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## St. André Bessette Parish

St. Bernard Church, Enfield  
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River  
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

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

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard  
6:30 pm at Holy Cross  
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard  
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

### Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church  
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church  
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm - St. Bernard Church  
or by Appointment

### 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.

**Pastor:** Fr. Gerald David  
frgerald@standrebessette.net

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden  
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### Parish Staff

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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 12, 2023**



So our journey has taken us to the Third Sunday of Lent – the desert Temptations Jesus encountered on the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor on the Second Sunday of Lent and now the Samaritan woman at the well. There are so many things to reflect upon in this Sunday's Gospel. The words **thirst, water, drink, eternal life** stand out. What an encounter at the well! Jesus meets and asks this woman for a drink – how he looked at her would be totally different than the way any other man had looked at her. He spoke to her and knew of the deeper realities that were missing from her life. As the conversation continued, she began to understand what this **thirst for the living water** was all about. As with all conversations or times of prayer where we allow Jesus to speak to us – and we calm ourselves to listen -- Jesus can heal whatever is at odds with Goodness with His Mercy, His Care, His Compassion. Let us reflect on the time when we allowed Jesus to **meet us at the well**, to speak of that something more he has or can give us, if we let him.

...Fr. Gerald

**Financial Report for St. André Bessette Parish** — Our Finance Council has been working diligently to provide a Financial Report to the Parish. The report should be finalized and ready for viewing in the next couple of weeks.

**The Way of the Cross** – We will continue praying together this Friday evening, March 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church in Fall River, lead by the Finance Council. I invite you all to join us for this reflection during Lent.

We will gather two more times as follows:

St. Bernard: March 24 - Catholic Women's League

St. Rose of Lima: March 31 - Knights of Columbus

## Messages from Father Gerald

### Forgiveness Reflection

- This **Tuesday, March 14** following the 6:30 pm Mass, we will gather in the Hall at St. Bernard Church at approximately 7:15 pm and reflect with **Part V: Body, Soul & Spirit** and **Part VI: Feeling - Excuse for not Forgiving**.
- This **Thursday, March 16** at 3:00 pm we will gather at Holy Cross Church for the last of our four-week reflection on Forgiveness. This gathering we will cover **Part VII: Decide to Forgive** and **Part VIII: Perfect Forgiveness**. Following reflection and discussion, we will pray together the Way of the Cross, after which we will enjoy a meal.  
On March 23, we will pray The Way of the Cross at 3:00 pm followed by Mass.  
On March 30, we will pray The Way of the Cross, followed by a time for individual confession.

**Archbishop Brian Dunn's Pastoral Visit** – Last weekend we had the opportunity to greet Archbishop Dunn at all the four Masses in our Parish. On Saturday morning, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Parish Leadership Team, and Faith Formation as well as the Executives of the Catholic Women's League Executive and Knights of Columbus met with Archbishop Dunn to express where we are, share some of our questions and concerns, and hear Archbishop Dunn's vision and direction for the Archdiocese. In the afternoon, our newly-combined Ways & Means Committee met to share some ways to move forward and once again to hear some encouraging words from our Archbishop. Archbishop Dunn encouraged us to assist him on our Parish level to strive for the unity that our Church needs. It was a very good and busy weekend. I would like to thank all who participated in the meetings and organized the weekend. We await Archbishop Dunn's report of his weekend with us.

**Chrism Mass** — We are invited to join Archbishop Dunn and the Priests of the Archdiocese at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at **Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday, April 4 at 12 noon**. At this Mass, the Priests will renew their Priestly Commitment and the Archbishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick and consecrate the Sacred Chrism. These are oils used in all of our Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination throughout the year. These oils will be processed to the altar at the beginning of our Holy Thursday celebration. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. **Note: Archbishop Dunn has invited all staff to join in this celebration so the Parish Offices will be closed that day.**

**Holy Week Celebrations at St. André Bessette Parish** — Holy Week is fast approaching. The times and locations of our Triduum liturgies and Easter Sunday Masses are listed below. Please note that all Masses are to serve the whole Parish. Easter Vigil will be a celebration where we find those to assist in ministry from all three locations.

<b>Holy Thursday</b> (April 6) 7:00 pm - St. Bernard 7:30 pm - St. Rose of Lima	<b>Good Friday</b> (April 7) 3:00 pm - All 3 locations	<b>Easter Vigil</b> (April 8) 8:00 pm - St. Bernard (for all of St. André Bessette)	<b>Easter Sunday</b> (April 9) 9:00 am - St. Bernard 9:00 am - Holy Cross 11:00 am - St. Rose of Lima
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**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts** — KOC Council 11625 of St. Bernard will be holding a Community Breakfast at the Enfield Fire Hall from **9:00 am until noon Sunday, March 26**. For a mere \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older), \$5.00 for youth (5 to 12 years old), and free for children (4 years and under), you will get to enjoy scrambled eggs, hash browns, baked beans, bacon, toast, pancakes, juice, tea or coffee. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Mother's Day breakfast on May 14!

**Ways & Means Committee** — The next meeting will take place at Mitchell Hall, St. Rose of Lima Church, on March 22 at 7:00 pm. Current members and other interested persons from all three churches are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing future activities that will be hosted by the three churches that make up our parish. Interested persons can contact Paul Miller (pbmlaw@eastlink.ca) or Sarah White (smwhitey@outlook.com), or just come to the meeting.

**Rite of Election** — Congratulations to the 27 Catechumens who attended the Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, February 26 at the 10:30am Mass. The Rite of Election signifies the end of the catechumenate and the entry into the final stage of preparation for those who are to be baptized at Easter. Every year the Rite of Election is a joyful time of celebration for the diocese as we acknowledge and celebrate the conversion that has taken place throughout all the parishes in our diocese. Please pray for all of those preparing to enter the church and receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter, and for all of the candidates who will be joining the Catholic Church this year from other Christian traditions.

## Family Formation News



**Chalice Fundraiser:** Ticket Sales for a **Paw Patrol Easter Basket**



The Families of St. André Bessette Parish will be selling tickets on a **Paw Patrol Easter Basket** after Mass on Sunday, March 19, March 26 and April 2. Proceeds will go to support the Parish's Chalice children. **The draw will be on April 2**, so the lucky winner will have the basket before Easter! **NOTE:** Thank you to Fr. Phil Thibodeau for donating the basket to our Parish!

**Classes in March:** St. Bernard - P-8 - March 26 - 10:00 to 11:00 am (following 9 am Mass)  
**March Break is March 12-19. Enjoy!**

**Chalice** — Did you know that the parish sponsors two Chalice children? Eliana Ester Santisteban Chozo is 4 years old and lives in Peru. Malar Marimuth is 13 and lives in India. More to come...

**Beacon House Food Bank — Top 10 for March:** boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned stew, juice, nut-free granola bars, pudding cups, baby food/cereal, diapers (sizes 4 and 5), baby wipes.

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