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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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WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

The Unity of the Body — the purpose of our Mission as connected to Christ's Mission, the anointing needed and the appointment given by Christ for each of us to continue Christ's Mission of the Church. Today is Word of God Sunday. It is a day in which we can truly recognize through reflection on the Scriptural text that God does indeed send his Son, the Word made Flesh, into our world. Jesus Christ comes in time to a world most in need of his grace and redemption. Christ as the Word made Flesh gives us the Church as a means toward Salvation. Christ gives us the Church to guide us on our Pilgrim Way — to be a people peculiarly his own. The Church has a Mission. The Mission of the Church is begin to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. There is so much symbolism, there is so much mystery, that no one of us can contain everything. The joy is found in that together, as a Pilgrim People of Hope, the Church on earth, we can contribute to building the Kingdom of God. **Happy Word of God Sunday!!!**

New Liturgical Season — We are now in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The Church provides during the calendar year a particular vibrancy to the Church as she celebrates these days. Throughout the liturgical year, there are what we call Seasons in the Church. We begin usually early December with the first part of our calendar year called Advent, which moves into the Christmas Season. In January we start again Ordinary Time for a few weeks, until Lent. Forty Days of Lent leads us to the beautiful week we call Holy Week — where we celebrate the three Holy Days — the Triduum. With Easter Sunday we open a new Season called Easter Season, which takes us 50 days later to the celebration of Pentecost (Descent of the Holy Spirit). Following the Easter Season we resume Ordinary Time. The First two Sundays are major Feasts which are celebrated on a Sunday in Canada — Solemnity of the Holy Trinity and Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Ordinary time continues with many Feasts that are celebrated during the weekdays. The Church invites us to bring our lives to each and every liturgy with the hopes of receiving the graces necessary for the sanctification of everything we do. Let's Praise and Worship God with hearts renewed and set on serving him.

First Saturday of the Month — This coming Saturday, **February 1**, First Saturday Mass will be at St. Bernard at 9 am, followed by an hour of Adoration. Confession time will also be available.

Parish Centre at St. Rose of Lima Church

My name is Jim McAllister. I have been a member of St Rose of Lima since 2003. 10 to 14 years ago, I was chairman and then co-chair of a committee formed to build a Parish Centre here at St. Rose. That project and undertaking was stood down and halted by our Bishop at that time. The Diocese was in the process of a major restructuring, the outcome of which would and has impacted all parishes, including St. Rose. The concept of a church hall stopped but was not forgotten. Funds raised during that project remain held in Trust for an eventual hall.

It is now timely to recommence, with the support of our Pastor and Bishop, the eventual construction of a hall. We, being myself, our Pastor, the Parish Leadership Team and the beginning of a hall committee, have been gathering information on how best to approach the building and financing of the project. Some innovative thoughts are being explored around both design and financing which previously had not been considered. The building will not be as large or as expensive as in our former project.

We are communicating with you at this time to ensure you are kept informed as we inch the project forward. We will need some of you to assist in providing information and decision making. Our Parish and Fall River catchment area continues to enjoy substantial growth. It is important to participate in that growth and to build our parish through evangelization, church functions, programs and events. The rationale for our first attempt remains unchanged and is probably more critical today. With the revisioning and downsizing of the hall project and with the support of the Church leadership, this project is now doable.

Please contact the office if you have questions or wish to participate in some way. Thank you.

Formation of a Liturgical Committee — We would like to form a Liturgical Committee here at St. André Bessette Parish. The organization of such a committee would begin with a few members of each church community who are interested in assisting with liturgical matters for our Parish. It would be good to get this team formed soon so that we can begin to meet and discuss more in depth the work of this much-needed ministry in our Parish. Having a well-formed Liturgy Committee will be a great help with advanced planning and allow our liturgies to flow with good order and consistency across our whole Parish. Please call the parish office and leave a message and phone number with the secretary OR email Fr. Gerald at Frgerald@standrebessette.net if you are interested in assisting.

Remembrance Tree at St. Rose of Lima Church — Ornaments have been placed at the back of the church and are ready to be picked up.

