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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

### 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  
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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.

### Parish Office:

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## Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

Today we celebrate the reality of the Kingship of Christ, a Kingship unlike any other Kingship known in this world. Christ's Kingship is one that transforms people's hearts and minds ... a Kingship that assists every one of us to discover the Mission God created us for if we give God that place of prominence and priority in our lives. There are beautiful words used in the preface for today's Mass that can lead us to reflect even more deeply on the Kingship of Christ and the Kingdom he came to inaugurate. - "... an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

**Weekday Mass Schedule and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament** — I received a fair bit of response from the proposal I put out last week regarding the change of time for Thursday and Friday Masses. Starting the **First Week of Advent**, we will have Mass at **12 noon on Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima**. Confessions will heard prior to Mass, between 11:30 am and 11:55 am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow after Mass until 3 pm, when the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed followed by Benediction. Tuesday and Wednesday evening Masses will remain at 6:30 pm, which will allow an opportunity for those who may be working throughout the day and those who have parish meetings to attend.

*Fr. Gerald will be away from the Parish this week.  
There will be no weekday Masses this Tuesday through Friday.*



#### 4-Day Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory in June 2025

We are in the preliminary stages of planning a 4-day bus tour to Quebec City and Montreal, Quebec, to visit the Shrine of Sainte Anne and Saint Joseph's Oratory. The namesake of our parish, Saint André Bessette, was a Brother in the religious order of Holy Cross and a Porter at Collège Notre-Dame. Here many miracles were attributed to him with the intercession of Saint Joseph. Brother André went on to build Saint Joseph's Oratory on Mount Royal in Montreal.

We would like to charter a tour bus that holds about 55 people and book hotels along the way. The cost has not yet been determined, but we are working on this now. We need to know if we have enough interest in our parish to fill one or more tour buses.

At the entrance of the three churches, we will have a sign-up sheet for you to place your name and phone number and number of people in your party. We understand you may not be able to commit until you know the cost of the trip; however, we need to know if we have enough interest in order for us to proceed. Once we have determined there is enough interest, we will price the trip and break down the cost for each person.

This pilgrimage would be a great way for us to request healing for us and others and also a fruitful way of building spirit and unity within our parish.

Please contact Mark Carew (902-448-2313) if you have any further questions.



#### Centrality of Sunday as The Day of the Lord ... Centrality of Sunday Mass

It has become increasingly more challenging for Christian Catholics in a world that has adopted the attitude that God-time can be relegated to whatever time we have left over after doing the things we want to do. It is unfortunate that this attitude has crept in and has slowly deteriorated the value of Sunday, the value of time spent with God and with our Community of Faith. Each Sunday is an opportunity for us to become stronger in our Christian Faith, and so we are invited to gather in one of our Sunday Masses we offer at Saint André Bessette Parish (4 pm – Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit); 9 am – Saint Bernard (Enfield); 11 am – Saint Rose of Lima (Fall River)). To connect regularly (every Sunday) with your Family of Faith helps us to realize that we have a responsibility to assist each other.

A few weeks ago, I was at an event where someone said, **There was a time when sports would never be scheduled on Sunday, and we would never decide to shop because stores were closed.** The final statement is what really got me – **Oh, well, that's the way things go and we have to go with the world.** Why is a relationship with God taken from the centre of our lives? Why does it always seem we are in competition with sports for our youth, ourselves or other extra-curricular activities that are good in and of themselves? The answer to these questions vary ...The Church is not against any of the activities that are healthy and good ...The Church, however, does emphasize that we need to gather as a Community, that we should keep God in the centre, or even more strongly, make God first in our lives and in the lives of our families. What does this mean for you? ...What does this mean for your family? ...What adjustments, if any, need to be made so as to show a priority of God? Pope Francis, some years ago early on in his Pontificate, invited each and every one of us to re-evaluate our schedules – he did not mean just the Church and her Mass times. It was that each of us individually and as a Community of Faith re-evaluate our schedules. Let's help each other rediscover the beauty of our Faith and let's live it out well.

**Book of Remembrance** — The Book of Remembrance is on the altar for the month of November. Parishioners are encouraged to record the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book as the prayers of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass are offered in remembrance of them.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)** — This is an international organization formed mainly of Catholic volunteers. St. André Bessette Parish members assist those living in poverty in our area. They assist individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities. Special envelopes are available for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.



There is now a **St. Vincent de Paul offertory box** near the main entrance of **St. Bernard Church**. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the Sleeping Jesus statue which can be found on top of the box. Donations of cash, grocery cards and gas cards would be most appreciated. Many are struggling and every little contribution helps. God Bless.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** — We are now into our 5th week of gathering for some Faith Formation of those discerning full initiation into the Catholic Faith. We have shared on Faith and its necessity, and are presently journeying through a teaching on God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are growing in understanding but also in relationship with the three persons in One God. It is truly a mystery of Faith but also an invitation to allow that mystery to unfold in our lives and to grow in relationship with the persons in the Trinity. Please keep our team and participants in your prayers. As we move through this process, we pray for that deepening of Faith and Life and engaging more our gift of Faith as we live our everyday lives in the world.

**The 2024-2025 Missals have arrived. Cost is \$5. There are also a few youth missals available for \$7. Place payment in an envelope marked "Missal" and put it in the collection.**

### 2024/2025 Family Formation Program

November 24	Home Lesson	
December 1	Parent/Student Classes (p-8)	St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am
December 1	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard @ 10:00 am
December 8	Family Christmas Party (p-Confirmation Class *Service Hours)	St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am
December 8	Home Lesson	St. Bernard
December 15	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima
December 15	Family Christmas Party (p-Confirmation Class *Service Hours)	St. Bernard @ 10:00 am

**CHRISTMAS BREAK: DECEMBER 20, 2024 - JANUARY 2, 2025**

**Offering Envelopes** — Envelopes for 2025 are here and are ready to be picked up. Those who had 2024 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. Please include your name and the donation amount on your weekly envelope to ensure the charitable tax receipt can be produced for the accurate amount. If you no longer want envelopes, don't take them! They can be reassigned to someone else. Contact the office and let Lynette know. Thanks!

#### Beacon House

- Top 10 items needed for November: mayo, pasta, juice, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, kraft dinner, beans in tomato sauce, diapers size 4,5 & 6, and cat food.
- **Christmas Hampers:** This year St. Rose of Lima Church has been asked to provide **fruit juice**. 1-litre boxes are easy to pack. Please leave in Beacon House Bin by **December 7**.

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

- you did not get your picture taken but would like your name listed as a parishioner (no contact information included);
- you did not get your picture taken but would like a copy of the directory. The cost has been determined - **\$23 each**.

#### Masses for the weekend of December 1, 2024

Saturday, November 30 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Donna Comeau †  
Sunday, December 1 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people  
Sunday, December 1 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Bernie Hanton †

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