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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:

Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 Ext 3 businessoffice@standrebessette.net
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net
Julie Gosselin familyfaith@standrebessette.net

Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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standrebessette.net

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Phone: 902-476-8626

Email and e-transfers (include in message box your name and address): ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com
Make cheques payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 3, 2026

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life." Not a map, but a way of living. A way that He had shown the disciples when he knelt to wash their feet. Later, when the Holy Spirit descended as He promised, everything changed. That last, long conversation made sense. And fear gave way to courage. (Excerpt from US Catholic Sunday Reflections by Maureen Windmoeller)



Mary's Little Lambs Invitation — This is an invitation to all families who have had their children baptized between 2022-2026. On Pentecost Sunday, **May 24, at St. Rose of Lima Church**, we will be honouring these children and their families at the 11 am Mass. A barbecue will follow, provided by the Knights of Columbus. Come let us celebrate together!

Decree of Nullity — The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or by visiting "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website. A few brochures on this topic have been printed and are available at the entrances of the churches.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 4 to 10, 2026

Tuesday, May 5 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Kevin Shaw †
Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Claudette Carmichael
Thursday, May 7 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Nora Mercer
Friday, May 8 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Linda Ferguson
Saturday, May 9 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Daniel Thibault †
Sunday, May 10 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, May 10 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Deacon Chris and Dianne Coffin

Please note that Lynette will be out of the office next week, May 5 to 8. The office will be open as usual.

TWO PARISH SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. André Bessette Parish is seeking a student to assist with the **St. Bernard Cemetery project**.

Work term: 8 weeks, from July 2 to August 26, 2026

Pay: \$17.75 per hour over a 35-hour week

Work location: St. Bernard Church, 253 Highway 2 in Enfield

Job description:

- Cemetery data compilation
- Comparing paper records with the physical headstones to resolve any inconsistencies
- 50% of the work will consist of data collection, including field measurements, and 50% will consist of coordinating collected data with existing records

Qualifications: Ability to perform outdoor manual work, computer skills, ability to work with limited supervision, attention to detail, ethical work habits.

The successful candidate must be attending a post-secondary education institution in September 2026. The project is part of the cemetery committee's effort to create a new plot plan, or map, of both the old and new sections of the cemetery. Work will include assisting in preparing a detailed, surveyed diagram outlining the precise layout of burial spaces, sections, rows, and walkways and landmarks within the cemetery.

Interested applicants should forward a resume, including address, phone number and email to office@standrebessette.net, attention Richard Sherman, **by May 31, 2026**.

Heavenly Scoops is an ice cream shop located at St. Bernard Church. We are hiring 2 summer students for the role of **ice cream server**. The position is part-time (approximately 25-30 hrs/week) and will start mid-June and finish at end of August. The hourly rate is \$16.75. The hours are 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm daily, including weekends. Note hours may be adjusted in the season.

Job description: Scooping ice cream, stocking supplies, general cleaning duties, handling cash

Job requirements:

- Must be 16 years old
- Must be available to work the 9-week period
- Must have completed a food safety course or be willing to take it before start date
- Must be comfortable working with the public
- Experience working with cash is an asset

If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to office@standrebessette.net, attention Sarah White, **by May 22, 2026**.



TWO GRAND in HAND — Thomas Bagley Council 11625 is selling Two Grand in Hand tickets with the draw to be held on Mother's Day. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 400 tickets to be sold. Tickets available after 9 am Masses at St. Bernard or by contacting John Steele @ 902-883-9471 or john.steele.67@gmail.com.

The annual **Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, May 30 from 9 am to 3 pm** in the driveway of St. Rose of Lima Church. If you have any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale, please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up:

Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 or rajkarst@yahoo.ca
 Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514 or agibson@caseyltd.ca
 David Marshall - 902-580-1600 or troymariem@gmail.com

Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in the community. The CWL will also host a plant and bake sale during this event.

Christ the King Parish Seeking Receptionist — Christ the King Parish in Dartmouth is seeking a part-time receptionist/secretary to join their team. For more information on the position, contact Christ the King's parish office directly at HR@ctkdartmouth.com. Resume and cover letter can also be sent to this address. Deadline to apply is May 15, 2026.

Kim Dunn
In Concert

Friday, June 5, 2026
Doors open at 6:30 pm - Show starts at 7:00 pm

Tickets \$35
General Admission

Location: St. Rose of Lima Church
1400 Fall River Road, Fall River, NS

For tickets, contact:
MaryAnne - 902-430-5559 (text) Sarah - 902-499-7216 (text)
carew.maryanne@gmail.com smwhitey@outlook.com

The St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to Friday night's BINGO by donating prizes (both businesses and parishioners) and by participating in this fundraiser. Your support is appreciated!!

Parish Fundraiser — Last chance to buy tickets for a chance to win beautiful wooden lawn furniture, made and donated by a member of Holy Cross Church! (Value: \$400.00) Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Draw date is May 9 at Holy Cross. Find a member of the Committee following Mass!!

Let your love be on us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

Family Faith Formation Schedule

May 24
May 31

Confirmation Rehearsal
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St. Bernard @ 10 am
St. Bernard @ 9 am Mass (reception to follow)

Congratulation to the young people receiving the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this weekend at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church:

Jack Fredericks Sharon Hillier Grace Mimmagh Sarah Mimmagh

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Magnolia Outreach is looking for 2 volunteers to add to their team. They visit Magnolia Care Home each Monday to bring Holy Communion, smiles and joy to the residents. If you are able to volunteer for 2 hours one Monday morning per month, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Annette Lewis at 902-440-2246, or email atlewis63@yahoo.ca for more information.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Men's Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry — This men's retreat will take place on Father's Day weekend, June 19 to 21, at *Between the Hearts Renewal Centre* in Amherst, NS. The theme is, "And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to the fathers..." (Mal.4:6). The retreat will focus on the fatherhood of God and His heart for men. We will unpack how we as men are called to reflect His fatherhood in our families, communities and workplace. Come and be strengthened in your identity as fathers (natural and spiritual) and empowered to live out your unique calling as men in the Church and world. Cost is \$265.00 on-site (accommodations, all sessions and 5 meals). Off-site \$165.00. Call Rhonda-Lynn to register and for more information at 902-448-3660.

Sharing our 2025 Impact Report — The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth remains committed to nurturing faith, supporting communities, and advancing its mission to share Christ's love. In 2025, we moved to a single annual collection that supports all Archdiocesan initiatives, including Formation, Community, and Mission. "As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the transformative impact of your support, along with the faithful dedication of our clergy, staff, volunteers and lay leaders who bring our mission to life each day. **Thank you!** Your support of the Archdiocesan Annual Collection helps build a strong, more vibrant faith community throughout the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth."

The **2025 Impact Report** highlights some of the remarkable pastoral work made possible through the generous contributions to our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Collection. If you would like the link to this report, contact the office and we will email it to you.

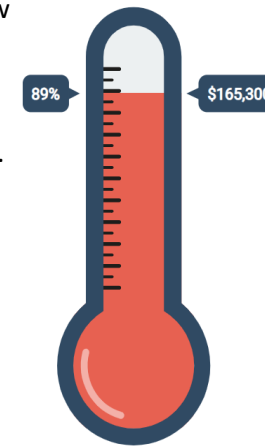
Parish-Supported Food Banks

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 vegetables/diced tomatoes, pasta, boxed cereal, granola bars, juice, canned fruit, mayonnaise, hygiene products. 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.

GOAL: \$186,000



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 \$165,300 with **\$20,700 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.

Etransfers can be sent to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.

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