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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
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Staff

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Fall River Office:

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 19, 2023**



This Sunday we are given yet another glimpse at one of the many instances of Jesus' healing and grace - the healing of the Blind Man. This Gospel demonstrates for us tremendous beauty and the call God has for each of us to be well and to have clarity, both physically and spiritually. The Lord's love for us is constant, personal and determined. The disposition of the Man Born Blind to Jesus' healing and friendship speaks to us of the true celebration of that friendship. Jesus invites us to a deeper cooperation with him through the celebrations of the Sacraments. What a gift we have in the seven Sacraments! Each time we celebrate the Sacraments, our Faith must be engaged along with the grace that Jesus pours into us. Whether we celebrate them personally or as a community, they are an invitation to a deeper spiritual and physical life in the Lord. We see the way the Lord chose to invite the Man Born Blind to be disposed and do his part - using saliva and mud, and inviting him to then wash in the Pool of Siloam. There is no magic behind Jesus' healings, there is only a personal encounter which requires our participation. May we pray for a deeper understanding of the mystery of Faith led through the celebration of the Sacraments to a more personal friendship and loyalty to God who wants to befriend us through every ordinary experience of our everyday. ...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 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard, lead by the CWL. I invite you all to join us for this reflection during Lent. We will gather one more time at St. Rose of Lima on March 31, lead by the Knights of Columbus.

Messages from Father Gerald

Forgiveness Reflection

- This **Tuesday, March 21** 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 VII: Decide to Forgive** and **Part VIII: Perfect Forgiveness**.
- We completed our four-week series on Forgiveness at Holy Cross Church last Thursday. This Thursday, **March 23 at 3:00 pm** we will gather there to pray a special Way of the Cross – “Reflections on Sickness and Dying” prepared by Sister Nuala Kenny, SC. Following the Way of the Cross, we will celebrate Mass.

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 you calendars and plan to attend. The liturgy will also be broadcast by live stream and available on the diocesan website and Facebook. **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.

Holy Thursday (April 6)	Good Friday (April 7)	Easter Vigil (April 8)	Easter Sunday (April 9)
7:00 pm - St. Bernard	3:00 pm - All 3 locations	8:00 pm - St. Bernard	9:00 am - St. Bernard
7:30 pm - St. Rose of Lima		(for all of St. André Bessette)	9:00 am - Holy Cross
			11:00 am - St. Rose of Lima

Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard will be holding a **Community Breakfast:**

Where: Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2, Enfield)

When: 9:00 am until noon on Sunday, March 26

Cost: \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older) and \$5.00 for children (12 and under)

Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, baked beans, toast, pancakes, juice, tea or coffee.

There will also be a 50/50 draw.

Don't forget to mark you 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.

Easter Flowers at St. Rose of Lima — To prepare the church for Easter, please consider a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one. Place your 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 displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

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.

St. John’s United Church Women Annual Haddock Fish Chowder Luncheon — This luncheon will be held on **Saturday, April 1 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** at St. John's United Church, 3360 Highway #2 in Fall River. The menu includes haddock chowder, roll, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost is \$12. You can eat in or take out. There will also be a bake table and a sale of Easter cookie baskets.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: May 17 to 27, 2023 — Cost of \$3417 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/person) For information: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

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 this **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!

Office News:

Please note that Lynette will be on vacation from March 22 to 29. Therefore, the St. Rose of Lima office hours will be adjusted for those two weeks as follows:

Monday, March 20 from noon to 4 pm
Tuesday, March 21 from 9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, March 30 from noon to 4 pm
Friday, March 31 from 9 am to noon

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