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St. André Bessette Parish

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

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 of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

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)

Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm - St. Bernard Church
or by Appointment

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

Entering a New Season in Our Church Year - We return in the Church's liturgical season to what we call Ordinary Time. The proclamation of Jesus Christ and the Paschal Mystery (His Life/Death/Resurrection) continues to be the pivotal reality by which we continue to strive to live our every day - as ordinary and mundane or as much of a roller-coaster ride as it may be!

Our focus as Christian pilgrims walking the earth is to proclaim and give the gifts of His mercy and His love, which He gave to us. Our lives are not about our own glory and fame, as noisy a message as that has come to be in our world. Our lives are meant to give God glory and honour, hence receiving power and strength from Him to live out what He shared with us. How often have we heard people tell us ... *the Church needs to curtail her message... if the Church wants people to be part of it, the Church needs to conform to what the world wants... the Church needs to do/be whatever I might want it to be or what anyone else wants it to be...* It is so difficult for many to understand that this would truly be contrary to our very existence as a Church, the Body of Christ.

Through the centuries and quite noticeably right now in our own time, there is a great deal of confusion, a great grasp for power and authority, a great divide of people for the very reasons mentioned above - the world is all about me, I need, I want what I want, and you (the Church) have to give it to me. This attitude is noticeable in all facets of the world and has, and continues to have, a tremendous negative impact - destroying families, relationships, communities, and yes, even nations. When we speak the Truth of why Christ was sent to the world, it was to mend and refocus the world and bring people back to the Father's creative Will. It was to restore the original beauty of the world God created. We are in Ordinary Time, and it is here that we need to be that consistent, continuous voice of Faith and Reason, to strive to hear the voice of God over and above all the

destructive and confusing messages and sounds that control our world. Life is about God and our journey back to Him. As a Church, let's not add to the confusion, but rather be that vehicle that leads people to experience their true and real freedom in allowing God into our ordinary lives every moment of every day. Happy Season of Ordinary Time!!!
..Fr. Gerald

With a Grateful Heart — In my first Christmas with you at St. André Bessette Parish, I extend my deepest gratitude for your generosity and kindness. I have received many thoughtful gifts and prayers over the Christmas Season. You are a very kind and generous people, and for this I give thanks to God for each and every one of you. I pray this coming year be a year of blessing for each of you and your families. As your pastor, I look forward to journeying with you and leading the Parish Community of St. André Bessette. May our time together bear some good fruit in building up the Kingdom of God in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord. May we grow to give praise, glory, and honour to God, our Heavenly Father! God's choicest blessings on you all!!!

...Fr. Gerald

Sincere Thanks — Sam and Lucy Morris, their family, and friends would like to extend their most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Clergy of St. André Bessette Parish, and in particular the Catholic Women's League and Choir of St. Rose of Lima for all their compassion and assistance in support of Terry's Funeral Service.

Weekday Mass Schedule — Throughout the winter months, we will continue to gather for Masses as scheduled. As we have to arrange funeral services/Masses and other significant special Masses, the schedule will have to be changed from time to time. We will communicate through use of our website to keep you informed. During the week, when a funeral is celebrated in any of our Churches, that day's scheduled Mass will be cancelled. Please feel welcome to come to the funeral Mass and support the grieving family by praying with them and for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed. If we know of any changes on the previous weekend, we will also try to announce them at all our Sunday Masses.



Weekday Masses during the winter months....

St. Bernard Church — Tuesday evening 6:30 pm Mass and 9:00 am Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated in the Fr. Granville S.J. Room in the basement of the residence. The exception of course will be funerals and special Feast Day Masses.

St. Rose of Lima Church — Weekday Masses (Wednesday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 9:00 am) will continue to be celebrated in the main Church. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after Mass on Fridays will be moved to the little Chapel in back of the Sanctuary.

