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### WECOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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 etransfer 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:

Claire Guyette 902-883-2660  
stbernardsenfield@gmail.com  
Tues. to Fri. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

#### Fall River Office

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475  
strose@standrebessette.net  
Tues. to Thurs. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### Coordinator, Faith Formation

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

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## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 15, 2023

This Sunday, we are given an opportunity to think about how we respond to God's invitation to the Kingdom Feast. In the midst of living our lives in this busy world, we may find ourselves not always able to keep up with the pace. We may just decide to pull back from everything except the things we enjoy. The Gospel this week invites us not only to respond to God's Kingdom Feast but also to be prepared as we come to the Feast. How many times have we heard people say, "I'm too busy for that." Or how many times have we said it ourselves? The very act of preparing and the very act of responding to God's invitation is not too oppressive or burdensome. Rather, God's invitation will help us live our every day with a readiness to serve, to love better, to focus on the other, to sacrifice... These are but a few of the results of being called to the Kingdom Feast. Time with the Lord and time to tend to heart and soul matters help us to be healthy, not only in times we are called to respond to others' needs, but in our real life worth living in relationship with God. God has so much He wants to give each and every one of us in this life. He simply invites and awaits our response.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** — Adults who are not fully initiated in the Catholic Faith (1. baptized but never carried through with the remaining sacraments; or 2. not baptized) who have an interest in becoming Catholic during the celebration of Easter 2024 are invited to participate in St. André Bessette Parish's RCIA program. We began last Thursday, October 12 (St. Bernard Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm). If there are any who missed but are interested, please contact Fr. Gerald either by email (frgerald@standrebessette.net) or by calling either parish office and leaving a message.

**Commissioning of Faith Formation Program Volunteers of our Parish** — This Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Bernard and 11:00 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, I will offer a prayer of commissioning for our Catechists and Assistants. Let us keep them in our prayers as they share, witness and teach the beautiful Catholic Faith to our young people and assist the Domestic Church to become stronger in that gift of Faith. Thank you for coming forward to assist in our Faith Formation Program here at St. André Bessette Parish!

**Fall Adult Faith Program** — Our fall adult faith program, Metanoia, runs **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima's Mitchell Hall**. Contact the St. Rose office to register with your name, phone number and email. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast** — This will take place on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at the Enfield Fire Hall from 9:00 am until noon. Come on out and enjoy scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, juice, tea or coffee - all for the low price of \$8 for adults (13 years & older) and \$5 per child (5 to 12 years). Children 4 years and under are free. C'mon out and meet a neighbour!

**Francis White Memorial Hockey Pool** — The Knights of Columbus at St. Rose of Lima have launched the Francis White Memorial Hockey Pool. Funds raised will support the important charitable work of the Knights in the community. You can go to [officepools.com/invite/classic/m/A3TP8RD](http://officepools.com/invite/classic/m/A3TP8RD) to complete your pool online or pick up a form at St. Rose of Lima or St. Bernard church. Cost is \$20 per entry. **Deadline is October 16 at 4:00 pm**.

**St. Bernard CWL Penny and Bake Sale** — This fun event will take place on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the St. Bernard Church basement. Mark your calendars!

**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, we have assisted over 30 individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities totaling almost \$20,000. Thank you for supporting St. Vincent de Paul.

**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](mailto:barryirvine46@gmail.com).

**World Mission Sunday** — Our annual World Mission Sunday collection will take place next weekend, **October 22**. Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church or use your own. Make sure to indicate your name, address and envelope/ PAR number.

**Assembly of the People of God** — Archbishop Dunn want to see you at our 2023 Assembly of the People of God! It takes place on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**. Register by October 27 by visiting [www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly).

**Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral** — Thursday, **October 19** is the anniversary of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. It was dedicated October 19, 1899, and raised to the dignity of a Basilica in 1950. The Cathedral is meant to be a sign of unity between the bishop and all the faithful of the diocese; between his Cathedral and all the parishes within the diocese. This anniversary is a feast day that the whole local Church celebrates.

**Synod on Synodality** — Pope Francis has officially opened the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. It is a significant moment in the life of our Church. We invite you to pray for all involved. May the Holy Spirit guide the work of the Synod, opening hearts and minds to encounter Christ, to intentionally listen, to actively discern ways for the faithful walk together and live our shared mission to proclaim Christ and make disciples. To keep up-to-date on what is happening at the Synod visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

**2023 Atlantic Marian Gathering — October 20 to 22, 2023**  
Location: Christ the King Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Church site at 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Dartmouth  
Guest Speaker: Fr. Dominic Sultana, SThD  
Registration fee: \$60/person with another \$10 for lunch and \$10 for supper on Saturday (book by October 16)  
Register at [atlanticmariangathering.ca/](http://atlanticmariangathering.ca/). Etransfers and information requests to [mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com](mailto:mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com).

**Breakaway Adult Program at The Open Gate, 5 Miller Lane, Fall River** — Breakaway is a program for seniors held Monday mornings from 9:30 to noon, September to the end of June. The morning consists of a variety of social activities, fun,

gentle exercises, special events and a light lunch, all run by volunteers. We can offer support for those with mobility issues or mild dementia, if needed. Suggested donation - \$5 a week. To register, call The Open Gate at 902-860-2662. To learn more about the program from a parishioner/volunteer, call Eleanor Hanlon 902-860-3957.

**Mass Intentions for the week of October 16 to 22, 2023**

Tuesday, October 17 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Jesslyn LeForte**  
Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Colleen and Gary MacKay**  
Thursday, October 19 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Dr. Dook Kim †**  
Friday, October 20 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Janet Kane**  
Saturday, October 21 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Dan Thibault †**  
Sunday, October 22 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**  
Sunday, October 22 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Wayne McAllister †**

**Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



**Beacon House** — The Beacon House food donation box was filled to the brim last Sunday. **Thank you for your generous response to our request for donations!** Beacon House would like to re-establish a list of churches that take turns volunteering at the Retail Store on Saturday mornings. The main tasks

would be sorting hangers and removing new shoes from boxes and bagging them with a size sticker. Please contact Karen at (902) 401-1994 or [kcreelman@eastlink.ca](mailto:kcreelman@eastlink.ca) if you are interested in helping out in this way. **Most needed donations are canned goods, pasta and pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, boxed cereals, nut-free school snacks, baby food, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), hygiene items, and toilet paper.**

**Family Faith Formation News**

**October 15 at 10:00 am** — St. Bernard Church, Family Formation Class in the Hall following the 9:00 am Mass  
**October 15 at 12 noon** — Confirmation Class (Students & Parents) in Mitchell Hall following the 11:00 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church  
All Catechists will be asked to come forward at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses for a blessing from Fr. Gerald.  
**October 22 at 9:45 am** — St. Rose of Lima, Family Formation Class AND Gr. 2 Parent Meeting on the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation  
**October 22 at 12 noon** — Confirmation Class  
**October 27 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm** — Confirmation Class NET Retreat  
**October 29 at 9:45 am** — St. Rose of Lima, Family Formation Class/Family Social  
**October 29 at 10:00 am** — St. Bernard Church, Family Formation Class following the 9:00 am Mass

For more information about the family faith formation program at our parish, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at [maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net](mailto:maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net).

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