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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 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon  
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

### Confessions:

#### St. Bernard:

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

#### St. Rose of Lima:

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

#### Holy Cross:

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

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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 Lynette at the parish 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.

### Parish Office:

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 strose@standrebessette.net  
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Coordinator, Faith Formation

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### Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2024

**St. André Bessette Parish Directory** — The Ways & Means Committee is working with **Universal Portrait Studios** to create a **St. André Bessette Parish Directory**. Representatives from the company will be contacting parishioners after March 18 to book a sitting time and location. Photo shoots will take place at all three churches from **April 9 to 13 and 23 to 27** (please note the date changes). The photo shoot and final directory are free. You will have an opportunity to view proofs and purchase portrait packages, if interested. If you need to update your contact information, please contact the parish office. If you would like to call Universal directly and book a time, the number is 1-888-769-7339 ext. 1 or 2.

**Chrism Mass** — All who are able are welcome to participate in this special liturgy as we enter into Holy Week. The celebration of the Chrism Mass will be **Tuesday, March 26 at 12 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica**. Archbishop Dunn is looking forward to celebrating with the clergy, parish staff, and the faithful. The Cathedral is located at 5221 Spring Garden Road in Halifax.

**Mass Cards at St. Bernard Church** — If you would like to get a Mass card at St. Bernard, you can contact Anne Marie Frame at 902-883-2703. Cards are also available from Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, from the parish office at 9 Jamieson Drive in Fall River.

**Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29, 2024** — The annual **Good Friday Collection** was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca — receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. ...Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

**Merchandise Bingo @ Holy Cross Church** — This will take place on **April 26, 2024 at 7 pm** (doors open at 6:15 pm). Lots of great prizes!!! 50/50 tickets and door prizes. Canteen will be open for refreshments. Plan to attend and have some fun!

**Caring and Sharing Foodbank in Enfield** — A reminder to parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish that they can support the foodbank by placing donations in the baskets found at the entrances of St. Bernard church. Baskets are checked weekly.

**Beacon House Food Bank** — Top 10 items needed: Canned soup, meat, beans/stew, boxed cereal, pasta sauce, fruit cups/cans, Miracle Whip, nut-free granola bars, diapers, and baby food. A collection bin is located at the back of St. Rose of Lima church.

**St. Thomas Anglican Church Community Brunch** — Brunch, including pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, etc., will be served (eat-in or take-out) on Saturday, April 6 from 11 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/children under 12, and \$25/family of two adults and two children. They will be selling tickets on a \$100 gas card. Location: 3534 Highway 2 in Fall River.

### From the Archdiocese....

**Conscience Protection for Nova Scotia Doctors** — Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system. Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. Twenty-four courageous Christian physicians have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator that they cannot abide by this policy. When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the supports and services they need. Nova Scotia's physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy. Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>.

**Employment Opportunities** — Do you know students looking for work this summer? There are a number of postings on our website for summer jobs specifically aimed at students. There are full time employment opportunities available also! Check out all our employment listings by going to [www.halifaxymouth.org](http://www.halifaxymouth.org). Click on the Employment Opportunities tab under Admin Services.

**Webinar Series: A Great Symphony of Prayer** — This week the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced a two-part webinar series titled, "A Great Symphony of Prayer" as a means for the faithful to participate in the Year of Prayer which was announced by Pope Francis on January 21, 2024.

The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. There will be one four-part webinar series in the spring and one more four-part webinar series in the fall offered in both English and French. The English language presenter will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi of St. Augustine's Seminary. The outline of her webinars follows:

Spring Series: "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life." April 2, 9, 23 and 30.  
Fall Series on Prayer: October 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Registration for the spring series (English) is now open. The French language webinar series will take place in May and October 2024. Details will follow. For more information on this free webinar series contact Mrs. Marg Shea-Lawrence ([m.shea-lawrence@ccc.ca](mailto:m.shea-lawrence@ccc.ca)).

## Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday (March 28)**  
7:30 pm @ St. Bernard

**Good Friday (March 29)**  
1 pm @ Holy Cross  
3 pm @ St. Bernard  
3 pm @ St. Rose of Lima

**Easter Vigil (March 30)**  
8 pm @ St. Bernard

**Easter Sunday (March 31)**  
9 am @ St. Bernard  
10 am @ Holy Cross  
11 am @ St. Rose of Lima

## Family Formation Program

March 24 P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass  
Confirmation Class (students) following 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima

March 31 **Easter Weekend — No classes**

### Steubenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12 July 5-7, 2024

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit [steubenvilleconferences.com](http://steubenvilleconferences.com).

We are hoping to bring a group from St. Andre Bessette this year so if you would like to learn more please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 for details. **The Theme: *Illuminate*** is based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Christ promised that even when our days or situations seem dark, He shines brightly to strengthen us and guide our way forward. Christ's light can never be extinguished! Join us at this year's Steubenville Atlantic as engaging speakers, music, and worship help us to break open this theme and recognize that Christ's Light illuminates us so that we can share that light with others and make our world a brighter place!

### Mass Intentions for the week

Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Sheila Lumsden-Graham †  
Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Philip Johnston †

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