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St. André Bessette Parish

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 6:30 pm at St. Bernard
Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima
Thursday 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

Parish Office:

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WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

St. Bernard Church, Enfield
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

Pastor
Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish office. You can also e-transfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

Preparing the Way — This Sunday we are introduced to a central character of Advent. Saint John the Baptist was one who had a very precise calling — his work and his ministry would be one of readying the people to meet Christ. John the Baptist performed Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sin. Now we are not preparing for Christ to be born again as a little baby. Our preparation during the Advent Seasons of our lives helps us recall Christ's first coming, so as to ready ourselves to welcome him at his new, spiritual coming each Christmas, and looks forward to his definitive, second coming at the end of history.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception — This year December 8 falls on a Sunday, so the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Monday, December 9. We are all invited to celebrate our patronal feast day on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Dunn will celebrate joined by the clergy of the diocese. A reception will follow in the hall. Let us come together to pray for our Blessed Mother Mary's intercession, guidance, and protection over our whole Archdiocese. A reception in the hall will follow Mass. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 7 pm at St. Bernard
7 pm at St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday, December 25 9 am at Holy Cross
10 am at St. Rose of Lima

Mass Intentions for the week of December 9 to 15, 2024

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Rita White †
Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - No Mass
Thursday, December 12 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Earl Nicol †
Friday, December 13 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Todd Graham †
Saturday, December 14 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Andy and Martina Doyle †
Sunday, December 15 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the People
Sunday, December 15 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Shannon Doy †

Please note there will be no 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday, December 11, due to the Reconciliation Service at Immaculate Conception in Truro. There will be Mass at the Magnolia in Enfield at 11 am.

Christmas Flowers — Please consider making a donation in your deceased loved ones' names to the cost of the flowers and decorations that will adorn the churches this Christmas. Names will be posted in the churches, thus marking their presence for all of the Masses from Christmas Eve until the Epiphany. To make a donation, simply place it in an envelope with the name of your deceased family member or friend and drop the envelope in the collection at Sunday Mass. You may add your church envelope number to ensure that your donation will be credited for income tax purposes.



Remembrance Tree — The St. Rose of Lima CWL is **continuing** the Christmas Tradition to **remember and pray** for our deceased loved ones during the liturgical Christmas Season. Christmas ornaments with their names can be ordered and will be placed on a Christmas Tree located in the church. These dear ones will be remembered and prayed for in all of the Masses offered from the first Christmas Mass until the Epiphany Mass. After the Epiphany Mass, those who ordered an ornament can collect and take it home to place on their own Christmas Tree next year. The CWL ladies will be accepting donations for the ornaments and will be at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima church beginning **Sunday, December 1 until Sunday, December 22** to accept the names of your deceased loved ones.

An Invitation to a Day of Reflection — Ladies of St. André Bessette Parish, do you know that **you are the Beloved of Christ?** He longs to spend time with you and as we await His Nativity. The Ladies of the St. Rose of Lima CWL invite you to an afternoon of prayerful reflection of this awesome event to help prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for the birth of Our Lord. Let us imitate Our Blessed Mother as she pondered in her heart the meaning of the upcoming birth of her Son. Come **join us Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 pm** to listen to sacred music, hear sacred scripture, and to pray the Rosary together.



St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot Christmas tree sales will begin early in December. The Knights will again be set up with the Burgess Family Tree Lot (across the road from the Sobey's Gas Bar/Needs).



St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign The Knights will once again be putting out a box at the entrance of the church to collect new socks, hats and gloves for those in need this winter. Last year they collected 375 pairs of socks, 26 pairs of gloves and 13 hats. They are, with your help, hoping to increase those totals this year! Your donations will be brought to Hope Cottage, along with a hot stew supper.



Knights of Columbus 2025 Calendars — Cash calendars will be available at the entrances of St. Rose of Lima and St. Bernard after Sunday Mass. Cost is \$20, and gives you a chance to win multiple draws.

4-Day Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory in June 2025 — We now have 64 people interested in the bus tour to Quebec. This is more than one busload so we are sourcing another bus. If you are interested but have not yet signed up please sign the list at the entrance of the three churches. If you are no longer interested in the trip, please remove your name from the list. The price for the tour will be **\$725 per person, and this includes the bus, hotel and breakfast each morning and all taxes.** The dates will be **June 4 to 7, 2025 inclusive.** Day 1 we will drive to Quebec City and stay the night. Day 2 we will visit St. Joseph's Oratory and return to Quebec City. Day 3 we will visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and day 4 we will travel home to Nova Scotia. More information will follow regarding commitment and payment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — In addition to the regularly-scheduled times for Reconciliation, the following will be offered as well:

- **Tuesday, December 10** following 6:30 pm Mass 7 - 8 pm (St. Bernard)
- **Friday, December 13** following the 12 noon Mass 12:30 - 1:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima)
- **Tuesday, December 17** following the 6:30 pm Mass 7 - 8 pm (St. Bernard)
- **Wednesday, December 18** following 6:30 pm Mass 7 - 8 pm (St. Rose of Lima)
- **Thursday, December 19** following the 12 noon Mass: 12:30 - 1:15 pm (St. Bernard)
- **Friday, December 20** following the 12 noon Mass 12:30 - 1:30pm (St. Rose of Lima)

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) — We are now into our 7th week of gathering for Faith Formation for those discerning full initiation into the Catholic Faith. In the last couple of weeks, we have shared on the Holy Spirit, completing the presentations on the Holy Trinity. Last Saturday was the presentation on Mary, Mother of God. Yesterday, Free Will, Grace and Forgiveness topic. Please keep our team and participants in your prayers. As we move through this process, we pray for that deepening of Faith and Life and engaging more our gift of Faith as we live our everyday lives in the world.

Diocesan Appeal: Made for Mission — Due to the Canada Post strike, we are sharing the final diocesan appeal with parishioners via the attached appeal letter. Parishioners are invited to give and pray for this initiative through online and by-phone options, as well as through parish collections.

National Day for Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is a national initiative of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC). The day is recognized each year on December 12, the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On December 12, let us pray in a particular way for our local efforts to heal, rebuild, and strengthen our relationship with our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters.



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2024/2025 Family Formation Program

December 8	Family Christmas Party (p-Confirmation Class *Service Hours)	St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am
December 8	Home Lesson	St. Bernard
December 15	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima
December 15	Family Christmas Party (p-Confirmation Class *Service Hours)	St. Bernard @ 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS BREAK: DECEMBER 20, 2024 - JANUARY 2, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree — From now until December 22, you will see a St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church. Please take a tag, buy the item and return it the following week. Your donations will help those less fortunate in our local community.



Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Children are invited to participate in this contest. Submit your drawing/artwork/poem, etc. on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include your name, age and contact information. Deadline is December 22, 2024. A tray will be placed at the churches' entrances on that weekend to collect submissions. Contact Rick Karst with any questions (rickwkarst22@gmail.com or 902-456-2744).

Father Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program— Donations are being accepted at all three churches for the inpatients and residents of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Abbie J. Lane, East Coast Forensic Hospital and Community Transition Program, Connections and Outpatient Services. Organizers ask that gifts be unwrapped, new (not used), and unscented. There are more male clients than female clients. Large, extra-large and plus sizes for both men and women are welcome. **Suggested items:** winter coats, winter boots, pyjamas, nightgowns, sweaters, housecoats, underwear, socks, jogging suits, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, gloves, hats, slippers, purses, candy, chocolates, makeup, toiletries, nail polish, music CDs, gift cards and certificates, new books and magazines. **The deadline is next Sunday, December 15.** Thank you for bringing great cheer from the community during the holiday season.

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