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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

### Parish Office:

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### WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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

### Pastor

Fr. Gerald David  
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### Deacon

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### 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2024



This Sunday, we will use the Gospel from Year A at the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard - it is the Gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. This Gospel is used whenever we have Catechumens preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation. This Sunday we enter the Third Scrutiny with Wayne Hillier. We use this Gospel so that in the midst of journeying towards the waters of Baptism, Wayne may receive that gift of new life in abundance. **"Through your Spirit, who gives life, fill Wayne with Faith, Hope and Charity that he may live with you always in the glory of your resurrection."** (Taken directly from the prayer for the Third Scrutiny in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Ritual Book.) As we move now more closely to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments, let us pray for Wayne Hillier, Shelby Hillier and Alex Carmichael. May each be guided along the paths of right Faith, safe from error, doubt and unbelief.

**The Way of the Cross** — This Friday, March 22, we will gather at St. Bernard Church at 7 pm for the Praying of the Way of the Cross. Thank you to all who come together to pray as a community and for those who lead us in reflection.

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation** — I invite you to gather for a time of Confession on **Thursday, March 21, at St. Rose of Lima Church**. We will begin at **6:30 pm** with some time of preparation – Scriptural reading and Examination of Conscience. At 7 pm, we will have three, possibly four, priests to hear confessions. If you have not been to confession in a long time, I invite you to take advantage of the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we prepare to celebrate the true beauty of Easter, may we be prepared and ready with the Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Give God permission to cleanse you and purify your minds and hearts, drawing us ever closer to be the children God intends.

**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.

**The Way of the Cross and Rosary at Holy Cross** — These will be offered at 3 pm on Fridays during Lent.

**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 2 to 6 and 9 to 13. 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, someone will be at the entrance of the church after Mass to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. You may also send updated information to the parish office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction** — During Lent, every Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima, we will extend the time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3 pm, when those gathered will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and close off time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**. Please come and spend some time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we need to make sure that there are at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. My hope is that in addition to those scheduled there will be many others coming to spend time with the Lord ... 10 min... 15... 30 .... 1 hr. This extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is for the benefit of the entire parish. Please plan to join in some quiet reflective time. **\*\*Please note that this Thursday's time of Adoration at St. Bernard will be adjusted. We will begin Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10 am Funeral Mass for Pierrette Blok. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm and Benediction will follow.\*\***

**Holy Week Schedule** — This year, as we celebrate the Triduum, we will celebrate **one Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm and one Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 pm**. I invite all Parishioners to come together for these celebrations, to begin that journey as one parish that celebrates together. The celebrations are being held at St. Bernard Church in Enfield, because it is the Church that is kind of in the middle of our three communities. I would like and I pray that those involved in various ministries would combine for our Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. A sharing in the responsibilities for ministries is another way of establishing better and closer relationships with our fellow parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish. We are a Parish, we have three communities in our Parish, and we worship the same God. I pray that this Holy Week will be a time for us to come together to celebrate the great mystery of Faith. I pray also that we will see that we are free and able to attend any of the three Churches and not feel like a stranger. On Good Friday, I have decided to have three Services this year, so as to offer more of an opportunity for those who do not attend Mass regularly with us, in the three respective areas, to come to the Service, to reflect on the Passion Narrative and to be welcomed by those present to join us regularly. **Good Friday Services will be 1 pm at Holy Cross, 3 pm at St. Bernard and 3 pm St. Rose of Lima. Easter Sunday Masses will be 9 am at St. Bernard, 10 am at Holy Cross and 11 am at St. Rose of Lima.** The schedule of Masses and Services is posted in each of our Churches and on the Website.

**Easter Flowers** — To prepare our churches for Easter, please consider a monetary donation for flowers (St. Rose of Lima) or a donation of flowers (St. Bernard) in memory of a loved one. Place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Easter 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 printed in the Easter bulletin.

**Chrism Mass** — The celebration of the Chrism Mass will be **Tuesday, March 26, at 12 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica**. The Cathedral is located at 5221 Spring Garden Road in Halifax. Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro is planning to **rent a bus** and has invited Saint André Bessette parishioners to join in. The advantages of the bus are not having to drive in Halifax and find parking (which can be limited) and being dropped off and picked up right in front of the Cathedral. A full bus would be \$20 per person — Immaculate Conception is advertising \$15/person. Children under 12 could be free. The bus will stop at the St. Bernard parking lot, so you could leave your cars there and hop on. **If you are interested in possibly securing a seat on the bus to attend the Chrism Mass, please send an email to the Parish Office to indicate your interest.**

*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.

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**Month of March: 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**

**Holy Cross during Lent** — We continue our series on the Eucharist. This Tuesday, March 19, we will view and reflect with **Session 5** entitled **Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of the Presence**. We will begin with Mass at 12 noon on the Feast of Saint Joseph, followed by lunch and the video reflection and discussion. Please join us if you are able.

**The Forgiveness Video Series** — Last week we were unable to meet because of some technical difficulties with showing the video. We will complete the final two segments this coming Wednesday, March 20, after the 6:30 pm Mass. We will view and reflect with Part VII – Decide to Forgive and Part VIII – Perfect Forgiveness. Please plan to join us as we go deeper with the call to Forgiveness.

**Lectio Divina Group** — The group will meet on Tuesday, March 19, following the 6:30 pm Mass in the Residence Living Room at St. Bernard. We will reflect with the Passion Narrative for Palm Sunday - Mark 14:1-15:47.

**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.

**Mass Intentions for the week of March 18 to 24, 2024**

Tuesday, March 19 @ noon (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**  
Tuesday, March 19 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **David Driscoll †**  
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mimi Johnson**  
Thursday, March 21 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Philip Johnston †**  
Friday, March 22 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Francie Curtis**  
Saturday, March 23 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Daniel Thibault †**  
Sunday, March 24 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Gordon and Virginia Walsh †**  
Sunday, March 24 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

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