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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 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

### 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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2023

This Sunday's Gospel helps us to focus on the restoration of the Kingdom of God. Matthew speaks of Jesus' travel to different geographical regions to emphasize that it is through His public ministry that the Kingdom will be restored. He is trying to help us see that God wants to rebuild what was once destroyed - He is not the God of destruction but rather, through His son Jesus Christ, mends and heals divisions. He longs to restore the original peace and harmony in the land for the salvation of His people.

Jesus brings God's light and salvation into these areas of desolation, fulfilling the Prophet Isaiah's hope: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." Jesus enters Galilee with a challenge to repent. He invites two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew and James and John, to follow him - and they follow him, assuming new ways to serve the Lord and help establish the Kingdom.

Through Baptism, the Lord also welcomes us in our everyday activities. In our daily lives, we experience Jesus' presence and witness that we are his followers. In our ordinary and everyday lives, we are invited to behold the extraordinary love that this call to witness is all about.

**Thank you from Deacon Dan** — Deacon Dan and his wife Donna want to express their gratitude for all the thoughtful cards and gifts they received over the Christmas Season. Your warm and caring words and wishes were so appreciated. God Bless!

**Volunteers Needed!** — St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners need your help! It only involves 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. Please contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



**Word of God Sunday** — On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be Word of God Sunday. Pope Francis’ main motivation was to invite each of us to a deeper reflection and meditation on the Sacred Scriptures: preparing before coming to Mass by reading the Scriptures for that day and pondering and reflecting on their meaning and relevance to our daily life; reading the Bible or taking a Bible course to deepen our understanding of the Word of God; reading the Bible together as a family; including a Scriptural text in all our meetings or gatherings outside of Mass to guide the assembly. These are but a few ways to grow in the Word of God. St. Jerome, the one responsible for the translation of the Bible into Latin, once said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” This quote from St. Jerome, a Doctor and Father of the Church, emphasizes the importance of growing in an understanding and a deeper awareness of the God of our Salvation, with and through and in Christ. We come to see and celebrate the Love of God that restores and renews us. ...Fr. Gerald

**The Flow of the Seasons of the Church Year** — Last weekend, we entered into the season of Ordinary Time in our Church. On Wednesday, February 22, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our Lenten Season. For the following 40 days, we will journey through the desert in a penitential kind of mode, acknowledging God’s loving presence in the midst of our own spiritual journey. The Sacred Paschal Feast (Triduum) begins with Holy Thursday on April 6 and continues with Good Friday. The liturgy concludes with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8. Easter Sunday is April 9. I want simply to accentuate the flow of the seasons from these days of Ordinary Time to our next big shift. We will spend some time over these next few weeks as a parish looking toward the celebration of our Lenten journey – what we might do and how best to assist the parish to prepare to celebrate Lent and Easter this year. Stay tuned!!! ...Fr. Gerald

**Communion to the Sick and Shut-in** — Since March of 2020, we have not been able to bring Communion to people’s homes. We have been given permission by Archbishop Dunn to resume this ministry. In addition to our live-streamed Masses, this ministry enables us as a Parish to reach out to a number of our homebound parishioners to offer Holy Eucharist. There are a number of people from each of our churches who have already been commissioned in this ministry. If you are interested in assisting, please call one of our parish offices to be put in touch with the coordinator. For those who have family members or friends who are sick or shut-in, please let us know if they would like to receive Holy Communion.

**Weekday Mass Schedule** — Throughout the winter months, we will continue to gather for Masses as scheduled. As we have to arrange funeral services/Masses and other significant special Masses, the schedule will have to be changed from time to time. We will communicate through use of our website to keep you informed. During the week, when a funeral is celebrated in any of our churches, that day’s scheduled Mass will be cancelled. **Please feel welcome to come to the funeral Mass and support the grieving family by praying with them and for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed.** If we know of any changes on the previous weekend, we will also try to announce them at all our Sunday Masses.



**Weekday Masses during the winter months....**

**St. Bernard Church** – Tuesday evening 6:30 pm Mass and 9:00 am Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated in the Fr. Granville S.J. Room in the basement of the residence. The exception of course will be funerals and special Feast Day Masses.

**St. Rose of Lima Church** – Weekday Masses (Wednesday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 9:00 am) will continue to be celebrated in the main Church. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after Mass on Fridays will be moved to the little Chapel in back of the Sanctuary.

