



St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

Parish Office: 9 Jamieson Drive, Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1E5
Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm www.standrebesette.net

St. Bernard Church
253 Highway 2, Enfield
▪ Sundays at 9 am
▪ Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
▪ Thursdays at 12 pm
followed by Adoration
until 1:30 pm



St. Rose of Lima Church
1400 Fall River Road, Fall River
▪ Sundays at 11 am
▪ Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Holy Cross Church
11645 Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit
▪ Saturdays at 4 pm



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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 October 26 to November 1, 2026

Father Gerald will be away from Tuesday, October 27 to Thursday, October 29 for Priest Study Days.

Friday, October 30	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Linda Ferguson
Saturday, October 31	4 pm @ Holy Cross	Denise Walker
Sunday, November 1	9 am @ St. Bernard	For the people
Sunday, November 1	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	Rita Marshall †

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 25, 2026

October 18, 2026 is World Mission Sunday - "One in Christ, United in Mission."

Last Sunday was World Mission Sunday. Donation envelopes are now available in each church near the bulletins. Proceeds provide the bulk of the funding for new and struggling churches, and great work is being done in the global South. For more information about this important work, visit pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026.

Restoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue at St. Rose of Lima

The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was removed from her pedestal beside St. Joseph for major restoration. We invited parishioners' support for this important effort and thank you very much for your generosity. This Sunday, the statue will return to the church. The artist, Julie Marriott, will be present at Mass to accept your gift and be recognized for the significant time and effort dedicated to this project and for her beautiful work.

Welcome Social – St. André Bessette Parish will hold a Welcome Social following the November 1st Mass at St. Rose of Lima. A warm welcome is extended to all to join in, in particular the new families in our Parish. Stay for refreshments and conversation and to meet your church family. Because of the repair work taking place in the St. Bernard Hall, the St. Bernard Welcome Social will be rescheduled at a later date.

Repair work in the St. Bernard Church Basement/Hall – *First on Site* is scheduled to start remediation for the leak in the basement in St. Bernard Church on Monday, October 26. This will involve removing drywall and flooring so that the area can dry out and then be treated for any mold that may be present. Once things are opened up, the crack in the foundation will be assessed and repaired. Please note that access to the basement will be limited or possibly restricted during this procedure. We don't know how long this will take. We will keep you informed.

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

Atlantic Marian Gathering at St. Bernard Church – The St. Bernard Catholic Women's League invites you to Mass on the First Saturday of the month of November (November 7) in honour of our Blessed Mother Mary. Mass will be held at St. Bernard Church at 9 am, followed by a time of adoration and confession. The Atlantic Marian team will join us and Heather will lead us in song.

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. Volunteers deliver with dignity, respect and compassion. They are grounded in love of neighbour and justice. All funds raised help them support friends in need by providing them with a hand up, not just a hand out. 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!

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign – Next weekend, December 1, the Knights will 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.



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.

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.

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.



SOUP LUNCHEON & CRIB



Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Turkey Soup Lunch with Dessert



11:30 am to
1:00 pm

\$10

Crib
1:00 to 3:00 pm

\$2



Family Faith Formation: November at a glance

Nov 1: 2nd Classes @ Mitchell Hall

- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Nov 15: 3rd Classes @ Mitchell Hall

- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Nov 22: Family Mass at St. Bernard at 9 am

- Seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)

Nov 29: 4th Classes @ Mitchell Hall

- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm



A huge thank you to all the families who participated in the beautiful Family Mass at St. Rose of Lima last Sunday!

For any questions regarding sacramental prep or family Masses, please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.



We need your help!

(You DO NOT need to be a member of the CWL)

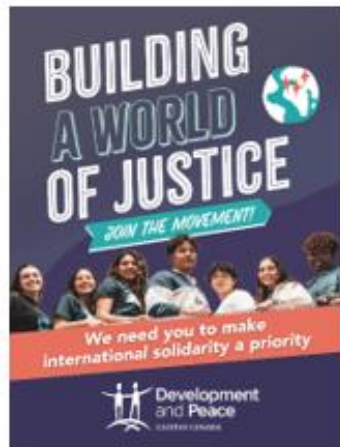
The Christmas Bazaar Committee is looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Even an hour or two (the day of) can make a huge difference! We could also use help with setting up and taking down our tables, etc. Let us know if you are able to join us and please reach out to the following committee members:

Kitchen	Claudette C	902-860-1179
	Audrey D	902-860-1798
Dining Room	MaryAnne C	902-430-5559
Silent Auction	Cathy BT	902-861-1856
Bake Table	Sue C	902-861-1930
Craft Table	Mimi J	902-860-3965
New To You	Penny F	902-861-1629
Children's Corner	Bernadette	902-476-5457
Religious Articles	Troy M	902-576-2309

They are accepting any new craft or new-to-you items. Please contact any member of the above. Dot Lutz and Debbie McCarthy will be at St. Rose of Lima church following Mass, should you have any questions. Thank you and see you at the Christmas Bazaar!

Halloween Rock-a-thon – St. Thomas Anglican Church (3534 Highway 2, Fall River) is hosting a Halloween Rock-a-thon on October 31 from 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. For more information, go to www.stmargaretsstthomas.ca.

Become a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada



For nearly 60 years, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been working to build a world of justice. How? By supporting community development programs and projects in more than 30 countries around the world and by mobilizing Canadians to promote peace and justice. The strength of our movement lies in people like you who, every year, take one (or more) concrete action to make international solidarity a priority. A first concrete step is to become a member and join our movement of more than 13,000 members. To learn more: devp.org/campaign. Together, let's send a clear message to the Government of Canada to increase official development assistance.

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.



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