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

### Pastor

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### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden  
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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.

## Feast of the Epiphany - January 5, 2025

This Sunday we celebrate the visit of the Magi to our Lord. This represents the manifestation/revelation of our Lord to the world. The Epiphany is giving every human being on earth the opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ, to know why He came, and to know what the hoped for result of His coming would mean. Jesus came that we might know God's mercy and forgiveness. These are the very realities that the world, that members of the Church, need to exercise. The reception of God's transforming Mercy and Forgiveness will not only directly change the individual but will also change the world in which we participate. God's Mercy and Forgiveness changes the world's response and reaction one person at a time. It becomes translated through Charity through Love – by the very gift of Love itself, who is God.



**The Baptism of the Lord** — Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast will close off the Liturgical Season of Christmas. After this Sunday, our Christmas scenes will be taken down and we will enter into Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday. More to come about the Baptism of the Lord in next week's bulletin.

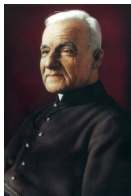


**4-Day Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory in June 2025** — The dates will be **June 4 to 7, 2025 inclusive**. Day 1 we will drive to Quebec City and stay the night. Day 2 we will visit St. Joseph's Oratory and return to Quebec City. Day 3 we will visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and day 4 we will travel home to Nova Scotia.



If you are interested but have not yet signed up, please call the office. Also let us know if you are no longer interested in participating. 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.

**Thank you from Father Gerald** — I would like to thank all of you who sent greetings, gave gifts, and other prayers and thoughts for Christmas and the Season. You have been generous and kind, and I am grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. May God continue to pour out His gracious Blessings upon all of you, and may we prosper in the Faith in this new year 2025.



**Saint André Bessette Feast Day, Patronal Feast Day of our Parish** — On Tuesday, January 7, we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. We will celebrate with a special Mass that evening at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard. I hope that you are able to mark your calendars and participate in the Mass. It would be great to have a number of voices to offer music from all three of our churches, Altar Servers, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality, etc... please plan to be with us.

**Weekday Masses at St. Bernard** — We will begin on Thursday this week to celebrate our weekday Masses in the Fr. Paul Granville S.J. room in the basement of the residence. This will save us from having to heat up the main Church throughout the week. Even though we do this, we have to keep the heat at a minimal for the Church. **Please pass the word around and we will also place a note in a special email out to the Parishioners.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** — We have been fortunately blessed to be able to offer some time of prayer before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. In a world that seems so absorbed into itself, leading people into self-adoration, time spent before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, is time where Jesus increases and we decrease. The joy when Jesus increases is a joy that God wants to develop in our hearts. When the Son of God (JESUS) increases, he makes the rough spots smooth, he lowers those impossible to climb mountains, and he lifts us from the depths of sadness and valleys of despair to be filled with a joy that the world cannot give. During this time of Jubilee, I pray that more and more parishioners will utilize the times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I pray that you may take some time out of your busy schedule to slow down and listen to what the Lord is saying and what the Lord can do to make your life even more filled with His grace. Also take the time to invite someone else to join in prayer for a few minutes, for an hour, whatever you can give to the Lord freely and ungrudgingly.

**Thursday** – 12 noon Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm (St. Bernard Church)  
**Friday** – 12 noon Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm (St. Rose of Lima Church)  
**First Saturday of the Month** – Mass at 9 am followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St. Bernard Church)

**Thank you from the Morris Family** Sam and Lucy Morris, and family, want to thank all who attended Sam's 90th Birthday celebration last Sunday, 29 Dec, 2024. A special thanks to all who organized the event, prepared the food, Birthday cakes and cookies and for all your thoughtful cards. Love & Hugs to all.



**Mass Intentions for the week of January 6 to 13, 2025**  
 Tuesday, January 7 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Earl Nichol †  
 Wednesday, January 8 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Frank Rostek †  
 Thursday, January 9 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Rita White †  
 Friday, January 10 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Francie Curtis  
 Saturday, January 11 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - André and Marie Augustin †  
 Sunday, January 12 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the people  
 Sunday, January 12 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Claude Landry

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**2025 is a Jubilee Year!** What is a Jubilee year? And why does it matter? A Jubilee Year is a special celebration the Church holds at least once every 25 years. It's a year of pilgrimages, of a focus on the spiritual life, of confession and special Masses, and of a general turn towards God in thanksgiving, and in repentance.



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.

This year in our Archdiocese, Archbishop Dunn will be leading us to reflect more deeply on the meaning of jubilee and as a result there will be opportunities for us to use to grow in Grace and in Faith. We will be sharing some of the material through our Faith Formation Program as well in an upcoming Mission in Lent for the Parish, and more. Please stay tuned to these invitations.

**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](http://www.frassatiacademy.ca).



You may also send an email to [info@frassatiacademy.ca](mailto:info@frassatiacademy.ca). Thank you for your prayers and support!

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