30 AM St. Mary



LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church gives us the following regulations for the Lenten season:

- **FASTING** IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE 18-59 YEARS OF AGE ON ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.
- **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** is required on ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT for those 14 years of age and older.

FASTING is defined as eating only one full and two light meatless meals in a day. Eating between meals is not permitted, although liquids are allowed.

Technology Corner



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP — Download our St. John Bosco MyParish App to stay connected to our parish and find faith-building features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic prayers, homilies, and Lenten reflections. You can also sign up to receive important parish notifications directly to your phone or tablet. **Text APP to 88202 or visit www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/myparishapp** to download and see instructions.

PHONE FAST FRIDAYS (#PFF) — Join in this Archdiocesan initiative to fast from your cell phones every Friday in Lent, to silence your hearts and listen to God!

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DAILY MASS — Monday-Friday* 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church

*First Friday of the month 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary School (no 7:00 a.m.)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS — Stations of the Cross will alternate between St. Mary and St. Therese each Friday evening at 7:00 PM. **The Stations of the Cross schedule is as follows:**

February 16 — St. Therese Church	March 9 — St. Mary Church
February 23 — St. Mary Church	March 16 — St. Therese Church
March 2 — St. Therese Church	March 23 — St. Mary Church



SIMPLE SUPPERS — Simple Suppers of soup, bread, sandwiches, and/or salad will precede Stations of the Cross some weeks, at 6:00 PM. **The Simple Supper schedule is as follows:**

February 23 — St. Mary Hall	March 16 — St. Therese Hall
March 9 — St. Mary Hall	March 23 — St. Mary Hall



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Let the light of God's mercy shine on you this Lenten season by going to confession! Monday night confessions will also alternate between St. Mary and St. Therese each week, in addition to the normally scheduled Saturday confessions at each location.

MONDAYS, 5:30-6:00 PM

February 19 — St. Mary Church	March 12 — St. Therese Church
February 26 — St. Therese Church	March 19 — St. Mary Church
March 5 — St. Mary Church	March 26 — St. Therese Church

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

3:00-3:30 PM — St. Therese Church	4:00-4:30 PM — St. Mary Church
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Guides and resources to help prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available in the Resource Center in the connector at St. Mary Church.

For an entire list of Monday Confessions in the Archdiocese, visit ConfessionMondays.com

"LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"

You can use the "Little Black Book" as your companion for Lent. Through only six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days, walk through the book a page at a time and it pays big returns. Books are available at the exits of both churches.



LENTEN BOOK & BIBLE STUDIES

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — A five-week series on Tuesday nights beginning on Tuesday, February 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the St. Therese Parish Center. The men will be studying Fr. Richard Rohr's book *From Wild Man to Wise Man* under the facilitation of Frank Carrano, and the women will be studying Colleen Mitchell's book *Who Does He Say You Are?* under the facilitation of Sr. Carolyn. To register, contact Sr. Carolyn at 203-488-1607 or carsev2000@yahoo.com.

EVENING & MORNING BIBLE STUDIES — An eleven-week series on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM in the St. Mary Hall, beginning on Tuesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 15th, which will study the Gospel of Luke. Contact Pat MacDonald at 203-469-3863 to register.



Dynamic Catholic's BEST LENT EVER — Based on Matthew Kelly's book *Perfectly Yourself* (which we handed out at Christmas!), sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever daily email program to help you become the best-version-of-yourself. Visit www.bestlentever.com.

ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Ham Collection — On Palm Sunday, March 25, bring in hams to the St. Mary or St. Therese Halls after Masses to benefit local families.

Easter Baskets for Children in Need — Candy and small baskets (unwrapped) will be collected for local families. Drop off by March 26th to school or either church office.

CRS Rice Bowl — Pick up a container at the church exits and return it after Easter in the collection basket to either church. For more information, visit crsricebowl.org.

Monthly Food Collection — Consider giving to the less fortunate of Branford through St. John Bosco's ongoing monthly collection for Branford Food Pantry. Items may be left at the exits of the church during the weekend of March 10/11.



LANDINGS — An invitation to inactive Catholics... If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that **we miss you**. We would like to help heal any hurts that we may have caused you and invite you to be an active part of us again. We invite you to take another look at the Church in a casual atmosphere where questions can be asked and concerns voiced. Come on Wednesdays (Feb 14-March 21) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Conference Room. For information, contact Sr. Carolyn at 203-488-1607, ext. 20 or carsev2000@yahoo.com.



OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

"PAINT & SIP" FUNDRAISER — Come support St. Mary School at a guided "Paint & Sip" evening on Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 PM in the St. Mary Hall. Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes wine, food, and your paint! RSVP to Melody Ramos at 917-355-5645.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT — Join us for a Family Movie Night on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 PM in the St. Therese Hall, sponsored by the Cornerstone Men, showing the movie *Jesus Christ Superstar*.