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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 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)
... or by appointment

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.

Parish Office:

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Website: standrebessette.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Phone: 902-476-8626
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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – November 10, 2024

Today's Gospel gives us wonderful insight into what God wants from us. The scribes' idea of generous with God was giving Him their money, their knowledge and their talents (all things they received from God in the first place). What God truly wants is something different. God desires to have our Love. The Gospel from last Sunday reminded us of the greatest commandment – *Love the Lord your God with all your hearts, mind, soul and strength*. Out of love, we can trust him, like the poor widow; we can seek to know him and make him known. This is the gift most worthy of the Lord. (Taken from *The Better Part* - A Mighty Heart reflection.)

Book of Remembrance — The Book of Remembrance is on the altar for the month of November. Parishioners are encouraged to record the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book as the prayers of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass are offered in remembrance of them.

Remembrance Day, November 11 — Our prayers for the dead (Faithful Departed) continue through the month of November. On Monday, we honor those who fought bravely in the various World Wars. November 11 is truly a day we dedicate to remember and honour those who have lost their lives in the fight for freedom and peace. On this day, we also remember those who are presently engaged in peace-keeping forces, those who are engaged in the war in Israel and the Gaza Strip, Ukraine and Russia. It is a day we can gather at the Cenotaph and enter into the ceremonies. It is also a day we can set some time aside with our families and our communities to pray and remember. The words *Lest We Forget* emphasize a particular need to remember. Our Faith teaches us ... remember all that Jesus Christ did and said for our sake, that we might live our lives so as to be models of living the Christian life in the midst of the broken world in need of mending and healing. Our failure to remember all that God has done has dire consequence for our lives and for our world. Forgetting what those who have gone before us did for our world too, has dire consequences. We will remember them.

Annual Memorial Masses — This coming week we have two Masses where we will remember those who died in the past year in our Parish. We will also have the names of those close relatives of parishioners who died elsewhere. While the experience of grief and mourning may still be very strongly felt, we pray that this Mass is another opportunity for the Parish to pray together and to offer our spiritual support along your journey. Following the proclamation of the Gospel, we will name those deceased in the past year, and if family members are present, they may come forward to light a candle in memory of their loved one. May our Faithful Departed rest in the loving embrace of God. May all who grieve the loss of a loved one be consoled in the hope of the Resurrection.

Masses for the week of November 11 to 17, 2024
 Tuesday, November 12 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Annual Memorial Mass
 Wednesday, November 13 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Annual Memorial Mass
 Thursday, November 14 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Rita White †
 Friday, November 15 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Donna Landry †
 Saturday, November 16 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Linda Osborne
 Sunday, November 17 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
 Sunday, November 17 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Rita Landry †

Faith Formation & Family Participation in Mass — I want to thank parents and young people for coming together to celebrate your Faith as members of the larger church family we call Parish. Each Sunday is an important opportunity for us to become stronger in our Christian Faith, and so we are invited to gather in one of our Sunday Masses we offer at St. André Bessette Parish (4 pm on Saturday @ Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit); 9 am on Sunday @ St. Bernard (Enfield); 11 am @ St. Rose of Lima (Fall River)). The commitment that parents make and the responsibility that is theirs to raise their children to come to know God and to build a relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is crucial for us Catholic Christians. Connecting regularly (every Sunday) with your Family of Faith helps us to realize that we have a responsibility to assist each other. Attending Mass has been challenging, especially with Covid, but also because we allow the extra-curricular activities take first place before Faith. As Pastor, I can see the unfortunate effects that it has on a Parish's sense of journeying together in Faith and Parish unity. I can also see the devastating effects it has on the domestic church - the Church at home - Family Life. If the priority of Faith, the centrality of God, is lessened then the strength of the family bond is also weakened. If you know of some families who have not returned to regular celebration of the Faith, invite them to come back. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of the Christian life. Faithfulness to the Eucharist, giving God the proper and place of priority on Sunday, can make all those other activities we participate in (competitive sports, recreation, etc...) even better. Let's help each other rediscover the beauty of our Faith and let's live it out well.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — This is an international organization formed mainly of Catholic volunteers. St. André Bessette Parish members assist those living in poverty in our area. They assist individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities. Special envelopes are available now for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!!

Offering Envelopes — Envelopes for 2025 are here and are ready to be picked up. Those who had 2024 envelopes have been assigned the same number. The boxes have been labeled and placed in alphabetical order by last name. If you don't currently have envelopes, there are a number of boxes that have not yet been assigned to anyone. Take one! Please fill out the box's registration slip with your full name (including middle initial) and contact information and place

it in the collection. Please include your name and the donation amount on your weekly envelope to ensure the charitable tax receipt can be produced for the accurate amount. If you no longer want envelopes, don't take them! They can be reassigned to someone else. Contact the office and let Lynette know. Thanks!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) — We are now into our 3rd week of gathering for some Faith Formation of those discerning full initiation into the Catholic Faith. 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.

Kitchen Party Update! — Many thanks to all those who will shared their talent last weekend, and to those who attended. It couldn't have happened without your support. The Ways & Means Committee thanks you!

Beacon House
 • Top 10 Items needed for November: mayo, pasta, juice, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, kraft dinner, beans in tomato sauce, diapers size 4,5 & 6, and cat food.
 • Christmas Hampers: This year St. Rose of Lima Church has been asked to provide **fruit juice**. 1-litre boxes are easy to pack. Please leave in Beacon House Bin by **December 7**.

St. Rose of Lima volunteer **church cleaners** need your help! Looking for a way to contribute but don't have a lot of time? It involves only 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. To sign up or get more information, contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.

The 2024-2025 Missals have arrived. Cost is \$5. There are also a few youth missals available for \$7. Place payment in an envelope marked "Missal" and put it in the collection.

2024/2025 Family Formation Program

November 10	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am
November 17	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard @ 10:00 am
November 17	Parent/Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard @ 9:00 am (rehearsal details TBD)
November 17	FAMILY MASS	

A reminder that you can bring your **refundables** to the Green Tree Recycling Depot at Cobequid Road/Windsor Junction Road. Proceeds support the youth of St. André Bessette Parish!

Parish Directory — Preparation work continues on the directory. Please contact the office if:

- you did not get your picture taken but would like your name listed as a parishioner (no contact information included);
- you did not get your picture taken but would like a copy of the directory (cost to be determined).



Turkey-a-la King Luncheon and Christmas Bazaar
 Saturday, November 23, 2024
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 St. John's United Church Hall
 3360 Highway #2, Fall River, Nova Scotia

Bake Table, Christmas Cookie Tins, Gift Table, Puzzles and Games

Bring Your Own Reusable Shopping Bag

Eat in or Take Out Lunch Available

Menu: Turkey-a-la King, Fall Desserts, Tea/Coffee
 Children's Meal: Hot dogs, potato chips, ice cream

Cost: \$12.00
 \$ 5.00 Children's Meal

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Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to join the **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign. See how peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations.

Let's ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation!** Please [sign our campaign letter at devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act). To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** or visit devp.org/campaign.



If you are interested in finding out more about Development and Peace and ways to volunteer in your parish, please contact our **regional animator, Adah Ogbe** at aogbe@devp.org.

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In Flanders Fields
 John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.