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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

Parish Office:

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 8, 2024

Continuing our journey through the Gospel of Mark, we experience Jesus' healing miracles - people being cured, people being brought back to wholeness in Jesus' presence. Jesus did not perform these healings and miracles to be sensationalized but rather that people might grasp more and more of the need for relationship with God. We have to keep in the forefront of our minds and hearts the covenant that God the Father ratified in Jesus Christ. God sent His Son that we might come to know and live in the experience of the Love of God and that we might become His children once again. As we enter more into the month of September, we return to some routines. Routines can be good as they put some structure to our lives and help us accomplish things we need to accomplish. Routines can also be very empty and mindless if there is not a particular focus or goal in mind. Routines can be meaningless also if we as Christians don't incorporate God and His Love for us. It is very easy to busy our schedule with many things from work to leisure We must also remember that we need to prioritize before all else our relationship with God. We have to **intentionally** make time for God through our every day and not relegate just to the hour on Sunday. If making time for God is not given a significant place in our everyday, and we choose only to give whatever time we might have left to God at the end of the day – then how serious and how much of a priority have we given to God who loves us, redeems and saves us? There are many times throughout our week where the Church is making available quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament, daily Mass, and as a Parish we should be seeking to offer more times to pray and to grow in this beautiful faith of ours. All of these moments are happening in your Church for your benefit – use them well.

St. Bernard Cemetery Mass — We will celebrate our cemetery Mass in Enfield on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm (weather permitting). If weather is not conducive, we will have the Mass in the Church. Please inform family and relatives who have people buried in our cemetery.



Eucharistic Congress 2024: Only 38 days away!

Communion to Heal the World Matthew: 23.8

The Congress logo is circular with a Host and Cup at its centre; the Eucharist/Christ is central to our lives. The five ways that the Eucharist heals surround the central image in five sections with simple images to symbolize each of the themes.

- RESTORE:** It restores our relationship with God (symbolized by a Cross reminding us of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection that reconciled us with the Father).
- UNITE:** It strengthens the unity of the Church (symbolized by hands coming together to unite ourselves in Christ's love and shared mission).
- INSPIRE:** It calls us to worship (symbolized by the bible/scripture recalling for us the Liturgy of the Word that leads us to the Table).
- SERVE:** It commits us to serve the poor and marginalized (symbolized by a hand holding a heart reminding us to witness Christ's love in our service to others).
- EQUIP:** It empowers us for mission (symbolized by the dove; the Holy Spirit who pours out the gifts needed to carry out the mission Christ entrusted to us).

Eucharistic Congress Choir — You are invited to participate in the Eucharistic Congress Choir! The Congress Choir will support the seven Congress liturgies spanning October 18 - 20. The Congress Choir will include a Schola Cantorum and a Massed Choir. The Schola Cantorum will be responsible for learning all of the music, including harder plainchants and choral works. The Massed Choir will learn a bit less music and is designed to be more broadly accessible to facilitate participation and inclusion. Rehearsals for the Massed Choir will take place in three different locations to make it easier for those in various regions of the Archdiocese to participate.

The Choir's Principal Conductor will be Mr. Michael Gnemmi. Michael is organist at St. John the Evangelist Church in Windsor, NS (part of Corpus Christi Parish). Michael has sung with the Archdiocesan Choir many times and is currently President of the Annapolis Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. The Choir's Principal Organist will be Dr. Kim Tan-Fleck. Kim has sung with and accompanied the Archdiocesan Choir, she has been an active member of the Cathedral Parish, and effective September 1 she began her new role as Director of Music Ministry for St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

To REGISTER, please go to <https://forms.gle/a9j8etTJRJCLCG2X6>. Please invite other musicians to participate - they want a BIG CHOIR!! If you have any questions, please email music.congress2024@gmail.com

