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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

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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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Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net

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## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – October 6, 2024

This Sunday in Mark's Gospel we are faced with that great challenge that the Pharisees put before Jesus regarding divorce. "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." Jesus' response must have been very different for the Pharisees to hear – it's difficult for us to hear today that the Sacrament of Marriage is indissoluble. So when problems arise and a spouse wants to walk away: "Are there irreconcilable differences? Is there physical, mental, sexual abuse of one spouse to the other?" Someone who is hard of heart, the person who is afflicting the abuse, must to look at where their heart is. The person who is the victim in these situations needs to consider their safety and the safety of any children from physical, psychological, or sexual abuse. One can see that there are circumstances that cannot be readily amended without someone reaching out for help and healing. These situations were not unknown in Moses' time and therefore a certificate of dismissal and divorce was legitimized, as it is now in contemporary times. As we read this Gospel today, let's pray for anyone we know who is struggling in their marriage. If you are that person, try and seek the necessary help, for healing and God's grace. Let's pray for all married couples and those contemplating marriage. May they receive the necessary supernatural graces from God, that God's grace would enable them to discern marriage clearly and truthfully. We pray that with the grace of God, couples strive to do all within their power to rediscover the beauty of the Sacrament and to rejuvenate/reactivate God's Love in their marriage.

**Catechetical Sunday** — Throughout the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, October 5, 2024 is Catechetical Sunday. Let us pray for all who will share the Faith in and with our families in Faith Formation and our Adult Faith Formation Programs here at St. André Bessette Parish. This weekend at our Masses at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima, **we welcome, thank and pray for all those who came forward to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Teachings of His Church.**

**No Weekday Masses this Week** — Father Gerald is away this week - Monday, October 7 to Friday, October 11. As such, weekday Masses are cancelled. Please reach out to the parish office if there is need for Pastoral Care or Funeral arrangements.

## Congratulations, Betty Lou Tilley!!

Betty Lou was recognized at the 50th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony held on September 18, 2024 in Truro. Those gathered were there to honour the spirit of volunteerism that has sustained communities across Nova Scotia and to reflect on the countless acts of kindness and service performed over the years. The following was listed in the program for Betty Lou:

*Betty Lou, through her kindness, grace, generosity and hard work, has changed the world for those who live in the Musquodoboit Valley. When she sees a deficiency in our community, she is determined to find a way to provide the service needed and has been on the founding boards of many organizations. Betty Lou has volunteerism in her heart and has devoted thousands of hours to service in our community.*

The parishioners of St. André Bessette thank you for the meaningful difference you make in the lives of others.

**Two Schedule Changes in October** — During the week of the Eucharistic Congress, there will be a couple of adjustments to our Mass schedule. On **Wednesday, October 16**, Mass will be at 12 pm at St. Rose of Lima. Confessions will be at 11:30 am. In the evening, the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be arriving at Saint Mary's Basilica and there will be a liturgy to receive the relic in our Archdiocese. On **Saturday, October 19**, there will be **no** 4 pm Mass at Holy Cross Church in Middle Musquodoboit.

**Life Chain** — This annual, peaceful and prayerful pro-life witness takes place today, **Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 2 to 3pm**. The locations are as follows: Halifax on the Robie Street side of the Commons (you park along the side streets); Dartmouth on Main Street at Caledonia Road; Truro on Willow Street by Sobeys Wholesale and A&W. For more information, please see [campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain](http://campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain).

**Blessing of the Pets** — We have a custom in our Church, following the way of St. Francis of Assisi, to gather our pets and offer a blessing on them in gratitude to God for them. The Memorial Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is Friday, October 4. This year, I invite all who wish to have their pets blessed to bring them to the parking lot of **St. Bernard Church in Enfield for 2 pm on Sunday, October 13**. We will hear a reading from Sacred Scripture and say a prayer of blessing for God's creatures who bring us such comfort and unconditional love. **PLEASE NOTE: THE CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE IS TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE LIFE CHAIN, WHICH TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 6 FROM 2 TO 3 PM IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** — The OCIA Team met last Tuesday to discuss how to proceed with the process of OCIA. I invite all parishioners to include regularly in your prayers the leaders, the team, and those who will be entering into the discernment process over these next number of weeks. We have decided to begin our time together after Thanksgiving weekend. We will meet in the Basement (Hall) of St. Bernard Church. The actual start date of will be announcement next weekend after all the candidates and catechumens have been met.

**Parish Directory** — Preparation work continues on the directory. Please contact the office if:

1. you did not get your picture taken but would like your name listed as a parishioner (no contact information included);
2. you did not get your picture taken but would like a copy of the directory (cost to be determined).

**St. André Bessette Annual Kitchen Party** — This family fun event will take place on **Sunday, November 3 at 2 pm at the Enfield Legion**. Tickets will be available in early October. Cost is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and \$30 for a family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Sarah White ([smwhitey@outlook.com](mailto:smwhitey@outlook.com)/902-499-7216) or Penny Francis ([pennyfrancis@eastlink.ca](mailto:pennyfrancis@eastlink.ca)/902-861-1629). **We are also looking for entertainers!** Contact Sarah or Penny if interested.

**Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Francis White Hockey Pool** — Please join us as we initiate the 2nd annual Francis White hockey pool. Tickets will be sold at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church this weekend. \$40 each.

### Preparation for Thanksgiving Weekend

- To support our local **foodbanks** at this special time of year, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item with you to Mass on Thanksgiving weekend. Or drop a monetary donation (in an envelope marked with your envelope number and "foodbank") in the collection. *Give as freely as you have received!*
- Also, if you have anything from your garden (flowers, pumpkins, other vegetables, etc.) that you would like to donate for **decorating the worship space for Thanksgiving**, please call the parish office.

### Mass Intentions for the week of October 7 to 13, 2024

Saturday, October 12 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Daniel Thibault †  
 Sunday, October 13 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the People  
 Sunday, October 13 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Pat Boudreau †

## 2024/2025 Family Formation Program

October 6	St. Rose of Lima	1st Class for both Parents & Students	9:45 am at Mitchell Hall
October 13	NO CLASSES	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND	
October 20	St. Bernard	1st Class for both Parents & Students	Following Mass in basement
October 20	St. Rose of Lima	Class for students only	9:45 am at Mitchell Hall
October 27	St. Bernard	Home Lesson	
October 27	St. Rose of Lima	Family Social	9:45 am at Mitchell Hall

Please note: On Sunday, November 3, students may come to class and Mass dressed at their favorite Saint. Treats will be available after Mass.

We are in need of **CATECHISTS** to help grow our program and to serve the families of our Parish. Please contact Maria McDonald ([maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net](mailto:maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net)) for more information.

**Meet and Greet** — Please join the St. Rose of Lima CWL and KoC as they host a meet and greet after Mass on **Sunday, October 27**. Come see who we are and what we do. Tea, coffee and sweets will be provided.

**Marian Gathering: October 11-12, 2024** — Join us for a celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Dunn, prayerful presentations, joyful Christian music, Holy Rosary and Adoration. The topic is **Mother of the Eucharist: Mary's Role in Eucharistic Devotion**. Location is St. Vincent de Paul Church in Dartmouth. Register online at [www.atlanticmariangathering.ca](http://www.atlanticmariangathering.ca).

**Arimathea Funeral Cooperative Open House** — Arimathea is celebrating its 30th anniversary on **Tuesday, October 15** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 8741 Highway 224 in Upper Musquodoboit. Stop in and meet the board of directors and staff who will be there to answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome!



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