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## St. André Bessette Parish

St. Bernard Church, Enfield  
 St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River  
 Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard  
 6:30 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 Adoration  
 Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration

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**Holy Cross & St. Bernard Office:** 902-883-2660 or stbernardsenfield@gmail.com  
**Coordinator, Faith Formation:** Maria McDonald at 902-576-2192 or Maria.McDonald@standrebessette.net  
**Communications (Bulletin):** standrecommunication@gmail.com  
 Deadline for submissions to the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**\*\*Please note both parish offices (Fall River and Enfield) will be closed on Wednesday, November 23 for staff meetings. The St. Bernard office will also be closed on the following day, November 24.\*\***

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – November 20, 2022

**Book of Remembrance** — Parishioners are invited to add names of deceased loved ones who they wish to be remembered in prayer by the community during November.

**New Mass Schedule & Ministries** — I announced a new Mass schedule effective the first weekend of Advent, November 26/27 (see listing above). With the new schedule, we need to ensure that each Mass is celebrated with a full complement of people involved in various ministries. As the new pastor, I invite you to consider how you can assist me in my ministry in the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass in our parish. I realize that some of you have been in place for some time and may be seeking a change. I am also aware that still many have not returned to Mass since the pandemic. We will have sign up sheets at the entrance of our churches. I invite you to sign up and give your contact information. St. André Bessette liturgical ministries need to grow and we need your help. ...Fr. Gerald

**St. André Bessette Christmas Concert** — The parish is sponsoring a Christmas Concert, performed by the Heartstrings, at St. Rose of Lima church on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is a family event—there will be a “special treat” for children. Tickets can be reserved or purchased at the door. **Adults (19 and older) \$10.00 each Youth (11 to 18) \$5.00 each Children (10 and under) Free** More information to follow. Contact Gary Curtis (902-229-8404) or Paul Miller (902-497-0400). Come out and support your parish and community!

**St. Rose of Lima Ways & Means Committee** — The committee will have its first post-Covid meeting at Mitchell Hall on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. They need help planning for the upcoming Christmas Concert, advertising sales for the bulletin and ideas for other fundraising events.

**Christmas Flowers at St. Rose of Lima** — To make our church festive for the Christmas season, please consider a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers,” include your name and the name of your loved one, and place it in the Sunday collection. Make cheques payable to St. André Bessette Parish. A list of those being remembered will be displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

**Gluten-Free Hosts** – There are parishioners who are unable to receive Holy Communion because of a gluten allergy. We do have gluten-free hosts available for those who wish to receive this way. Simply check in with the Greeters/Ministers of Hospitality and someone will ensure that we have a host placed in a pyx for consecration at that particular Mass. Just prior to the distribution of Holy Communion, the Altar Servers will place a table near the middle aisle of the church so that the Ministers of Holy Communion will have access to the pyx when you indicate that you are to receive a gluten-free host. You will be given the pyx. Take communion and return the pyx to the entrance of the church before leaving.

**St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bake Sale** — The St. Rose of Lima CWL would like to invite all parishioners to participate in its *Christmas Baking Bonanza* bake sale on December 4, 2022. If you are able to contribute baked goods, sign up sheets are located at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima church until Sunday, November 27. You can also call 902-860-0475. Items can be dropped off at the glebe garage, beside the Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot, on December 4 beginning at 10:00 am. Then come join us after Mass to listen to Christmas carols, enjoy a cup of hot cider, and stock up on delicious treats in time for Christmas.

**Distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound** — If you or someone you know lives in the Fall River area, cannot physically attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, we would like to help. Contact Audrey DeMone (902-860-1798) or Eleanor Hanlon (902-860-3957) for more information.

**St. Bernard CWL Membership Fees** — Payment for January 1 to December 31, 2023 fees are now being accepted. The cost is \$35.00. Pay by January 1 and you could win back your money. Our next regular CWL meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in St. Bernard church basement following the 6:30 pm Mass. New Members Welcome! NO SCENTS PLEASE. Please contact Maureen Tidgwell @ 902-860-0656.