Scholarship Opportunity for Students in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth — The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is excited to announce the availability of scholarships for students actively engaged in their parish community. These scholarships aim to support students who demonstrate a strong commitment to Church renewal, leadership, and academic excellence. These scholarships are made possible by the Patrick Power Foundation, the Archbishop James Hayes Trust, the John T. Joy Trust, the A.M. Hynes Fund, and the Father Caissie Fund.

Successful applicants will receive an award minimum of \$1,000 to assist with the cost of their post-secondary education. We encourage eligible students to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to further their education while continuing their dedication to the Church.

Application Process

To apply, students must complete the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Scholarship Application Form and provide the following:

- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency
- A letter of recommendation from a parish priest or ministry leader, outlining their involvement in parish activities
- A personal statement
- Academic records or transcripts and/or resume
- Documentation demonstrating financial need

Submission Instructions: The application form and all supporting documents must be submitted no later than March 1 by email to development@halifaxyarmouth.org or by mail at Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Scholarships, 1559 Brunswick Street, Suite 101, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2G1

Key Details: Applications will be reviewed by our scholarship committee in the spring. Only successful applicants will be contacted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

For more information, please contact us at development@halifaxyarmouth.org.

BEACON HOUSE

- The Beacon House Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held **Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 pm** at Bedford United Church. This meeting is open to the public and offers parishioners an opportunity to learn about the ministries of Beacon House. All are welcome.
- **January Top Items** Needed for the Food Bank: Baby food, baby cereal, canned soup, canned stew, canned chicken or ham, granola bars, fruit cups, canned milk, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tea. Gently used coats, boots, and gloves would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.



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2024/2025 Family Formation Program
January 26 Class for Students at St. Bernard 10:00 am

Jubilee Year 2025 — Pope Francis opened the year of Jubilee on December 24, 2024. Our Archdiocese opened the year of Jubilee on December 29, 2024, the Feast of Holy Family. This year in our Archdiocese, Archbishop Dunn will be leading us to reflect more deeply on the meaning of jubilee. A deeper reflection on the Pastoral Priorities will guide us to set some goals and hopes for the future of our Church (please see below the list of four Pastoral Priorities). We are encouraged as a Parish to identify ways we can celebrate the Year of Jubilee. For those who will be participating in the Parish Pilgrimage to Saint Joseph's Oratory and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in June, we will be offering the opportunity to go through the Holy Doors of the Cathedral in Quebec City. Archbishop Brian Dunn is encouraging each of the Parishes of our Archdiocese to do some kind of pilgrimage to our two Cathedrals – Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica and Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral. As Saint André Bessette Parish, **what are some things we can do to honor this Year of Jubilee???** Please share your ideas with the Leadership Team (Phil Francis, Sarah White, Shannon McDonald, Deacon Dan, or Fr. Gerald). To keep updated with the Diocesan Jubilee events please visit the Diocesan Jubilee webpage at www.halifaxyarmouth.org/jubilee=2025.

Thank you from Mental Health and Addition Services re: Fr. Eric Theriault Gift Ministry — To all who supported the 2024 Gift giving program, we write to thank you for your generous donations once again this year. Over 220 clients within the mental health and addictions program across HRM were provided gifts to open on Christmas day while in hospital. Units who received gifts include East Coast Forensics Hospital, Community Transition Program, Connections Dartmouth, Abbie Lane Acute Care, Withdrawal Management Unit, Simpson Landing, Transition Hall, Geriatric Psychiatric Acute Inpatient Unit, Mount Hope Acute Care and the Adult Neurodevelopmental Stabilization Unit. Without your donations, these individuals would have gone without. Several clients expressed deep gratitude, even stating the gifts as being "too generous." Because of the abundance of winter jackets and coats, our clients will be able to access their communities and stay warm this winter. Once again, our biggest thank you for your continued support of the Mental Health and Addictions Program. It truly makes the holiday season special. We look forward to working together in the years to come. Jessica and Kat

Mass Intentions for the week of January 27 to February 2, 2025

Tuesday, January 28 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Mona Maatouk †**
Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Cathy MacIsaac Murphy †**
Thursday, January 30 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Khore Lunn †**
Friday, January 31 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Tony Chesal †**
Saturday, February 1 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - **Linda Osborne**
Sunday, February 2 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - **Allie MacDonell †**
Sunday, February 2 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

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