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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 *No Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard on December 6, 2022*
 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 3:45 pm - St. Bernard Church
 or by Appointment

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm at Holy Cross
 6:00 pm at St. Bernard
 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima

Christmas Day

9:00 am at St. Bernard
 11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 4, 2022

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot — It's that time of year again! The St. Rose of Lima KoC Christmas tree lot opened on December 3, 2022. You can find them along the driveway at the glebe garage. Let the Knights help you pick out the perfect tree this season!

St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bake Sale — The St. Rose of Lima CWL would like to invite all parishioners to its *Christmas Baking Bonanza* bake sale on December 4, 2022. Join them after the 11:00 am Mass to listen to Christmas carols, enjoy a cup of hot cider, and stock up on delicious treats in time for Christmas.

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest — Children are invited to participate in this contest. Age categories: 5 to 7 years, 8 to 10 years and 11 to 14 years. Prizes will be awarded. Submit your drawings/artwork/poems, etc. on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include your name, age and contact information. Deadline is December 26, 2022. An envelope or box will be placed at the entrances to all churches. Any questions, contact Joe MacLean at 902-997-1983 or jmaclean53@hotmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Lottery Calendars — A great gift idea! Only \$20 each. This is a major fundraiser for the Knights. Proceeds go to KoC charitable causes. There are 354 daily draws of \$50, 8 monthly draws of \$150, draws for \$200 in March, \$250 in June, \$300 in September, and \$2,500 in November. All numbers drawn are re-entered, so you can win more than once. Winners will be contacted and paid at the end of each month. Maximum of 6000 calendars sold. Contact any Knight or call Joe at 902-997-1983 for details.

St. André Bessette Christmas Concert — The parish presents “We Need a Little Christmas” concert, with local performers *Heartstrings*, at St. Rose of Lima church on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is a family event - there will be a “special treat” for children. Tickets can be reserved or purchased at the door. **Adults (19 and older) \$10.00 each Youth (11 to 18) \$5.00 each Children (10 and under) Free** Contact Gary Curtis (902-229-8404) or Paul Miller (902-497-0400). Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy a fun evening of Christmas songs and hymns. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

CWL Hour of Reflection — The St. Rose of Lima CWL is hosting an Advent Reflection - 1 hour of music, prayer, Rosary and readings. This will take place at St. Rose of Lima church on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. All are invited and welcome to participate.

Christmas Flowers at St. Rose of Lima — To make our church festive for the Christmas season, please consider a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers,” include your name and the name of your loved one, and place it in the Sunday collection. Make cheques payable to St. André Bessette Parish. A list of those being remembered will be displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.


Decorating St. Bernard for Christmas — Parishioners are invited to help decorate the church after the 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 18. Donations of flowers, or money for flowers, in memory of loved ones are welcome!

Commissioning of Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — At each Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 10/11), we will do a prayer of commissioning for ALL people who serve in these two liturgical ministries. I ask that you be present at one of our four Masses that weekend and be commissioned for these ministries. Thank you for agreeing to assist in these liturgical ministries for Saint André Bessette Parish. ... *Fr. Gerald*

Caring & Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank (Enfield) — Monetary donations can be sent c/o Unit 2, 50 Old Enfield Road, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or e-transferred to caringandsharinghants@gmail.com. If you wish to adopt an angel or family, please contact Allison Gilby at caringsharingaaf@gmail.com or Pam at 902-476-7982. Donations of baked goods can be delivered to the Legion on Thursday, December 15 between 9 am and noon, or contact Maxine at 902-883-1040 to make special arrangements. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The food bank in the Musquodoboit Valley is preparing **Christmas Hampers for about 50 families.** You can support by e-transferring a monetary donation to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com or by mailing a cheque to **Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank Association** c/o Betty Lou Tilley, 1790 Higginsville Road, Higginsville, NS B0N 1X0. If you want to adopt an angel, buy a turkey or support a family, please call 902-384-2961. Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations. Thank you in advance for your help.

Father Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program — Donations are being accepted for the inpatients and residents of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Abbie J. Lane, East Coast Forensic Hospital, and Community Transition Program. A list of suggested items can be found on the green sheets at the entrance of the church. Organizers ask that gifts be unwrapped, new (not used), and unscented. There are more male clients than female clients. Thank you for bringing great cheer from the community during the holiday season.



St. Bernard
December 11
10:00 to 11:00 am
Christmas Party

St. Rose of Lima
December 18
9:45 to 10:45 am
Christmas Party

Reconciliation Service
for Grade 2 and for other
students making their First
Confession.
Where: St. Bernard
When: Sat., December 10
Time: 10:00 am
A reception will follow in the
basement.

St. Bernard CWL Membership Fees — Payment for January 1 to December 31, 2023 fees are now being accepted. The cost is \$35.00. Pay by January 1 and you could win back your money. Our next regular CWL meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in St. Bernard church basement following the 6:30 pm Mass. New members welcome! NO SCENTS PLEASE. Contact Maureen Tidgwell @ 902-860-0656.

Work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul — This Catholic organization continues to get requests for assistance with food, oil, power and other personal items. The group is seeking new members so that they can help as many as possible in a timely fashion. It is very rewarding work. If you would like more information, please get in touch at 902-476-8626. They are thankful for your support and could not do this work without your help!

**St. André Bessette Parish Advent Reconciliation/
Confessions before Christmas**

December 7 – following the 6:30 pm Mass (7:00-8:00 pm) - St. Rose of Lima church site
December 8 – following the 9 am Mass (9:30-10:30 am) - St. Bernard church site
December 9 – following the 9 am Mass (9:30-10:30 am) - St. Rose of Lima church site
December 10 – following the 6:30 pm Mass (7:30-8:15 pm) - Holy Cross church site
**December 15 – Service & Confessions at 7 pm - St. Bernard church site
(with additional priest to hear confessions)**

In addition to these times, an appointment can be made with Fr. Gerald.

2022-2023 Missals
Cost is \$5. There are
also a few youth
missals available for
\$7. Place payment in
an envelope marked
“Missal” and put it in
the collection.

Pastoral Council Branding Exercise — With the assistance of Tanya White, the St. André Bessette Pastoral Council has begun a Branding Exercise. We had a wonderful discussion at a meeting on Tuesday evening, sharing ideas about the vision and mission of our Parish and taking into consideration the three communities that comprise St. André Bessette. We have entered into this exercise in the hope of preparing a Mission Statement as well as a Logo that would best represent St. André Bessette Parish. In the next few weeks, we will have something prepared to share with you as parishioners to participate in this process. ...*Fr. Gerald*

Gluten-Free Hosts — There are parishioners who are unable to receive Holy Communion because of a gluten allergy. We do have gluten-free hosts available for those who wish to receive this way. Check in with the Greeters/Ministers of Hospitality when you arrive for Mass and someone will ensure that a host is placed in a pyx for consecration at that particular Mass. Just prior to the distribution of Holy Communion, the Altar Servers will place a table near the middle aisle of the Church so that the Minister of Holy Communion (Priest/Deacon/ Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion) has access to the pyx when you indicate that you are to receive a gluten-free host. You will be given the pyx. Take Communion and return the pyx to the entrance of the church before leaving.

Enfield Heritage Centre Association’s Annual Christmas Tea — This event will take place on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Enfield Legion Hall. Join them to get into the Christmas spirit with song, food and drink, in the company of friends - both old and new. No admission fee. Donations gratefully accepted.

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