**Caring & Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank (Enfield)** — Registration for the 2022 Christmas season is ongoing until December 8 and parishioners are once again being asked for support. Numbers have been up 37% this year and they are anticipating a great demand on the food bank over the Christmas and winter season. Monetary donations can be sent c/o Unit 2, 50 Old Enfield Road, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or e-transferred to [caringandsharingants@gmail.com](mailto:caringandsharingants@gmail.com). If you wish to adopt an angel or family, please contact Allison Gilby at [caringsharingaaf@gmail.com](mailto:caringsharingaaf@gmail.com) or Pam at 902-476-7982. Donations of baked goods can be delivered to the Legion on Thursday, December 15 between 9 am and noon, or contact Maxine at 902-883-1040 to make special arrangements. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The food bank in the Musquodoboit Valley is gearing up to prepare **Christmas Hampers for about 50 families**. The high food costs are staggering, but with help they hope to help all families on their list. You can support by e-transferring a monetary donation to [mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com](mailto:mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com) or by mailing a cheque to **Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank Association** c/o Betty Lou Tilley, 1790 Higginsville Road, Higginsville, NS B0N 1X0. If you want to adopt an angel, buy a turkey or support a family, please call 902-384-2961. Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an extension of the Mass which enables us to sit quietly and listen to the voice of the Lord. We place our needs, as well as the needs of those who have asked for our prayers, before Him. All are encouraged and invited to come and spend some time before the Lord — Thursdays following the 9 am Mass until noon at St. Bernard and Fridays at St. Rose of Lima. Benediction and close is at noon.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** — We will be building a team to assist in the process, so engagement from all three Churches would be meaningful. I ask you to contact me if you are interested (as a team member or participant) or spread the word to others who might be. You can reach me at [frgerald@standrebessette.net](mailto:frgerald@standrebessette.net) or say hello to me after one of the weekend Masses. ...Fr. Gerald



**St. Bernard  
November 27  
10:00 to 11:00 am  
Class for Students**

**Work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** — This Catholic organization continues to get requests for assistance with food, oil, power and other personal items. The group is seeking new members so that they can help as many as possible in a timely fashion. It is very rewarding work. If you would like more information, please get in touch at 902-476-8626. They are thankful for your support and could not do this work without your help!

**Support for Beacon House** — The top 10 items needed for the food bank in November are: pasta sauce, canned soup, canned stew, canned vegetables, canned fruit, boxed cereal, juice boxes, peanut-free granola bars, baby food jars or cereal, and diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6). Feel free to contact St. Rose of Lima's Representative on the Beacon House Board, Karen Creelman, at [kcreelman@eastlink.ca](mailto:kcreelman@eastlink.ca), if you have any questions.

**Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations-Advent 2022** (from Jesuits of Atlantic Canada) — Prayerfully prepare and celebrate the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season. Theme: Becoming a People of Hope. Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Charles Pottie SJ will lead the sessions and help participants to encounter Christ Jesus through different prayer forms. These four online sessions will begin Thursday, November 24 (7:00 to 8:15 pm) and continue the following three Thursdays of Advent (December 1, 8 and 15). For more information or to register, contact [experiencingprayer@gmail.com](mailto:experiencingprayer@gmail.com).

**Magnificat** — This international ministry to Catholic women is celebrating 25 years. The Halifax Mary, Queen of Peace Chapter will be recognizing this milestone on Saturday, November 26, 2022 with Mass, Magnificat luncheon, a recap of blessings and fellowship: 10 am to 1:30 pm at St. Bernard Church. Cost is \$20. RSVP to Lia Thibault at 902-240-6978 or by email at [magnificathalifax@gmail.com](mailto:magnificathalifax@gmail.com).

**Breakaway Adult Program** (At The Open Gate - 5 Miller Lane, Fall River) — Breakaway is a program for seniors with chronic illness, mobility issues (wheelchair accessible), isolation or dementia which provides participants an opportunity to socialize and meet new friends. It also provides a morning respite for caregivers. The program consists of a variety of social activities and fun, gentle exercises and special events, all run by volunteers. They meet Monday from 9:30 am to noon, from September to the end of June. A suggested donation of \$5 a week is put toward supplies. If you are interested in learning more, call The Open Gate at 902-860-2662.

**CCCB National Reconciliation Fund Website Launched** — On October 17, 2022, the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund implemented by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), launched its website. The site can be viewed in English (<https://www.irfund.ca/>). This national fund is the \$30 million pledge (over five years) that the Canadian Bishops made in September of 2021. The fund will be accessible to First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities across this land for programs and initiatives that promote healing and reconciliation. Locally, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth made a commitment to contribute over \$650,000 to this fund. Mi'kmaq communities in the diocese will be able to apply for funding from this national fund for local projects that will promote healing and reconciliation. The website will be updated regularly and developed further as the Reconciliation Fund grows and evolves. The website can be accessed via the links above and by visiting [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Please note that that this national fund is separate from the *diocesan* Reconciliation Fund collection that was held for the first time in June 2022.

**The 2022-2023 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.

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