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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 etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 7, 2025

Christmas Flowers — Please consider making a donation in your deceased loved ones' names to the cost of the flowers and decorations that will adorn the churches this Christmas. Names will be posted in the churches, thus marking their presence for all of the Masses from Christmas Eve until the Epiphany. To make a donation, simply place it in an envelope with the name of your deceased family member or friend and drop the envelope in the collection at Sunday Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24 6 pm at St. Bernard
6 pm at St. Rose of Lima
8:30 pm at Holy Cross

Thursday, December 25 10 am at St. Bernard
11 am at St. Rose of Lima

Reconciliation During Advent

December 16 – Following the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard
December 17 – Following the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima
Please note also the times scheduled prior to weekday Masses throughout the month of December and at Adoration times throughout the week. If these times do not fit your schedule, maybe a neighbouring Parish has times that will be able to accommodate you.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 8 to 14, 2025

Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Regina Morash †
Wednesday, December 10 @ 11:00 am (Magnolia) - Mary Keane
Thursday, December 11 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Joe MacLean †
Friday, December 12 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Todd Graham †
Saturday, December 13 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Spiritual Welfare of the Priests in the Archdiocese
Sunday, December 14 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, December 14 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Rod Barrett

There will be no 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima on December 10, as Father Gerald will be assisting with Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception Church in Truro.

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 1:30 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 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 at St. Bernard

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:

Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Children's Liturgy at St. André Bessette Parish — We now have Children's Liturgy at the Sunday morning Masses at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. We are still looking for volunteers. If you enjoy working with children and are interested in being part of the team, please call the Parish Office or see Fr. Gerald after Sunday Mass.

Looking for a Mass Card? Cards are available in all three of our Churches. They are \$10 each and are not just for our dearly departed but also for any time you wish a Mass said for a special intention. At St. Bernard, cards are available in the Sacristy. Please see Claire Guyette or Annette Lewis for assistance. At St. Rose of Lima, cards are available in the Vestry or by visiting Carla at the parish office Tuesday to Friday during office hours. For those at Holy Cross, please see Maxine Thibault.

Offering Envelopes — Envelopes for 2026 are here and are ready to be picked up. If you no longer want envelopes, contact the office and let Lynette know.

The Remembrance Christmas Tree — The St. Rose of Lima CWL is continuing its Christmas tradition to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones during the liturgical Christmas Season. Christmas ornaments with loved ones' names can be ordered and will be placed on a Christmas Tree located in the church. These dear ones will be remembered and prayed for in all of the Masses offered from the first Christmas Mass until the Epiphany Mass. After the Epiphany Mass, those who ordered an ornament can collect and take it home to place on their own Christmas Tree next year. The CWL ladies will be accepting donations for the ornaments and will be at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima church beginning **Sunday, November 30 until Sunday, December 21** to accept the names of your deceased loved ones.

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot
Christmas tree sales have begun. The Knights are set up with the Burgess Family Tree Lot (on Highway 2 across the road from the Sobey's Gas Bar/Needs/



St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign — The Knights have once again put out a box at the entrance of the church to collect new socks, hats and gloves for those in need this winter. Your donations will be brought, along with a hot meal, to Hope Cottage the week of December 8. Even so, the Knights will continue to collect until Christmas so there is still time to contribute!



Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is \$20 and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. Contact Rick Karst (902-456-2744) or Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) to get yours.

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest — Children are invited to participate in this contest. Submit your drawing/artwork/poem, etc. on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include your name, age and contact information. Deadline is **December 21, 2025**. Place your submission at the churches' entrances on or before that weekend. Contact Rick Karst with any questions (rickwkarst22@gmail.com or 902-456-2744).

Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program —



Donations are once again being accepted for the inpatients and residents of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Abbie J. Lane, East Coast Forensic Hospital and Community Transition Program, Connections and Outpatient Services. Organizers ask that gifts be unwrapped, new (not used), and unscented. There are more male clients than female clients. Large, extra-large and plus sizes for both men and women are welcome. Suggested items: winter coats, winter boots, pyjamas, nightgowns, sweaters, housecoats, underwear, socks, jogging suits, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, gloves, hats, slippers, purses, candy, chocolates, makeup, toiletries, nail polish, music CDs, gift cards and certificates, new books and magazines. Thank you for bringing great cheer from the community during the holiday season.

