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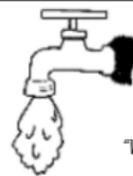
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St. André Bessette Parish

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 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:

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - March 1, 2026

Pope Leo's Lenten Message — This Lent, Pope Leo encourages Catholics all over the world to fully enter into Lent as a time of conversion; a time to *place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.* In his message, the Holy Father reflects on listening and fasting and the importance of living these actions with intention during our 40-day Lenten journey. Read Pope Leo's Lenten message by visiting www.vatican.va.

A Great Big Thank You — A few weeks ago I had a conversation with **Lenny Gallant**, who has been instrumental in the care of our cemetery at St. Bernard. Lenny has given almost 60 years of dedicated and committed service to the Parish in so many different ways - from taking calls and making ready the graves for those who were to be buried, to tending to the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. At this time, Lenny has decided to step down from this role. On behalf of the Parish of St. André Bessette, I would like to thank Lenny for his generous and kind service in this work for the Lord. Lenny's compassion and cheerful disposition assisted many parishioners and non-parishioners who were struggling with the loss of a loved, making the process of arranging a burial easier for them. Lenny also exercised great care for the physical upkeep of the cemetery, keeping the cemetery looking respectful for the resting place of our beloved dead. In gratitude for all that you have done in your years of service, may God continue to Bless you!!! ... *Fr. Gerald*

Praying the Way of the Cross — Each Friday during Lent at 7 pm we will offer the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, alternating between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. This Friday, March 6, will be at St. Bernard.

2025 Official Donation Receipts are ready to be picked up at the church!
For those who requested their receipts be mailed or emailed, they have been sent.



The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open!

The first step in helping our parish assess its greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey today! Share your perspective now to help strengthen the parish and better prepare us for the future - as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship!

The 10 to 15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **until Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. It can be found online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/pd81yp>.

The link was sent to the parish email list. Paper copies are available in the churches. You can drop off completed surveys at the office or leave them at the church. They will be forwarded to the Catholic Leadership Institute for processing. *Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

Programs & Lenten Videos — A reminder once again that the Parish of St. André Bessette has subscribed to the Augustine Institute to use **Formed.org** as a tool and resource for formation. This is a wonderful resource for families at home or for groups that wish to form and gain a deeper knowledge of the Catholic Faith. I encourage all parishioners to sign in and use this resource. You will receive the instructions on how to sign up for Formed.org this coming week in our weekly email.



Development and Peace—Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**. Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over **7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world.

Watch this one-minute video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuUo_Pwgkcl) for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Share it widely; and join our efforts!

Easter Flowers — To prepare our churches for Easter, please consider a monetary donation for flowers (St. Rose of Lima) or a donation of flowers (St. Bernard) in memory of a loved one. Place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers," include your name and the name of your loved one, and place it in the Sunday collection. Make cheques payable to St. André Bessette Parish. A list of those being remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin.



Scholarship Opportunities in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is excited to announce the availability of scholarships for students actively engaged in their parish community. These scholarships aim to support students who demonstrate a strong commitment to Church renewal, leadership, and academic excellence. These scholarships are made possible by the Patrick Power Foundation, the Archbishop James Hayes Trust, the John T. Joy Trust, the A.M. Hynes Fund, and the Father Caissie Fund. The archdiocese encourages eligible students to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to further their education while continuing their dedication to the Church. Preference will be given to students studying theology or using their chosen field of study in active ministry for the Catholic church.

Application Process: To apply, students must complete the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Scholarship Application Form and provide the following:

- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency
- A letter of recommendation from a parish priest or ministry leader, outlining their involvement in parish activities
- A personal statement
- Academic records or transcripts and/or resume
- Documentation demonstrating financial need

Submission Instructions: The application form and all supporting documents must be submitted no later than March 31 by email to: scholarships@halifaxyarmouth.org. Please note: Approved file formats for supporting documents are Word/Doc, jpeg and/or PDF, include [CURRENT YEAR SURNAME] in the subject line for supporting documents. Requests to submit your application by mail must be sent to the above email address. Applications will be reviewed in the spring and only successful applicants will be contacted. For more information, please contact development@halifaxyarmouth.org.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 1 to 8, 2026

Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Matti Allison †**
 Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Mary Jane MacNeil**
 Thursday, March 5 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Eddie Benere & Keith Arsenault †**
 Friday, March 6 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Ann Oickle †**
 Saturday, March 7 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**
 Sunday, March 8 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Allie MacDonell †**
 Sunday, March 8 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

All parishioners are invited to join in ongoing faith formation programs covering **The Search** and Father James Mallon's **Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times**.

The Search is being offered:

- Wednesdays, from February 18 to April 1, at St. Bernard at 10 am.
- Thursdays, from February 19 to April 2, at St. Rose of Lima/Mitchell Hall at 7 pm.

Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times is being offered:

- Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from February 25 to April 1 at St. Rose of Lima.

Contact the office for more information.



Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows: to strengthen our faith, hope, and love in God

Lent is upon us. It is the season in which we prepare to **participate** in Christ's Passion. **Our Lady of Sorrows** can help us to make our Lenten journey deeper and more meaningful, by contemplating and consoling Mary in her suffering as she witnessed and participated in her Son's Passion. The **Servite Rosary**, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, is a profound prayer that connects us intimately to Jesus' Passion through Mary.

Beginning February 23, the St. Rose of Lima CWL will be praying the Servite Rosary **every Monday at 10:00 am** in the chapel at St. Rose of Lima Church to honour Our Lady of Sorrows. Copies of the Servite Rosary will be available at the entrance of the church. The ladies **invite all parishioners** to join them in praying the Servite Rosary at St. Rose of Lima Church. Together we can console Our Blessed Mother for the sufferings she bore for the sake of our salvation.

Stabat Mater: At the Cross Her Station Keeping Video
<https://youtu.be/nP42wU8Ouzo?si=moitPKwWGMP2iRTL>

Newly-Baptized in the Parish! We pray for Eilidh Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, who was baptized at St. Bernard on Sunday morning. For Eilidh's parents Ciaran and Seonaid, may they always know the love and support of our Catholic family.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED COMMUNITY OUTREACH KD - Lunch - KD

Lunch for students on Wednesdays starting March 25 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm St. Thomas Anglican or St. John's United Church
For more information, call Peta Lelliot at 903-223-3101.

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 — Canned soups, canned meat, pasta, canned milk, boxed cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, juice, crackers/cookies. Beacon House is also in need of **gently used winter coats**. 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.

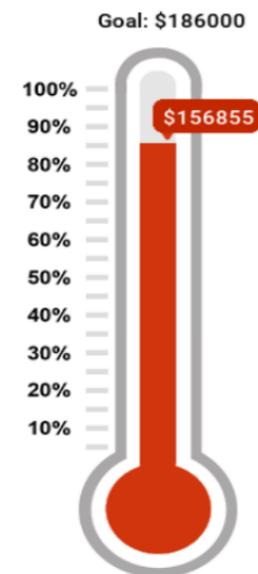


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St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project Update

The windows should be ready at the end of March, with a plan for installation after Easter. The parish has raised \$156,000, with **\$30,000 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,000.

For those who are still planning to donate, there are envelopes as well as window sponsorship forms at the entrances of the churches.

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