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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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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 1, 2024

After a few weeks reflecting with the Gospel of John (Bread of Life Discourse), we return this Sunday to the Gospel of Mark. This portion of Mark's Gospel has Jesus explaining to the people what must be done to keep one's sanctity undefiled. The Pharisees from Jerusalem see Jesus' disciples eating without ritually washing up. Jesus gives them a lesson that it is not what goes into a person that makes them defiled, but rather what comes from within. The heart can be corrupt and can be far from God. **For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within, and they defile a person.** The ritual of cleaning the hands and washing before eating and other things like it are human innovations and customs - these do nothing to control the heart. The heart must be connected to the commandments of the Father. Jesus' commands are not burdensome, but rather free individuals and bring them into a closer relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we reflect on what we put out into the world, what comes from within us that is less than what God wants of us? Recourse to reconciliation and regular confession helps us to attend to many of the vices and assists us with God's unfathomable mercy to seek sanctity undefiled.

**WELCOME FR. MARK CHERRY** — This weekend at our Sunday Masses we welcome Fr. Mark Cherry, who will share his Ministry with us. Archbishop Dunn asked if we would be open to receiving Fr. Mark for one weekend a month in the Parish. St. André Bessette Parish does not have the services of two priests, at this time we do not require it. Fr. Mark will be a welcome addition for the one weekend a month, for his preaching as well as the possibility of assisting us to develop our gifts and charisms for the Mission of the Church. I invite you to give him a warm welcome this weekend and pray for his work in the Evangelization Ministry.

**Return to Regular Weekday Mass and Adoration Schedule** — Please note that starting this week, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 am Masses on Thursday and Friday will return to its usual schedule and will end at noon.

**Reminders** — **September 6, 2024 - First Friday** at St. Bernard: There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Father will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during that time. At 8:00 pm, Benediction will close off this time of prayer and adoration. **September 7, 2024 - First Saturday** at St. Rose of Lima: Mass will be celebrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00 am, followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 to 10:45 am, during which time Father will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At 10:45 am, Benediction will close off this time of prayer and adoration.

**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.



## Eucharistic Congress 2024: Communion to Heal the World

**Only 45 days away!**

Matthew: 23.8

Upon returning from a meeting of International Eucharistic Congress delegates in Ecuador in September 2023, Archbishop Dunn was inspired to host a local Eucharistic Congress. He would be

delighted for you to join him from October 17-20 for the first Eucharistic Congress in the Archdioceses of Halifax-Yarmouth!

There will be opportunities to gather with the faithful of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth to renew our understanding of the gift of the Eucharist; the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive in Communion each time we celebrate Mass.

We'll also be joined by some special guests: Archbishop Richard Smith from the Archdiocese of Edmonton and Archbishop Paul André Durochers from the Archdiocese of Gatineau. They will offer talks that will break open the theme of the Congress: Communion to Heal the World.

**In the bulletins leading up to the Congress, we will focus on how this event can RESTORE your relationship with God, UNITE you with your Faith Family, INSPIRE your worship, renew your commitment to SERVE the vulnerable, and EQUIP you for Christ's Mission! Be prepared!**

The Congress will take place at Saint Agnes Church on Mumford Road and Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Spring Garden Road. **Register now** at [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024). All the faithful are welcome! The cost is only \$25. Registration deadline is October 9, 2024.

**Let's Talk about Jesus in the Eucharist! / Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** — See the insert for more information on these fall programs being offered in the parish.

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**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**

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**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.

**Annual Masses for the Faithful Departed** — Each year the Cemeteries Office of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth offers outdoor Masses to remember and honour the faithful departed. Masses at Gate of Heaven and Mount Olivet Cemeteries took place in August. The Mass at **Holy Cross Cemetery** will happen on Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 pm, 1259 South Park Street, Halifax. It will take place in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel.

**Directories from Universal Portrait Studios** — Portrait packages have been distributed. We are currently working on the parish directory, which should be available this fall.

**Ozanam Place: Helping to Reduce Homelessness and Transform Lives** — The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is excited to announce that it has begun construction of a new \$15 million supportive housing project at 2445 Brunswick Street, right next to its soup kitchen, Hope Cottage. The building will have 38 private living units with kitchenettes and private bathrooms. Tenants will be offered permanent housing and be drawn from the by-name list of HRM's population experiencing homelessness. Tenants will be 50 years of age or older, with 25% of the units reserved for women. African Nova Scotians, Urban Indigenous and those with health issues will also be prioritized. Tenants will be required to sign a lease with a rental rate tied to 30% of their income. The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. The Society strives to alleviate suffering and its causes, serving everyone regardless of race, creed, gender, opinion or age.

### Mass Intentions for the week of September 2 to 8, 2024

Tuesday, September 3 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Robert Hill †**  
 Wednesday, September 4 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mickey Meagher †**  
 Thursday, September 5 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Antonio Ventura †**  
 Friday, September 6 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Hazel Wilson †**  
 Saturday, September 7 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**  
 Sunday, September 8 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the People**  
 Sunday, September 8 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Ellen Hibberts**



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