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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 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

Parish Office:

Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 Ext 3 businessoffice@standrebessette.net
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Faith Formation

Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net
Julie Gosselin familyfaith@standrebessette.net

Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Website:
standrebessette.net

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Phone: 902-476-8626

Email and e-transfers (include in message box your name and address): ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com
Make cheques payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 26, 2026

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In today's reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself first as a shepherd, and then as the gate through which the sheep enter their enclosure. Jesus is borrowing here from a long tradition of describing leaders as either "good shepherds" who care for their sheep, or "bad shepherds" who put their flocks in danger. By referring to himself here as a shepherd, Jesus is saying that he is different from leaders who are driven by fear and self-concern. He is a good shepherd who knows the sheep and cares about each one. He would not jeopardize the well-being of any individual because he knows that the well-being of each one matters for the whole. The sheep come and go through the gate, experiencing both the shelter of the enclosure and the nourishment of the pasture. In describing himself as both a shepherd and a gate in today's gospel, Jesus invites us to abundant life—life where security is found in what is most life-giving. (Excerpts from Mary Parks, US Catholic Sunday Reflections)

MAiD Expansion — Last weekend many parishes across the archdiocese brought awareness to the legislation that will expand MAiD in 2027 to those experiencing mental illness. We are still collecting letters to the Minister of Addictions and Mental Health, the Honourable Brian Comer. Saint Benedict Parish produced a video message highlighting the impact such an expansion to MAiD would make. The conversation features a young woman who has struggled with her mental health and a licensed counselling therapist. To view the video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caXkSoTzPLO>.

Decree of Nullity — The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office is open and ready to assist anyone who seeks additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. The office can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or by visiting "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/marriage-tribunal>. A few brochures on this topic have been printed and are available at the entrances of the churches.



Kim Dunn
In Concert

Friday, June 5, 2026
Doors open at 6:30 pm - Show starts at 7:00 pm

Tickets \$35
General Admission

Location: St. Rose of Lima Church
1400 Fall River Road, Fall River, NS

For tickets, contact:
MaryAnne - 902-430-5559 (text) Sarah - 902-499-7216 (text)
carew.maryanne@gmail.com smwhitey@outlook.com

PARISH SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY — St. André Bessette Parish is seeking a student to assist with the St. Bernard Cemetery project.

Work term: 8 weeks, from July 2 to August 26, 2026
Pay: \$17.75 per hour over a 35-hour week
Work location: St. Bernard Church, 253 Highway 2 in Enfield

Job description:

- Cemetery data compilation
- Comparing paper records with the physical headstones to resolve any inconsistencies
- 50% of the work will consist of data collection, including field measurements, and 50% will consist of coordinating collected data with existing records

Qualifications: Ability to perform outdoor manual work, computer skills, ability to work with limited supervision, attention to detail, ethical work habits.

The successful candidate must be attending a post-secondary education institution in September 2026. The project is part of the cemetery committee's effort to create a new plot plan, or map, of both the old and new sections of the cemetery. Work will include assisting in preparing a detailed, surveyed diagram outlining the precise layout of burial spaces, sections, rows, and walkways and landmarks within the cemetery.

Interested applicants should forward a resume, including address, phone number and email to office@standrebessette.net, attention, Richard Sherman, by May 31.

Parish Fundraiser — The Ways & Means Committee is selling tickets on beautiful wooden lawn furniture, made and donated by a member of Holy Cross Church! (Value: \$400.00) Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Draw date is May 9 at Holy Cross. Find a member of the Committee following Mass to buy tickets!!

TWO GRAND in HAND — Thomas Bagley Council 11625 is selling Two Grand in Hand tickets with the draw to be held on Mother's Day. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 400 tickets to be sold. Tickets available after 9 am Masses at St. Bernard or by contacting John Steele @ 902-883-9471 or john.steele.67@gmail.com.

The annual **Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, May 30 from 9 am to 3 pm** in the driveway of St. Rose of Lima Church. If you have any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale, please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up:

Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 or rajkarst@yahoo.ca

Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514 or agibson@caseyltd.ca

David Marshall - 902-580-1600 or troy mariem@gmail.com

Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in the community.

