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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 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 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)
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

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1st Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024

Today we begin a journey into the awesome mysteries that Our Heavenly Father prepared for His people, to save them and to secure their salvation. The mystery, beauty, and power of Mary's Fiat to the will of the Father to become the Mother of God, the Word made Flesh, offers us an opportunity to ponder what our roles might be in Our Eternal Father's plan of salvation; and to reflect upon what hope we can offer to help light the darkness. Let our actions and our response be guided boldly through Mary's example as she with trust and hope in the goodness of the Lord proclaimed:
I am the Lord's servant. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Luke 1:38

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.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 2 to December 8, 2024

Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Pierre Richer †
Wednesday, December 4 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Bernadette Hollett †
Thursday, December 5 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Allie MacDonell †
Friday, December 6 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Ernie McNamara
Saturday, December 7 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Linda Osborne
Sunday, December 8 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the People
Sunday, December 8 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Kimberley Maguiness †



CWL Christmas Sale — Just in time to help you ease the Christmas holiday pressures of baking and gift giving, the ladies of the St. Rose of Lima CWL are hosting a **Christmas Sale**. They invite one and all to come and join in on the fun **December 7 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Mitchell Hall**, located behind St. Rose of Lima Church. Sip hot apple cider and enjoy a Christmas cookie as you browse and shop for delicious baked goods, fudge, and preserves. The New/New-to-You Table will offer a unique selection of giftware and jewellery. Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a Christmas Basket that has wonderful Christmas gifts, surprises and delicious treats. Chances to win a Preserve Basket are also available on each raffle ticket. The St. Rose of Lima CWL Elves look forward to sharing Christmas merriment and joy with you as we wait in anticipation for the Nativity of Our Lord.



Baked Goods and Fudge — Ladies and Gentlemen of St. André Bessette Parish, the ladies of the St. Rose of Lima CWL would welcome and appreciate any **donation of baked goods and fudge to sell at their Christmas Sale**, December 7 at Mitchell Hall. Your donations will be accepted at Mitchell Hall on Friday, December 6 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 - 10:30 am. The CWL ladies will be at the entrance of the Church before and after Sunday Mass on November 27 and December 1 to answer any questions and to receive the names of those who wish to donate. We thank you for your **unceasing and generous support**.

In Love and Remembrance — It is at Christmas time that the memories and loss of our loved ones are especially felt. The **love, generosity and Divine Mercy** of Our Lord understand our emotions and thus on Christmas Day, our prayers are the most **efficacious** to benefit those whom we hold dear in our hearts. According to Catholic tradition there are many kind and beneficial ways to honour and to help them.

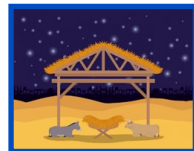


Christmas Flowers — Please consider making a donation in your deceased loved ones' names to the cost of the flowers and decorations that will adorn the churches this Christmas. Names will be posted in the churches, thus marking their presence for all of the Masses from Christmas Eve until the Epiphany. 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. This precious Christmas Tree will be unveiled at the first Christmas Mass. 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.

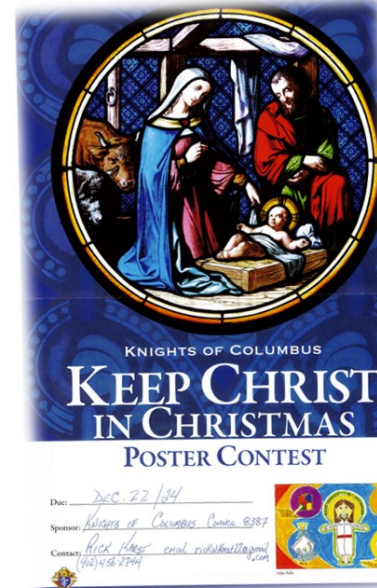
Weekday Mass Schedule and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament — Starting this week, the **First Week of Advent**, we will have Mass at **12 noon on Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima**. Confessions will heard prior to Mass, between 11:30 am and 11:55 am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow after Mass until 3 pm, when the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed followed by Benediction. Tuesday and Wednesday evening Masses will remain at 6:30 pm, which will allow an opportunity for those who may be working throughout the day and those who have parish meetings to attend.

Beacon House Christmas Hampers
This year St. Rose of Lima Church has been asked to provide **fruit juice**. One-litre boxes are easy to pack. Please leave in the Beacon House Bin by **December 7**.

2024/2025 Family Formation Program

December 1	Parent/Student Classes (p-8)	St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am
December 1	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard @ 10:00 am
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



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 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.

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