First Thursday/First Friday/First Saturday — In the Roman Catholic Tradition, we have in our Church a way of intensifying what we believe in Faith about Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity) present in the Eucharist. We have a long tradition in our Church of many and varying devotions. All of these opportunities help us to grow deeper in our Faith and build a stronger relationship with God. On the **First Thursday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a votive Mass in honour of the Eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ/Holy Eucharist. The Church permits the use of particular prayers which help deepen the understanding of Jesus Christ, High Priest and help us be truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. On the **First Friday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Remembering, from the side of Christ water and blood – signs of Baptism and Eucharist – the Sacrifice Christ made for you and me: that we would draw close to His Most Sacred Heart – be protected and guided, that our Hearts could be formed and one with His. On the **First Saturday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This enables us to grow in a greater awareness of Mary, the Mother of God, entrusted by Jesus to his Beloved Disciple at the foot of the Cross and because of that, to us. We honor Mary for Christ her Son, we do not worship Mary. Mary will always guide us back to her Son Jesus – **“Do whatever he tells you...”** Through Mary to Jesus. Masses are offered on these days in our Parish. It would be great to see more people taking advantage of what is being offered for your benefit in Faith and for the glory and honor of God.

Back to Ongoing Education — We pray for all the young people returning to school, universities, colleges, and for the teachers and educators: that as they begin the year and venture into learning they may be blessed to grow in wisdom, and be prepared to use the knowledge attained for the betterment of society, of our world, our communities and our Churches. To our young people going off to university and college, we will miss you! Our prayer is that you connect with a Catholic Chaplaincy or local Catholic Church where you will reside. Keep your Faith in God strong. Rely on the growth of your relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with Our Blessed Mother Mary and with the Saints. These will all help your success and good direction. **Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for all our young people – guide them closer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, enlighten their minds and hearts in God's unconditional love for them. AMEN**

Ministry of Hospitality — In imitation of our patron saint, St. André Bessette, whose humble hospitality and enormous faith enabled God's love to embrace all people who approached the doors of Notre Dame College and those of the Holy Cross congregation, we invite YOU to consider becoming a **Greeter** at Sunday Mass to welcome fellow parishioners to come and see **that the Lord is Good!** A **smile** is all that is required to be a part of this special ministry and to serve our Lord. Please contact Troy at the parish office for more information/inquiries or to join in this ministry.



- In-Person Registration for the **2024/2025 Family Formation Program** Primary to Grade 8 is **Sunday, September 8** following the 9 am and 11 am Masses, at the entrance of the churches.
- Family Formation **Classes** for Primary to Grade 8 begin Sunday, **October 6 at 9:45 (St. Rose) and October 20 at 10 am (St. Bernard).**
- There will be a **Confirmation Parent/Student meeting** on Sunday, **September 29** following the 11 am Mass at Mitchell Hall (St. Rose).
- **TEACHERS:** We are in need of Catechists to help grow our program and to serve the families at our Parish.

Please contact Maria McDonald (maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) for more information.

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

- Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Mary Norton †**
- Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mary Clarke †**
- Thursday, September 12 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Earl Nicol †**
- Friday, September 13 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Carmen Symington †**
- Saturday, September 14 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Barbara Walker**
- Sunday, September 15 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Amelia Villegas †**
- Sunday, September 15 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

Newly Baptized in our Parish — Let us pray for Jade James Boyd and his parents Christopher and Brittany. Jade was baptized last weekend at St. Bernard. May we embrace him with our love and prayers and welcome him joyfully into our community of faith.

OCIA/RCIA — The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, now referred to as Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process of formation for those baptized or non-baptized who might be contemplating becoming Roman Catholic, or

for adults who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation after Baptism (Confirmation and Holy Communion). In preparation for beginning our time of formation, any who might be interested in joining the OCIA process this year are asked to please contact Father Gerald by calling the Parish Office or sending an email to his parish email address. Father would like to gather the initial information from all who are interested in taking this formation process and be prepared to begin in the Fall.



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