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St. André Bessette Parish

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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 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

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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
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.

Parish Office:

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time – August 4, 2024

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life... What must we do to perform the works of God? These two lines taken from John's Gospel for this Sunday contain tremendous focus for us. As we continue to reflect with the **Bread of Life discourse** in John's Gospel, we receive some truly important insights as we strive to discern what we are to do to remain faithful to doing what God wants – God's will, an obedience to His commands. The crowd in today's Gospel were starving for truth, the truth that the world cannot give. Jesus shares with the crowd and with us, **Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.** The crowd came seeking that bread that endures, the crowd sought through Jesus and his disciples the better way. They wanted to do whatever it would take to grow in their faithfulness to God – they were to grow in believing in the one whom God sent. They would receive, because of the desire of their faith, the Bread of Life, Jesus himself. Let's pray for that desire, and let's ask God to increase that desire in each one of us to come to know, to love and to serve the one who will give us life eternal. Jesus reminds his disciples and the crowd ... **I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

Directories from Universal Portrait Studios — Portrait packages have been distributed. We are currently working on the parish directory, which should be available early fall.

2023 Financial Report for St. André Bessette Parish — The 2023 financial report is enclosed. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

I will be away from August 4 to 16 for a bit of vacation with some friends in Ontario. There will be a couple of occasions each week (Thursdays and Fridays) to come together to pray in the Liturgy of the Word with some time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be no weekday Masses. In the event of the need for emergency Sacrament of the Sick or the planning of a funeral, I have asked Deacon Dan Bowden to take care of coordinating these. Fr. Duncan MacMaster will be here for the Sunday Masses on August 10 and 11. I also have a couple of priests who have agreed to assist with emergency Sacrament of the Sick and Deacon Dan can connect with them. In the meantime, let's keep each other in prayer and enjoy a bit of the summer.

Peace & God Bless,
Fr. Gerald

Annual Masses for the Faithful Departed — Each year the Cemeteries Office of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth offers outdoor Masses to remember and honour the faithful departed. These Masses are scheduled for:

Gate of Heaven Cemetery: Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 pm, 114 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville
Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair.

Mount Olivet Cemetery: Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 am, 7076 Mumford Road, Halifax
Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair.

Holy Cross Cemetery: Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 pm, 1259 South Park Street, Halifax
This Mass will take place in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel.



Eucharistic Congress 2024: Communion to Heal the World

Our world is made up of people and experiences that can be hurtful and broken. What if there was a way to heal these wounds? What if there was a way to heal the world? There is. Healing can be found in the Eucharist. As Catholics we believe that Christ is truly present when we take part in Communion. Each time we receive and say "Amen", we say yes to the ways Jesus can heal our world through us. Jesus restores our relationship with God. Jesus calls

us to be united in one community in this Church. Jesus whose life and work and example, inspire our worship. Jesus who served the most vulnerable and calls his followers to do the same. Jesus who sends his Spirit to equip us even now to bring his mission to share the transforming love of God with the world.

This Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. Each time we as Catholics receive the Eucharist at Mass we receive the ability and the opportunity to heal the world - with Jesus. Do we always recognize this power? The Eucharist can heal the world. **Find out how by joining us at our Eucharistic Congress from October 17 to 20. To register and find out more visit www.halifaxarmouth.org/congress2024.**

Youth Night! Part of the Congress will include a Youth Night happening on Thursday, October 17 at 6 pm. This will be an evening **aimed at young people ages 16-30 years old**. The event will be an opportunity to reflect on and encounter Christ in the Eucharist. The night will include moments of music, prayer, reflection, an age-appropriate talk on the Eucharist, and adoration, fellowship, and time to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This event is free to attend. Registration for this event is now open!

Scripture Program on the Eucharist — In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, St. André Bessette Parish will offer a group program on the Eucharist in September and into October. This program will be offered on a weekday evening at St. Rose of Lima, at Mitchell Hall. The same program will also be offered at St. Bernard on a weekday afternoon, for those who prefer not to go out to an evening program. We hope the opportunity to attend at either location will appeal to more people. Stay tuned for detailed information regarding the program and how to register in early September.

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.

Are you or someone you know in need of consolation? St. André Bessette's Ministry of Consolation teams make visits to those who:

- need companionship
- are lonely
- are in long-term care

Volunteers have palliative care training!

Contact the parish office at 902-860-0475 ext. 2 or office@standrebessette.net.

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 5 to 11, 2024

Tuesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - No Mass Offered

Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - No Mass Offered

Thursday, August 8 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Liturgy of the Word and 1 Hour of Adoration (No Mass Offered)

Friday, August 9 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Liturgy of the Word and 1 Hour of Adoration (No Mass Offered)

Saturday, August 10 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Daniel Thibault †

Sunday, August 11 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the People

Sunday, August 11 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Jeannine Roussele †

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