Requesting Special Masses — As most of you know, we have a tradition in our Church of offering Masses for the intentions given. Some request Mass to be said for the living -- people who are alive but may be sick and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries or other significant occasions. Some request Mass offerings for those who have died, to have a mass celebrated for their soul. Some people request a Mass on an anniversary of death and ask for specific dates so that family may attend. We will strive to do the best we can to accommodate any of these requests or to be as close to the date requested. The stipend requested for any Mass offered is \$10.00. When the Mass is celebrated, the \$10.00 stipend goes to the priest. If there is more than one intention for any given Mass, the priest receives only one stipend and the other goes to the Parish.

Mass Offerings for the Living or Dead — Right now, Mass Cards can be obtained from each of the Parish Offices. A receipt is given to the person who requests the Mass offering, and a written log of requests is kept. Masses will be said by Father Gerald or a visiting priest. When we reach a large amount of Mass intentions, some will be given to retired priests who do not have a parish but celebrate Mass regularly. This is mainly to ensure that the Masses are celebrated in a timely manner. In the future, we hope to have Mass Cards available at the Churches, with someone designated to take care of the necessary paperwork. We look to do this for your convenience, in particular for those who may not be able to get to the Parish Office during the week.

Altar Servers for Sunday Masses — There have been a few young people come forward to assist in this ministry. It would be great to have a minimum of three servers for each Mass (more is welcome also). I would like those who have come forward to join others who are serving right now for training. There are also a couple of people who have agreed to assist in the coordination of the Altar Servers at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. These people will soon be in touch with any young person who signed up to organize training and a schedule.

Adult Servers — If you are interested in assisting as a server at weekday Masses and at funeral Masses/services, please call one of the Church offices and leave your name, phone number and email so we can begin to organize and train.

A donation of **Christmas flowers** was made at Holy Cross in memory of loved ones **Eleanor and Bob Killen**. Their names were mistakenly left off the list distributed with the Christmas bulletin. May they rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts — KOC Council 11625 of St. Bernard will be holding a Community Breakfast at the Enfield Fire Hall from **9:00 am until noon on Sunday, January 29**. For a mere \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older), \$5.00 for youth (5 to 12 years old), and free for children (4 years and under), you will get to enjoy scrambled eggs, hash browns, baked beans, bacon, toast, pancakes, juice, tea or coffee. So c'mon out St. André Bessette parishioners and meet a new neighbour over the best breakfast in the Corridor! **Mark your calendars for future KOC breakfasts— March 5 and May 14 (Mother's Day).**

Appreciation from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul — The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express its gratitude to the parishioners of St. André Bessette for their overwhelming support during 2022. Your monetary donations and gift cards enabled the members to help clients with their needs. Their clients are like all of us, just doing their best to get by. But sometimes the unexpected happens and they need help with food, oil, power or a shortfall on their rent. Some may only need help once, others more frequently. The Society also supports Beacon House with donations of food and connects clients with this organization. Your generosity makes that possible. Thank you so much. **If you would like to become a member or would like more information or know someone who could use help, please call 902-476-8626.**

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.

Offering Envelopes — There are still envelopes for 2023 to be picked up. Those who had 2022 envelopes have been assigned the same number. The boxes have been labeled and placed in alphabetical order by last name. If you don't currently have envelopes, there are a number of boxes that have not yet been assigned to anyone. Take one! Please fill out the box's registration slip with your full name (including middle initial) and contact information and place it in the collection. **If there is a box assigned to you and you no longer want it, please call the office and let us know.** Another option is to register with our parish Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. Contact Claire at the St. Bernard office. You can also make direct deposit e-transfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Lottery Calendars — Only \$20 each. This is a major fundraiser for the Knights. Proceeds go to KoC charitable causes. Maximum of 6000 calendars sold. Contact any Knight or call Joe at 902-997-1983 for details.

St. André Bessette
Pray for us!

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St. Rose of Lima

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January 22

9:45 to 10:45 am

St. Bernard

P-8

January 15 and 29

10:00 to 11:00 am

