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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 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

**Pastor**  
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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.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2025

*"Do whatever he tells you."* These powerful words of Mary, the mother of Jesus, give us much on which to reflect and ponder. We should not overlook the power Jesus shows in this miracle. It was "the first of his signs," and by it He "let his glory be seen," to the benefit of his disciples, whose faith it deepened. Can we allow for some time to reflect on the miracles Jesus performed in the Sacred Scriptures ... more proximate is taking the time to consider, reflect and ponder on the miracles Jesus is performing in the right now of our lives? Our Blessed Mother Mary wants us to listen to her Son and *"Do whatever he tells you."* *"By her maternal charity, Mary cares for the brothers and sisters of her Son who still wander through this world in the midst of dangers and difficulties until they are led to the happiness of their heavenly home."* (Lumen Gentium 61)

**New Liturgical Season** — We now enter into the new 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.

**4-Day Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory from June 4 to 7, 2025** — A reminder that the \$400 deposit is due this **Friday, January 24**. Participants can drop off a cheque at the parish office or send an e-transfer to [stbernardsenfield@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardsenfield@gmail.com). The remainder is due on February 28 so that the required down payments for the trip can be made.

**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** — 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](mailto:Frgerald@standrebessette.net) if you are interested in assisting.

**January 18-25 (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)** — “Do you believe this?” John 11:26 **“For through Him you brought us to the knowledge of your truth, so that by the bond of one faith and one Baptism we might become his Body.”** These words taken from the preface of the Mass for Christian Unity speak of the unity of the one faith and one baptism. We are called to acknowledge the one God that grants us the supernatural graces to be His children. The preface continues on, confirming the reality of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which binds us together as one. In the diversity of the gifts bestowed God engenders UNITY. The words of John 11:26 give us the opportunity to go much deeper in reflection during this week of Prayer for Christian Unity. God is calling all Christians to Unity... that one day we may be one ... as the Father and Son are one with the bond of the Holy Spirit. **“Do you believe this?”**

**2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed!** — David Deane, Associate Professor of Theology at the Atlantic School of Theology, will offer a talk titled *Nicaea As A Cornerstone of Christian Ecumenism* on **Monday January 20, 2025** at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 2096 Windsor Street, Halifax. This presentation is planned to mark the anniversary milestone. In it Dr. Deane will aim to tell the story of Nicaea and defend its status as an ecumenical core of our Christian faith. This status needs defending because, over the past two centuries, two criticisms of the Nicene Creed have come to prominence to such an extent that many see it as tarnished. These criticisms are like ghosts, haunting Nicaea's legacy and preventing it from properly uniting us across denominational boundaries. For more information about the talk visit: [www.daviddeane.ca/new-events](http://www.daviddeane.ca/new-events).

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**Distribution of Parish Directories** — For those who had their picture taken and those who reserved copies, directories are available for pick-up before or after Mass this weekend. 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.

**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.

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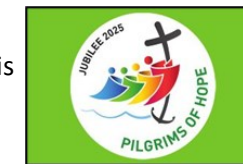
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**Jubilee Year 2025** — Pope Francis opened the year of Jubilee on December 24, 2024. Our Archdiocese opened the year of Jubilee on December 29, 2024, the Feast of Holy Family. This year in our Archdiocese, Archbishop Dunn will

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](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/jubilee=2025).

## 2024/2025 Family Formation Program

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



**Pastoral Priorities for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** — *Evangelization, Homelessness, Parish Identity and Catechesis*. Each Parish has been given the mandate to reflect on and address these priorities in their respective parishes. As followers of Christ, we are called to live the mission that he entrusted to us: Go preach the Gospel and make disciples! Our Pastoral Council here at Saint André Bessette has been working diligently to strive and accentuate these priorities to all our leadership group and committees and organizations. A report was submitted to Archbishop Dunn in the last couple years, laying out a plan that would encompass a way to approach, direct our attention to and focus on these priorities over the next few years. The report was made available to each of you through our website. For a deeper understanding of the Pastoral Priorities, you may go to the website for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and search under Pastoral Priorities. Archbishop Dunn gives a wonderful teaching on the Pastoral Priorities. During this Jubilee year we once again are invited to reacquaint ourselves with these priorities and engage the life of the parish with a renewed sense of Hope as we strive to proclaim the Gospel and make missionary disciples.

### Mass Intentions for the week of January 20 to 26, 2025

Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Don Garden †**  
Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Felix Black †**  
Thursday, January 23 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Marian Maxner †**  
Friday, January 24 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **David Walker †**  
Saturday, January 25 @ 4:00 pm (Holy Cross) - **Florence Benere †**  
Sunday, January 26 @ 9:00 am (St. Bernard) - **Pierre Richer †**  
Sunday, January 26 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

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