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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

## Parish Office:

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## Coordinator, Faith Formation

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 15, 2024

This Sunday we reflect with a conversation Jesus has with his disciples. **"Who do people say that I am?"** Jesus is asking the Disciples about the word on the street. The people see and experience his works and actions in people's lives, and they react to what they see and try and put a name on him. This is what the disciples tell Jesus. The more pressing question comes when Jesus asks the disciples directly, **"But who do you say that I am?"** This is more personal, and the answer that the disciples give would have been based upon what they have learned about Christ but also how seriously they have entered into the relationship with Christ after hearing the initial call – **"Come follow me."** The disciples' response to Jesus would indicate how the disciples' minds and hearts have been transformed in the presence of Christ. The answer the disciples would give demonstrates a great mystery of the relationship they still do not fully understand but are truly beginning to grasp. What does it mean for you and me in this present age to be a true follower of Christ? How do we accept the crosses that come as a result of following Christ? What does it mean for you to lose your life and yet have it saved in Christ? As we ponder these questions, we need to also acknowledge that Jesus Christ indeed wants our relationship with him to grow ... Jesus wants us to trust him ... Is there anything that we need to let go of in order for that to truly happen? Is there any fear or relationship that is a stumbling block, preventing us from growing closer to Christ? **Who do you say that Jesus is?**

**St. Bernard Cemetery Mass** — We will celebrate our cemetery Mass in Enfield this **Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm.** If weather is not conducive, we will have the Mass in the Church. Please inform family and relatives who have people buried in our cemetery.



**Eucharistic Congress 2024:** Only 31 days away!  
**Communion to Heal the World** Matthew: 23.8

Staff at the Archdiocese is doing all they can to be ready to welcome over 400 (and counting!) people to the first ever diocesan Eucharistic Congress. They hope to create the space and opportunity for all to encounter Christ in a meaningful way. They thank you for your prayers for what will be a fruitful and life-giving - and maybe even life changing! - event.

To help us prepare our hearts and minds for a deeper understanding of the mystery of Our Lord present in the Most Holy Eucharist and to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, parishioners have an opportunity to participate in the following:

**Let's Talk about Jesus in the Eucharist!**

Join Deacon Dan for soup, rolls, and a time for sacred scripture, prayer and sharing!

St. Bernard Church Saturday, September 21 and 28 from noon to 1 pm

Contact Deacon Dan (902-999-6720) or the parish office to let us know if you plan to attend. He is looking for a great turnout. Let's be a small part of healing in a broken world!

**Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**

This four-part video series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

St. Bernard Church (Granville Room) Wednesdays September 18 and 25/October 2 and 9 @ 1 pm  
 St. Rose of Lima Church (Mitchell Hall) Thursdays September 19 and 26/October 3 and 10 @ 6:30 pm

At St. Bernard, the basement entrance to the rectory will be open. Both locations are accessible, with no steps.

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**Newly Baptized in our Parish** — Let us pray for Jade James Boyd and her parents Jacob and Kristina. Jade was baptized on September 1 at St. Bernard. Let us also pray for Breagh Grace Abagencia and her parents Jacinto and Jennifer. Breagh will be baptized this weekend at St. Bernard. May God Bless you as you grow as a family and journey with us in the Community of Faith. St. André Bessette Parish welcomes you with open arms.

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** — On Saturday, September 14, we celebrated the Feast Day of Holy Cross Church in Middle Musquodoboit. We celebrated the Sunday Anticipated Mass on Saturday at 4pm outside in the cemetery, remembering and praying for all those buried in that cemetery as well as adding family, friends, and former parishioners buried elsewhere. Our prayer for the deceased is that those who embraced the Cross in this life would be truly able to experience the beautiful vision and happiness of what it truly means to be Risen with Christ and living in our eternal home. Following the Mass, we had an opportunity to share a 'potluck' meal together and enjoy some fellowship in Christ. Thank you for all who attended and for all who made the necessary preparations for this to happen.

**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.

**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.

**St. Bernard Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast** — Save the date: October 6, 2024 at the Enfield Fire Hall.

**2024/2025 Family Formation Program**

- Family Formation **Classes** for Primary to Grade 8 begin Sunday, **October 6 at 9:45 (St. Rose) and October 20 at 10 am (St. Bernard).**
- There will be a **Confirmation Parent/Student meeting** on Sunday, **September 29** following the 11 am Mass at Mitchell Hall (St. Rose).
- **TEACHERS:** We are in need of Catechists to help grow our program and to serve the families at our Parish.

Please contact Maria McDonald (maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) for more information.

**Mass Intentions for the week of September 16 to 22, 2024**

- Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Maeve Kennedy †
- Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Luke Landry †
- Thursday, September 19 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Kevin Harris †
- Friday, September 20 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Shannon Doy †
- Saturday, September 21 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Teresa Brown †
- Sunday, September 22 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the People
- Sunday, September 22 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Jim Sullivan †

Fr. Gerald celebrated his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday this past week. He is pictured here with his beloved dogs Abby and Ben. We pray for his health,



that God provide him with strength, energy, and resilience to fulfill his calling with passion and dedication. May God grant him discernment and wisdom as he shepherds and leads our parish.



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