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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

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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 Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and a voice from heaven saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matt 3:16-17). The Lord desired to be baptized, says Saint Augustine, so that he might freely proclaim through his humility what for us was to be a necessity.

Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism you have been turned into a temple of the Holy Spirit, says Saint Leo the Great. Don't ever let it happen, he exhorts us, that you drive away so noble a guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon: for the price you were bought with is the blood of Christ. As we return this week to the Season of Ordinary Time, may the Lord keep each and every one of us faithful to our calling.

Distribution of Parish Directories — The long-awaited directories are here! Reserved copies are available for pick-up before or after Mass this weekend and next. If you did not get your picture taken but are interested in buying a directory for \$23, leave your name and contact information with the volunteers and we will try to get one for you.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 13 to 19, 2025

Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Florence Benere †
Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Florence McNeil †
Thursday, January 16 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Debbie Fines †
Friday, January 17 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - John McEachern
Saturday, January 18 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
Sunday, January 19 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, January 19 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Shannon Doy †

Remembrance Tree — The Ladies of the St. Rose of Lima CWL would like to thank the parishioners for participating in the Christmas tradition of praying for and honouring our holy souls through the Remembrance Tree, where those souls benefitted from the Holy Masses over the Christmas liturgical season. Following Mass today, parishioners may take home their special ornaments to be placed on their own Christmas tree next year.



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 is **\$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.



Weekday Masses at St. Bernard — We will be celebrating our weekday Masses in the Granville Room in the basement of the residence. Please pass the word around and we will also place a note in a special email out to the Parishioners. For those who struggle with stairs, you may come around the back of the house and enter through the door which will be unlocked for Mass times Tuesday and Thursday, as well as Adoration time Thursday afternoon.

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)

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. This Committee will work together for liturgical functions, where we come together in one celebration (Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Parish Feast Day, Penitential Services, Parish Missions). The new Liturgical Committee will also be responsible to prepare and plan together Major Feasts and Holy Days — the liturgical season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Season. The Liturgical Committee will also make preparations for the celebration of the Sacraments (working with Maria McDonald, Faith Formation Coordinator), coordinate with the music ministry, as well as those responsible for Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Hospitality and Sacristans. It will 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.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — The K of C Thomas Bagley Council 11625 will be holding their next breakfast at the Enfield Fire Hall on Sunday, January 19. They will be serving up scrambled eggs, hash browns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice still for the low price of \$8 per adult (14 & older) and \$5 per child (5 to 12). Children 4 and under are free.

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Thank you from Ray Cormier — I would very much like to thank Father Gerald and everyone in the congregation at Mass last Sunday for your prayers and support during my fainting spell, including the medical professionals who were so quick to rise to the occasion and use their expertise to help me there. The excellent staff at the Cobequid Centre later provided me with great care, and a way ahead.

2024/2025 Family Formation Program		
January 12	Classes resume at St. Bernard	10:00 am
January 12	St. Rose of Lima Home Lesson	
January 19	Class for Students at St. Rose of Lima	9:45 am
January 19	St. Bernard Home Lesson	
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. 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. To keep updated with the Diocesan Jubilee events please visit the Diocesan Jubilee webpage at www.halifaxarmouth.org/jubilee=2025. We have the banner for the Jubilee in each of our three

Churches, and we will be distributing prayer cards to all of you.

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.



You may also send an email to info@frassatiacademy.ca. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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