Archdiocesan Feast Day: December 8, 2025 — Our Archdiocesan Feast Day is December 8, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. It is also the day that we became the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Archbishop Dunn invites the faithful to celebrate this important date in the life of our local Church by joining him for a special 7:00 pm Mass on **Monday, December 8, 2025** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. A reception will follow in the hall. All are welcome!

Calling all E.H. Horne School Alumni and Friends — They are excited to announce that the E.H. Horne School Preservation Society (Enfield) is building a brand-new website to share the rich history of its beloved school and promote the organization! To make this website and a new secure display cabinet/photo wall (located on the 2nd floor of the school) as special as possible, they need your help! They are actively seeking stories (memories, anecdotes, special moments), photos (class pictures, events, candid shots) and memorabilia (documents, trophies, unique items). Your contribution will bring the school's past back to life, both online and in the new secure display cabinet/photo wall. Let's work together to preserve the legacy of E.H. Horne School for generations to come. Please contact ehhorne@ehhorne.com to share your pieces of history!

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

*Hail and blessed be the hour
and moment in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure
Virgin Mary, at midnight,
in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!
to hear my prayer
and grant my desires,
(Mention your intentions here)
through the merits of
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.*

Pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena
FIFTEEN times a day until Christmas Eve.

Family Faith Formation

December 7	Gr. P-8 Student Classes	9:45 - 10:45 am @ Mitchell Hall (St. Rose of Lima)
December 7	Family Mass at St. Bernard	
December 7	Gr. P-8 Student Classes	St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
December 14	Annual Family Faith Formation Christmas Party St. Rose of Lima (9:45 - 10:45 am @ Mitchell Hall) and St. Bernard (following 9 am Mass) Please bring a snack to share with the group.	

Classes resume in the new year on January 4 (St. Rose of Lima) and January 11 (St. Bernard)

St. Vincent de Paul Fall River Giving Tree — The Society will once again have its giving tree (formerly angel tree) in the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church during Advent. If you would like to make a donation to a family or children this Christmas, you can remove a tag from the tree and replace it with a gift card from a box store so they can give to a family in need this Christmas. This past year, the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul has given out more than \$20,000 to more than 50 families in need in the Fall River, Enfield, Lantz to Nine Mile River Area. The Halifax St. Vincent de Paul has now completed Ozanam Place next to Hope Cottage, a 26,000 square foot building with four floors and 38 private living units to house homeless people in HRM. Thanks to all parishioners who made donations this year!

Beacon House Christmas Hampers

This year, St. Rose of Lima Church parishioners have been asked to provide **one litre sized fruit juice** for the 300+ hampers being prepared. Please leave donations in the Beacon House Bin near the washrooms.

Parish-Supported Food Banks

The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank — The food bank is always in need of non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross Church at Mass on Saturdays. Financial donations can also be e-transferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — boxed cereal, granola bars, canned meat, canned beans, juice boxes, crackers, cookies, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank — All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.



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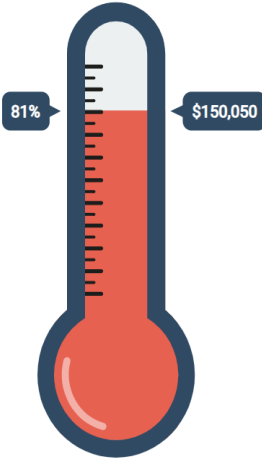
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**St. Bernard Church
Windows Replacement
Project Update**

As we continue to move closer to our fundraising goal, I'd like to provide an update. We have paid 50% of the stipulated amount of \$186,000 to Metro Windows and Doors. The company cannot complete the project in late November/early December as previously indicated. It is, however, going to install a test window in mid-December. Once the test window is installed, the bulk of the windows will be ordered and will take approximately 8-9 weeks to be produced. So we are looking at a winter/spring installation for the remaining windows. I would like to thank those who have been so supportive through your contributions toward this project. Thank you also to those who are giving of their time and talent actively soliciting much-needed funds to support this project.

...Fr. Gerald

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