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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
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.

Parish Office:

Troy Marshall 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 22, 2024

Jesus is sent by the Father to save and redeem us. In this life, there continues to be confusion over what Jesus did for us and why. There is a lack of true understanding even in Jesus' time by his own disciples. We can look at the story in the Gospel today and recognize that disconnect — the inability of those followers of Christ to fully understand what Jesus was talking about as he shared the Paschal Mystery Reality with them. As Jesus spoke of things to come, **"The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."** the disciples seemed to just blank out and ended up in an argument over who is the greatest. It could be that the disciples just had no idea what Jesus was talking about so they reverted back to something worldly — who is the greatest among them. Jesus still did not give up on them, but rather spent time putting some structure around what he said. Jesus went on to tell the twelve — **"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."** Stay tuned and stay with Jesus and he will demonstrate what it means to follow him and to be the servant.

St. André Bessette Cemetery Masses (Holy Cross & St. Bernard) — Last Saturday and Tuesday, we celebrated the annual cemetery Masses at Holy Cross in Middle Musquodoboit and St. Bernard in Enfield. I want to thank all who came to celebrate these Masses for our beloved dead. Thank you also to those who contributed to the Potluck Meal after the 4 pm Mass last Saturday at Holy Cross. This was a wonderful way to also celebrate the Feast Day of Holy Cross Church (September 14). Thanks to all who assisted to make these celebrations happen.

Missing books/records — At St. Rose of Lima, we are looking for two record books which have not been seen since Covid. One is a list of deceased who contributed to the church and the other is a guest book. If you have any knowledge that could help us find these, please contact the office.



Eucharistic Congress 2024: Communion to Heal the World

Matthew: 23.8 **Only 24 days away!**

Thanks to your prayers, promotion, and support of the Eucharistic Congress, there are over 500 people registered! It is exciting. However, they are reaching the space limits of their venue. All registrations received after the registration limit is reached will be automatically be added to a

Congress waitlist. In the coming days, staff at the Archdiocese will be reassessing the venue space and making decisions about what portions of the Congress will be livestreamed.

Don't forget the two ways the parish is helping us prepare our hearts and minds for this Congress:

Let's Talk about Jesus in the Eucharist!

Join Deacon Dan for soup, rolls, and a time for sacred scripture, prayer and sharing. One session remains:
St. Bernard Church Saturday, September 28 from noon to 1 pm

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

This video series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

St. Bernard Church (Granville Room) Wednesdays September 25/October 2 and 9 @ 1 pm
St. Rose of Lima Church (Mitchell Hall) Thursdays September 26/October 3 and 10 @ 6:30 pm

At St. Bernard, the basement entrance to the rectory will be open. Both locations are accessible.

Congratulations and Welcome to the Faith — This Sunday at St. Rose of Lima Church, we baptize Marina Rose Oostvogels, daughter of Marc and Jessica, and Jack William Christopher Huskison, son of Jason and Nicole. We congratulate and give thanks to God with these parents on the birth of their children. May God Bless you as you grow as a family and journey with us in the Community of Faith. St. André Bessette Parish welcomes you with open arms!

Catechetical Sunday — Throughout the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, October 5, 2024 is Catechetical Sunday. Let us pray for all who will share the Faith in and with our families in Faith Formation and our Adult Faith Formation Programs here at St. André Bessette Parish. On **Sunday, October 6** at our 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, we will welcome, thank and pray for all those who have come forward to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Teachings of His Church.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed — Have you ever considered how *beloved* you are by Our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you ever considered becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** in response to His Awesome Love for you? Eucharistic Ministers only serve one Sunday per month, in a rotation with other friends and parishioners who have answered Our Lord's call to feed His people. Instruction is provided in one session (about a half an hour) outside of Sunday Mass. Perhaps the first response to this call is: **I am not worthy!** The answer to this thought is: **No one is worthy! But He calls us anyway because He Loves us.** If you have any questions about becoming a Eucharistic Minister please contact Don LeBlanc at donleblanc500@gmail.com (St. Rose of Lima) or Claire Guyette at guyettec@gmail.com or 902-883-9701 (St. Bernard).

Ministry of Hospitality — In imitation of our patron saint, St. André Bessette, whose humble hospitality and enormous faith enabled God's love to embrace all people who approached the doors of Notre Dame College and those of the Holy Cross congregation, we invite YOU to consider becoming a **Greeter** at Sunday Mass to welcome fellow parishioners to come and see **that the Lord is Good!** A **smile** is all that is required to be a part of this special ministry and to serve our Lord. Please contact Troy at the parish office for more information/inquiries or to join in this ministry.



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.

St. André Bessette Annual Kitchen Party — Sunday, November 3 at 2 pm, Enfield Legion

We are looking for entertainers. If interested contact:

Sarah White - smwhitey@outlook.com / 902-499-7216 or Penny Francis - pennyfrancis@eastlink.ca / 902-861-1629

2024/2025 Family Formation Program

- There will be a **Confirmation Parent/Student meeting** on Sunday, **September 29** following the 11 am Mass at Mitchell Hall (St. Rose).
- Family Formation **Classes** for Primary to Grade 8 begin Sunday, **October 6 at 9:45 (St. Rose) and October 20 at 10 am (St. Bernard).**
- **TEACHERS:** We are in need of Catechists to help grow our program and to serve the families at our Parish.

Please contact Maria McDonald (maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) for more information.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 23 to 29, 2024

Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Mildred Violette †
 Wednesday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Teddy Kelly †
 Thursday, September 26 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Pierrette Blok †
 Friday, September 27 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Dorothy Deluzio †
 Saturday, September 28 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Florence Benere †
 Sunday, September 29 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the People
 Sunday, September 29 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Cathal McNaughton †

St. Bernard Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — Save the date: October 6, 2024 at the Enfield Fire Hall.

National Day for Healing and Reconciliation — On September 30, we recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across Canada. We remember and pray for the victims and survivors of the residential schools.

An Evening with a Funeral Director — All are

welcome to **free** a wine and cheese gathering where funeral professionals (directors, embalmers, crematorium operators, clergy, prearrangements specialists) will be onsite to answer any questions from the public about grief, funerals, processes, etc. No need to register. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Location: Atlantic Funeral Home, 125 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2R3

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