St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

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Confessions

St. Bernard
Tuesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursdays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima
Wednesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Fridays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)

Holy Cross
Saturdays from 3:30-3:50 pm (prior to 4:00 pm Mass)

… or by appointment

Your Financial Support

Your generous donations support the vital ministries, programs and outreach efforts of our parish. With your contributions, we can nurture spiritual growth, provide community services, and maintain a welcoming space for all. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on fulfilling our mission. There are many ways to donate:

- Weekly offertory envelopes – Cash or cheques (payable to St. André Bessette Parish)
- Etransfers – stbernardsenfield@gmail.com
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – PAR is invaluable to the parish, as these contributions still arrive even if you can't. PAR provides a steadier and more predictable stream of funds, which is extremely helpful for budgeting and planning for larger projects.
- CanadaHelps – Open your phone's camera. Scan the QR code below. Tap the link to donate securely. A charitable tax receipt will be provided. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of November 23 to 29, 2026

Tuesday, November 24	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	**Ashley Berger †**
Wednesday, November 25	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Shannon & Blair McDonald**
Thursday, November 26	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	**Phyllis Taylor †**
Friday, November 27	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Anastasia Karst**
Saturday, November 28	4 pm @ Holy Cross	**Donna Bellefontaine †**
Sunday, November 29	9 am @ St. Bernard	**For the people**
Sunday, November 29	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	**Bernie Hanlon †**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – November 22, 2026

Book of Remembrance — The Book of Remembrance is on the altar for the month of November. Parishioners are encouraged to record the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book as the prayers of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass are offered in remembrance of them.

Ways & Means Committee Raffle – The committee members will be selling tickets following Mass for a chance to win:
1st Prize – Outdoor Handmade Nativity
2nd Prize – $100 Sobeys Gift Card
The draw date is Sunday, November 29 at St. Bernard. All proceeds support the needs of St. André Bessette Parish.

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.

Fire Warden Wanted at St. Bernard -- St. Bernard Church is looking for a volunteer to serve as Fire Warden. No previous experience is required! Duties include monthly checks of fire extinguishers and exit lights, as well as ensuring that pathways to all exits remain clear and accessible. If you are interested in helping out and supporting the safety of our church community, please contact Nick Gale, Building Committee Chair, at ntgale@hotmail.com. Thank you for considering volunteering your time!

2027 Offering Envelopes – A reminder that offering envelopes for 2027 are ready to be picked up. If you no longer want envelopes, contact Lynette at the parish office to let her know.

Congratulations to St. Rose of Lima CWL Raffle Winners:
Watercolour Painting – Paige (at Legion)
Basket of Preserves – Anne MacKinnon
Gift Card Wreath – Carmel Holgate

St. Rose of Lima Church Cleaners Needed! The team of cleaners at St. Rose are in desperate need of new members. This commitment would only require 1.5 hours of your time every 8 weeks. If you feel you can help in this capacity or for more information, contact Barry Irvine at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



Thanks from the St. Rose of Lima CWL – The Catholic Women's League would like to thank you, the parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, for your donations, help and support at its Christmas Bazaar last weekend. Your helped make this event fun and successful.

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 29 to accept the names of your deceased loved ones.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — The St. Vincent de Paul Society supports individuals and families who face hardship through food, housing, and essential assistance. Special collection envelopes are available now for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping them make a difference!

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Ministry of Consolation – The Ministry of Consolation began in December 2023, with 160 home visits to parishioners in its first year. As things progressed, our focus became too broad, with overlap with other ministries, and many of our team members had to leave for personal or health-related reasons. As such, our Ministry has re-focused. The Ministry of Consolation is a team of volunteers who serve people, and families, who are approaching end-of-life. This is often a very confusing and difficult time for everyone involved. Our ministry helps with information about end-of-life issues; we offer visits of support, prayer and consolation; we offer the Holy Eucharist when possible. Our Ministry also provides educational sessions, depending on parish interest. These sessions may include:

- Dying with Christ: describing a Good Death in the eyes of our Lord, and
- Understanding Grief: supporting those grieving the loss of a loved one.

The Ministry of Consolation continues to look for volunteers. We are currently looking for an Administrator to help support the maintenance of records and reports for the ministry. This would require 1-2 hours per week and can be done from home. We are also inviting new Volunteer Visitors to the team. If you are interested in supporting our Ministry of Consolation in any way, please contact the Ministry Coordinator, Jean Morris, at 902-957-6047. Thank you, and God Bless!

Family Faith Formation: November/December 2026

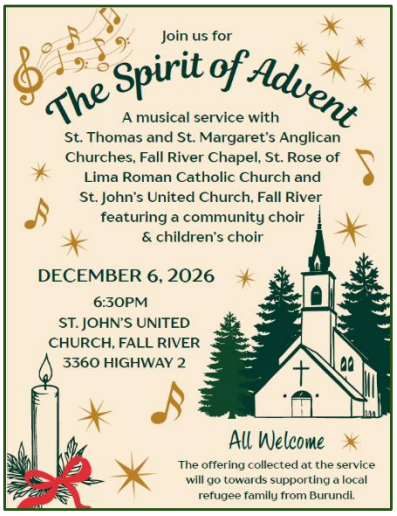
Nov 29: 4th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Dec 13: 5th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Family Mass at St. Rose of Lima at 11 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm



A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the Family Mass at St. Bernard Church on November 22! Please let Julie know if you're available to participate in the next Family Mass on December 13 at St Rose of Lima: familyfaith@standrebessette.net.

Ecumenical "The Spirit of Advent" Celebration – All parishioners are invited to attend an ecumenical celebration of Advent to be held at St. John's United Church in Fall River at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 6. "The Spirit of Advent" will include music, scripture readings, and reflections relevant to this beautiful church season. Choir members from four different congregations in our area, including St. André Bessette Parish, will come together in song and prayer. This event has always been a popular celebration in past years, and it is encouraging to see it being revived. If you would like to sing in this celebration, contact Elaine at elmorrow@shaw.ca for details.





Knights of Columbus 2 Grand in the Hand Tickets – Get your tickets soon from the Tom Bagley Knights of Columbus Council of Enfield. Only 400 tickets sold. See Grand Knight John Steele, Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) or any other knight. Tickets are $10.00 each. Draw date is December 6.

Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is $20 (cash only) and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. See Rick Karst before or following Mass at St. Rose of Lima, or contact him (902-456-2744) to get yours.

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign — The Knights once again put out a box at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima 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 in December.



Support the 2026 Archdiocesan Appeal – The 2026 Annual Appeal will run from November 1st until the Archdiocesan Feast Day, December 8. Your financial gifts to the Appeal support the Church's mission by revitalizing ministries and pastoral care, nurturing vocations and faith formation for all ages, and extending Christ's love to the most vulnerable through outreach projects. In gratitude for your support, 20% of every gift is returned directly to our local parish, strengthening both your local faith community and the Archdiocese as a whole. Extra copies of the appeal letter and donation card can be found near the bulletins.

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* — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. 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.

Beacon House Christmas Hampers

St. Rose of Lima is one of the many churches that make up the Beacon House Interfaith Society, and each church supports the Christmas Hamper Program with different items. This year**, our contribution is one-litre sized juice.** Your donations to provide a special holiday meal for those in need are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the Beacon House Food Bank.

The 2026-27 Missals have arrived! Cost is $6. There are also some youth missals available for $8. Put payment in an envelope marked "missal" and place it in the collection.

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