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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
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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.

4th Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31 7 pm at St. Bernard
Wednesday, January 1 9 am at Holy Cross and 11 am at St. Rose of Lima



We mark the final week of prayer and penance in hopeful anticipation of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, by lighting the Angel's Candle which symbolizes love - the love that God is and the love which He gives freely to each and every one of us. Ministering to others is our love in action - whether it be buying groceries, paying a bill, making a meal, welcoming into the church or offering the Eucharist. Love is transformative, both for the giver and receiver, and it is our mission to bring this love to the world.

Mass Intentions for the weekend of December 28/29, 2024

Saturday, December 28 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
Sunday, December 29 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, December 29 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Charles James Landry †
(There are no Masses on December 26 and 27)

Mass Intentions for January 2 to 5, 2025

Thursday, January 2 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Roddie MacDonnell †
Friday, January 3 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Janet Kane
Saturday, January 4 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Linda Osborne
Sunday, January 5 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, January 5 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - John and Shirley McEachern

Welcome Ainsley! Last weekend at St. Bernard Church we welcomed Ainsley Marie Arsenault into the church through Baptism. May God touch her, and her parents Mark and Katie, with His love and send

Christmas flowers decorating the churches of St. André Bessette Parish have been donated in memory of the following loved ones:



- Wayne Ashley
- Brock Brown
- Gertrude and Jack Carew
- Marnie Carmichael
- Arthur, Mary, Bernard and Allan Clarke
- Wendy Emberly
- Nicholas and Anastasia Flynn
- Kathleen and Tom Graham
- Todd Graham
- Bill Hibberts
- Abe and Leona Jabalee
- Edward and Veronica Jerrett
- Patrick Joseph Keane
- Frank and Bernadette Kerr
- Jane Kerr
- Dr. Dook Kim
- Jung and Byung Kim
- Charles Landry
- Donna Landry
- Luc Landry
- Rita Landry
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- George and Katerhine Mansfield
- Rita and Tedd Marshall
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- Terry Morris
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- Sara Thompson
- Norm Tinney
- John Tobin
- Mary Tobin
- Isabelle Tobin
- Raymond Tobin
- John Tobin Junior
- Anthony Tobin
- Theresa Tobin
- Regina Tobin
- Gordon and Virginia Walsh
- Family Members of Sheila and Steve Bianchi
- Family Members of Georgena MacIsaac

Thank you from the St. Rose of Lima CWL — The CWL ladies would like to thank everyone for their donations, assistance and support of their Christmas Sale on December 7. They wish you all a Peaceful, Joyful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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 until **Sunday, December 22** to accept the names of your deceased loved ones.



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-Baupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory in June 2025 — 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-Baupré and day 4 we will travel home to Nova Scotia.

If you are interested but have not yet signed up, please sign the list at the entrance of the three churches or call the office. If you are no longer interested in the trip, please remove your name from the list. The price for the tour has increased from **\$725 to \$800 per person**, as the plan now is to have 2 busses of 50. **This \$800 covers the bus, hotel, breakfast each morning and all taxes. We will require \$400 each by January 24 and the remainder by February 28** so we can make the down payments required for the trip.

Please note the parish office will be closed from December 23, 2024 to January 1, 2025. We reopen on January 2. We will be checking messages periodically. If you need to reach us in an emergency, call Father's number in Enfield (902-883-2660) and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

May your hearts be filled with the love of Jesus this Christmas!

John A. MacDonald
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2025 is a Jubilee Year! — To celebrate this significant year in the life of our Church, the Holy Father calls us to be pilgrims of hope for he wrote: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.



The Pope has asked bishops around the world to open the Jubilee in their diocese on December 29, 2024. In light of this, Archbishop Dunn invites the faithful to join in the opening of the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at one of the following Masses: Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica at 10:30am, Celebrant: Archbishop Emeritus Anthony Mancini; Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 11:00am, Celebrant: Fr. Henry Smolenaars. All are welcome!

2024/2025 Family Formation Program		
January 5	Classes resume at St. Rose of Lima	9:45 am
January 12	Classes resume at St. Bernard	10:00 am

New Catholic School Opening in HRM — The Archdiocese is pleased to announce the opening of Frassati Academy, an independent, Catholic elementary school, in September 2025 for the 25/26 school year. Frassati Academy will support children in dynamically living their Catholic faith while also providing academic excellence. This newly-founded school will be located at the Campbell Centre of the St. Agnes site of Good Shepherd Parish in Halifax. The school takes Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati as its patron. Frassati was a good-humoured Italian youth who was an avid athlete as well as a devotee of both the Eucharist and Our Lady. In the midst of a prestigious and affluent upbringing, the school's patron remained humble and was deeply committed to a life of charity in service of those in need. He died at the age of 24 of polio, likely contracted from those he aided. Frassati will be canonized in 2025, the centenary of his death.

You are invited to prayerfully consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation to Frassati Academy or becoming an ongoing benefactor. All donations are processed and receipted by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. For more information on this initiative, visit www.frassatiacademy.ca. You may also send an email to info@frassatiacademy.ca.



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