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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 Claire at the St. Bernard 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.

# 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 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close  
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

#### Confessions:

##### St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)  
Thursday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)  
First Friday of the month - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

##### St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)  
Friday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)  
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

##### Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 pm - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)  
... or by appointment

#### Enfield Office:

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#### Fall River Office

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Fri. 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**Communications (Bulletin):** standrecommunication@gmail.com  
Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 12, 2023

Three points to ponder (taken from the Sourcebook for Sundays):

1. Jesus asks us to be prepared and ready for his coming. Those who are prepared by following Jesus and serving others are wise. Those who have not followed the way of Jesus are unprepared and foolish.
2. When we seek wisdom, we search for understanding and are able to more clearly notice God's presence all around us in creation.
3. In the Parousia, when God comes in glory, God will be all in all. The faithful will be in God's presence forever. When we serve others and love as Jesus wishes us to, we are closer to becoming part of God's kingdom.

**St. André Bessette Remembrance of Faithful Departed in the Past Year** — This week we will have an opportunity to gather with those who have lost loved ones in the past year. We will have a special Mass for those who died and were buried from St. André Bessette Parish and we also place an invitation to parishioners who have lost immediate family members from outside our parish. Our first Mass will be at **St. Bernard on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**. Our second Mass will be at **St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**. We invite family members of those who have died in our parish to attend Mass at the church they were buried from. Those who have lost immediate family members in the past year, whose funeral and burial took place elsewhere, are invited to come to either celebration. So that we can be organized and ready light candles, I ask any in the above category to call the parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending and ensure we have the name of those not buried from here. Let us remember to pray for the dead, that they may share in eternal life with God, and for the families who are mourning the loss of loved ones, that they may truly be consoled.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** — We meet each **Thursday at St. Bernard Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Please contact Fr. Gerald at frgerald@standrebessette.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note: The St. Rose of Lima office will be closed this Friday, November 17.



**St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot** — The lot is moving next door to the Sobeys Gas Bar in Fall River. This is a collaboration with the Burgess Family Tree Lot. If you are purchasing a real tree, please consider us. Free delivery will be available to Church members.

**St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign** — The Knights will once again be collecting socks and gloves for those in need this winter. Please place your donations in the designated box at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church by December 10, 2023.

**BINGO!** — The St. Bernard CWL is sponsoring a Cash & Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 24. This will take place at the Enfield Fire Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. There will be 15 regular and 5 special games, 50/50 draws, and lots of fun.

**Kitchen Party Update!** — Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to share their talent at this event. The response has been overwhelming! We are especially pleased that many young people will be sharing their talent. We have quite a varied list of acts and the line up is full at this point! Thank you!!! Mark your calendars: November 26 at the Enfield Legion at 2:00 pm. See you there!!

**St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners need your help!** Looking for a way to contribute but don't have a lot of time? The St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners are trying to put together a Saturday morning crew. It involves only 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. To sign up or get more information, contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)** — This is an international organization formed mainly of Catholic volunteers. St André Bessette Parish has 17 active members who assist those living in poverty in our area. So far this year, they have assisted over 30 individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities totaling almost \$20,000. **Special envelopes are available now in the churches for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you!!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Phone: 902-476-8626  
Email: ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com

**St. Bernard CWL Membership Fees** — Fees (\$35) for January 1 to December 31, 2024 are now being accepted. Pay by January 1 and you could win back your dues!

**Caring & Sharing** — St. Bernard is again accepting food and hygiene items for the Caring & Sharing program in Enfield. The food bank baskets are located at the two main entrances to the church and are checked weekly. Please consider renewing your commitment to the underprivileged of our community with a donation, as the number and need continue to grow. Also, the Caring & Sharing-Angel Tree Food Bank is now taking registrations for the 2023 Christmas season. Adopt a family by contacting Allison Gilby at caringsharingaaf@gmail.com or call Pam Hutchinson at 902-476-7982. Monetary donations can be sent c/o 50 Old Enfield Road, Unit 2, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or e-transferred to caringandsharinhants@gmail.com. Additional details can be found on the letter posted on the bulletin board.

**Beacon House Top 10 for November:** Kraft Dinner, boxed cereal, mayonnaise, granola bars, crackers, canned beans or stew, canned meat, diapers, fruit cups, and hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, deodorant, shampoo, tampons/pads, shaving cream).

**Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Fall Campaign** — Our fall campaign is working with our partner ERIC-Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector in Honduras. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: justice, reparations and protection, the cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits, and the restoration of their national park. Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at devp.org/act or found at the entrance of the churches in our parish. If you are interested in social justice ministry in our archdiocese and in becoming a D and P rep in the St. André Bessette parish, please contact Adah Ogbe at aogbe@devp.org.

**Mass Intentions for the week of November 13 to 19, 2023**  
Thursday, November 16 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Eugene Bradley †  
Friday, November 17 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Rita Landry †  
Saturday, November 18 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Tena Larson †  
Sunday, November 19 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people  
Sunday, November 19 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Catherine Connelly †

**Magnificat Brunch** — You are invited to a Magnificat Brunch on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (Mass at 9:00 am in Campbell Hall, doors open for brunch at 9:30 am). Location is Immaculate Conception Church on Prince Street in Truro. Guest speaker is Maria Thibault. Bring a friend, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother. Registration is \$20 - RSVP by November 10, 2023. No tickets at the door and no refunds. To register — Email and Etransfer: magnificathalifax@gmail.com Phone: Maria @ 902-860-3304 Cheque: Magnificat Ministry, Halifax Chapter c/o 184 Ross Road, Halifax, NS B3M 3Y5 Save the Date: Spring Magnificat Meal - May 25, 2024, Halifax

  
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## Family Faith Formation News

November 12: St. Rose of Lima: Home Lesson - No classes  
St. Bernard Parent Session/Student Classes  
Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall  
November 19: Student Classes St. Rose of Lima  
St. Bernard - Home Lesson - No classes  
Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall  
November 26: **St. Rose of Lima Family Social at 9:45 am**  
St. Bernard Student Classes  
Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall

**Christmas Eve Nativity Play**  
We are hoping to have a short Nativity Play before the Christmas Eve Masses at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Mass times are still to be determined, but we wanted to put this out to the students/families who may want to plan. This will be a family-led activity, so please let Maria McDonald know if your child/ren are interested.

A BIG shoutout goes out to the Gr. 7 & 8 students for their amazing artwork in decorating the Family Faith Formation bulletin board in the church. This is a monthly, themed activity that goes towards an act of service for the parish and is led by our faithful Gr. 7 & 8 catechists Rachel Landry and Sarah Prim. Beautiful work! Thank you.



October: The Holy Rosary



November: Feast of all Saints

**Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest** — Children are invited to participate in this contest. Age categories: 5 to 7 years, 8 to 10 years and 11 to 14 years. Prizes will be awarded. Submit your drawings/artwork/poems, etc. on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include your name, age and contact information. Deadline is December 17, 2023. An envelope or box will be placed at the entrances to all churches.

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