The CWL will also host a plant and bake sale during this event.

Prayers for Archbishop Emeritus Terrence Prendergast — Archbishop Terrence



Prendergast has been diagnosed with cancer. He was Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax from 1998 to 2007. The faithful are invited to keep him in their prayers. Saint Peregrine, patron saint of those facing cancer, pray for him.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 27 to May 3, 2026

Tuesday, April 28 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Glenn Chisholm †
Wednesday, April 29 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Francie Curtis
Thursday, April 30 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Alex, Mary and Claire MacPhee †
Friday, May 1 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Louise Miller
Saturday, May 2 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Special Intention
Sunday, May 3 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Audrey McNeill †
Sunday, May 3 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people



MERCHANDISE BINGO
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Family Faith Formation Schedule

April 26	Confirmation Retreat	Following St. Rose of Lima 11 am Mass
May 3	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	St. Rose of Lima @ 11 am Mass (reception to follow)
May 24	Confirmation Rehearsal	St. Bernard @ 10 am
May 31	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	St. Bernard @ 9 am Mass (reception to follow)

The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church. As we welcome them to the Table of the Lord, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Jack Fredericks Sharon Hillier Grace Mimmagh Sarah Mimmagh

Magnolia Outreach is looking for 2 volunteers to add to their team. They visit Magnolia Care Home each Monday to bring Holy Communion, smiles and joy to the residents. If you are able to volunteer for 2 hours one Monday morning per month, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Annette Lewis at 902-440-2246, or email atlewis63@yahoo.ca for more information.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Women's Spring Retreat — The Catholic Women's League of St. Monica's Church, part of Corpus Christi Parish in the Valley, will host their annual spring retreat for women. This year's retreat is titled: *Women After God's Own Heart: Prayerful, Faithful, Generous, Merciful, Sent*. The retreat will be lead by Fr. Toochukwu Okafor and will take place at St. Monica's Church in Middleton on Friday evening May 15; Saturday, May 16 all day and evening; and Sunday morning May 17, including Holy Mass. There is no registration fee, but free will offerings are welcomed and appreciated. Wheelchair/walker accessible; ample parking; no scents, please. To register, or for more information about the retreat and local accommodations, please contact Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495 or mtcrooks@hotmail.com.

Veritas Books Seeking Manager — Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is looking for a full-time manager for its retail location in the Rockingham Ridge Plaza and online store. The position is strictly volunteer and requires a more than basic foundation in Catholic Scripture and Tradition. Experience managing a team of volunteers is required. Please submit resumes to: Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts, 113-30 Farnham Gate Road, Halifax, NS B3M 3W8 or email veritashfx@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart School Accepting Applications for 2026-2027

— Sacred Heart School of Halifax is the top independent school in Halifax, offering an unparalleled educational experience, grounded in the Catholic tradition. Spots are available in Junior Primary to Grade 12. **Book a tour, or even better, a Visiting Day!** For more information, reach out to the Director of Admissions, Marie Reyes, or visit online.

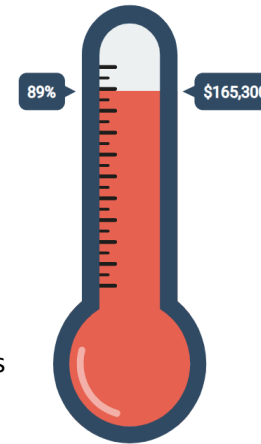
Parish-Supported Food Banks

The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank — The food bank is always in need of non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross Church at Mass on Saturdays. Financial donations can also be e-transferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — Canned soups, canned vegetables/diced tomatoes, pasta, boxed cereal, granola bars, juice, canned fruit, mayonnaise, hygiene products. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank — All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.

GOAL: \$186,000



St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project Update

The windows should be ready at the end of March, with a plan for installation after Easter. The parish has raised \$165,300 with **\$20,700 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,000.

For those who are still planning to donate, there are envelopes as well as window sponsorship forms at the entrances of the churches.

Etransfers can be sent to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.



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