**Ways & Means Committee** — There will be a combined Committee meeting this **Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in the Granville Room at St. Bernard.** On the agenda: fundraising activities for 2023. They are hoping for a good turnout, with representation from all three churches. Current members and other interested persons are welcome!

**Adult Servers** — If you are interested in assisting as a server at weekday Masses and at funeral Masses/services, please call one of the church offices and leave your name, phone number and email so we can begin to organize and train.

**The Wild Goose adult faith program is resuming on Thursday, February 2.**

- Sign-up sheets are located in each church or you can call either parish office to register. Those who participated in the fall sessions are asked to re-register.
- Not everyone likes to drive at night, so please note if you need a drive or if you are willing to drive others.
- If there is inclement weather, the program for that evening will be cancelled and rescheduled prior to Lent.
- You are encouraged to participate and to invite someone to “come and see” what this program is all about!

**Fr. Eric Theriault Gift Ministry** — Deacon Robert Doyle received the following from Nova Scotia Health. It is being forwarded with sincere thanks to all who gave so generously to those in need and thus continued the legacy started by Fr. Eric Theriault.

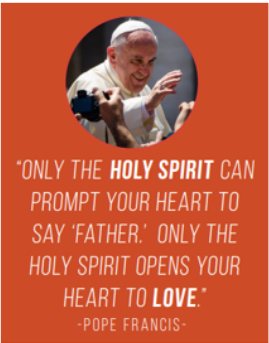
Please accept this letter as a token of our gratitude for the donation from your parishioners. For more than 40 years they have been contributing to bringing Christmas cheers to the mental health and addictions clients who fill up to 265 inpatient beds across four different campuses in the Central Zone, including forensics, acute care, seniors' mental health and several psychosocial rehabilitation units. Although some clients are able to visit their families on passes, many individuals have to stay on the unit either because of illness or because they have nowhere safe and accepting to go. This year, due to your generosity, 192 individuals received gifts of much needed items such as socks, jammies, slippers and coats, as well as some bonus gifts such as chocolates, shower gels, purses and activity books. The clients are extremely happy to have new quality clothes as many of them live off a very low income and cannot often afford new good quality items. We heard many many thank-yous and expressions of gratitude as gifts were delivered. We hope that together we can carry on this benevolent tradition for years to come. Thank-you again for the support of you and all your parishioners! We wish you all a very happy new years and all the best in 2023!

**Altar Servers for Sunday Masses** — There have been a few young people come forward to assist in this ministry. It would be great to have a minimum of three servers for each Mass (more is welcome also). I would like those who have come forward to join others who are serving right now for training. There are also a couple of people who have agreed to assist in the coordination of the Altar Servers at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. These people will soon be in touch with any young person who signed up to organize training and a schedule. ...Fr. Gerald

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts** — Don’t forget that the KOC Council 11625 of St. Bernard will be holding a Community Breakfast at the Enfield Fire Hall from **9:00 am until noon next Sunday, January 29.** Mark your calendars for future KOC breakfasts— March 5 and May 14 (Mother’s Day).

**Marian Morning of Reflection** — A Marian Morning of Reflection will take place on **Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 9:00 to 10:30 am** at St. Genevieve Church, St. John The Cross Parish. The church is located at 723 East Chezzetcook Road, BOJ 1N0. Mass begins at 9:00 am and is followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary and Litany to our Blessed Mother Mary. All are welcome!

**“COME AND SEE” JOHN 1:39  
ADULT FAITH PROGRAM**



**YOU** are invited  
to **“Come and See”**  
how the Holy Spirit  
prompts **our**  
hearts.

**THE WILD GOOSE**

is resuming on **Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:15 pm** at Mitchell Hall, Fall River. New and prior participants are welcome to 1 or all 8 sessions.

**St. Bernard CWL Corner....**

Congratulations to **Dorothy Proulx** on winning her dues back as she paid before the deadline of January 1, 2023. A reminder to those who have not yet paid. Thank you for your continued support.

A **bake sale** will be held on **January 29** at the St. Bernard KOC Community Breakfast. Come support the local CWL and the work they do in your community.

Tickets are for sale on a **Valentine Basket** to support the St. Bernard CWL. The cost is **\$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.** The basket includes all kinds of goodies including personal care items, various candy, non alcohol with two wine glasses. A shawl is wrapped around the basket. The winning ticket will be drawn on February 12.