St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

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Confessions

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

St. Rose of Lima
Wednesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Fridays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)

Holy Cross
Saturdays from 3:30-3:50 pm (prior to 4:00 pm Mass)

… or by appointment

Your Financial Support

Your generous donations support the vital ministries, programs and outreach efforts of our parish. With your contributions, we can nurture spiritual growth, provide community services, and maintain a welcoming space for all. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on fulfilling our mission. There are many ways to donate:

- Weekly offertory envelopes – Cash or cheques (payable to St. André Bessette Parish)
- Etransfers – stbernardsenfield@gmail.com
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – PAR is invaluable to the parish, as these contributions still arrive even if you can't. PAR provides a steadier and more predictable stream of funds, which is extremely helpful for budgeting and planning for larger projects.
- CanadaHelps – Open your phone's camera. Scan the QR code below. Tap the link to donate securely. A charitable tax receipt will be provided. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of November 9 to 15, 2026

Tuesday, November 10	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	**Charley Cordeau †**
Wednesday, November 11	**9 am** @ St. Rose of Lima Remembrance Day	**Ron & Mary Hutchins**
Thursday, November 12	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	**John Nelson Brown †**
Friday, November 13	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Dana Landry †**
Saturday, November 14	4 pm @ Holy Cross	**Christena Tsimiklis**
Sunday, November 15	9 am @ St. Bernard	**For the people**
Sunday, November 15	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	**Rita Landry †**

The 2026-27 Missals have arrived and will be available next weekend.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 8, 2026

During the month of November, we are drawn to remember all souls of the Faithful Departed. It can be a heavy month, especially for those whose loss is very recent. However, in tune with what Christ calls us to, it can be a month that can bear much fruit when we pray for the dead. Our hope for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died is that they would be with God – our family members, our friends and yes, even those we might not care for. Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!!

Book of Remembrance — The Book of Remembrance is on the altar for the month of November. Parishioners are encouraged to record the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book as the prayers of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass are offered in remembrance of them.



Remembrance Day Mass – On Wednesday, November 11, we will have Mass at **9 am** instead of 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima. We will honour those who fought bravely in the various World Wars. It is a day to remember those who have lost their lives in the fight for freedom and peace. We will also remember those who are presently engaged in peace-keeping forces, those who are engaged in current wars.

The Parish Office will be closed in respect of Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11.

Annual Memorial Masses — At **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday, November 17** at St. Bernard and on **Wednesday, November 18** at St. Rose of Lima, we will celebrate Mass to remember all who died this past year. The names of those who had funerals or were buried from the parish, as well as those close family members of parishioners who were celebrated elsewhere, will be read and a candle will be lit in their memories. Invitation letters will be going out this week. Contact Carla at the office if you would like to have a name added to the list.

Support the 2026 Archdiocesan Appeal – The 2026 Annual Appeal will run from November 1st until the Archdiocesan Feast Day, December 8. Your financial gifts to the Appeal support the Church's mission by revitalizing ministries and pastoral care, nurturing vocations and faith formation for all ages, and extending Christ's love to the most vulnerable through outreach projects. In gratitude for your support, 20% of every gift is returned directly to our local parish, strengthening both your local faith community and the Archdiocese as a whole. Extra copies of the appeal letter and donation card can be found near the bulletins.



Found Car Key – A Honda key on a Florida key chain was found in the Mitchell Hall parking lot in Fall River. It looks like it had been there awhile. If you believe it is yours, give a call to the office.

St. Rose of Lima Church Cleaners Needed! The team of cleaners at St. Rose are in desperate need of new members. This commitment would only require 1.5 hours of your time every 8 weeks. If you feel you can help in this capacity or for more information, contact Barry Irvine at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — The St. Vincent de Paul Society supports individuals and families who face hardship through food, housing, and essential assistance. Volunteers deliver with dignity, respect and compassion. They are grounded in love of neighbour and justice. All funds raised help them support friends in need by providing them with a hand up, not just a hand out. Special collection envelopes are available now for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping them make a difference!

KoC Community Breakfast – The Thomas Bagley Council 11625 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a Community Breakfast in the Enfield Fire Hall from **9 am until noon next Sunday, November 15**. Members will be serving up their delicious fare of scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, juice, tea, and coffee. All this for the low price of $10 per adult (13 years & older), $5 per child (5 to 12 years old); children 4 & under free. C'mon out and meet a neighbour or make a new one!

Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is $20 (cash only) and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. See Rick Karst before or following Mass at St. Rose of Lima, or contact him (902-456-2744) to get yours.

Knights of Columbus *2 Grand in the Hand* Tickets – Get your tickets soon from the Tom Bagley Knights of Columbus Council of Enfield. Only 400 tickets sold. See Grand Knight John Steele, Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) or any other knight. Tickets are $10.00 each. Draw date is December 6.

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign — The Knights once again put out a box at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church to collect new socks, hats and gloves for those in need this winter. Your donations will be brought, along with a hot meal, to Hope Cottage in December.



Family Faith Formation: November/December 2026

Nov 15: 3rd Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Nov 22: Family Mass at St. Bernard at 9 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)



Nov 29: 4th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Dec 13: 5th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Family Mass at St. Rose of Lima at 11 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Youth and young adults are invited to join the **Archdiocesan World Youth Day and Steubenville Atlantic 2027 Launch Party**!
Date: Saturday, November 21 Location: Holy Trinity Parish in Lower Sackville
Time: 4:30 pm Mass, 5:30 pm Dinner, 6:30-9:00 pm Evening Program
Registrations: https://partiful.com/e/6ETKeUOZl3rKTHmsbftF?c=REhcR_Ky

For any questions, please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.



St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Raffle – Tickets are on sale now - $2 each or 3 for $5. Draw date is November 15, 2026.

Volunteers Needed: Backup Reception Coverage at the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth – The Archdiocese is looking to connect with volunteers who may be willing to provide occasional backup coverage at the Archdiocese offices at Catholic Diocesan Centre on Brunswick Street in Halifax. Advance notice will be provided whenever possible. If you are interested, call the parish office and we will forward your name along.

Archdiocese Seeking a Systems Support Specialist – Are you tech savvy? Do you know someone who is? The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is seeking a Systems Support Specialist. This role will provide timely and knowledgeable information systems management and support to parish and diocesan staff. This role responds to user requests for support on IT platforms, maintains database and website systems, and collaborates with our managed services provider. For a job description and to apply, please go to https://halifaxyarmouth.easyapply.co/.

Beacon House Christmas Hampers

St. Rose of Lima is one of the many churches that make up the Beacon House Interfaith Society, and each church supports the Christmas Hamper Program with different items. This year**, our contribution is one-litre sized juice.** Your donations to provide a special holiday meal for those in need are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the Beacon House Food Bank.



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* — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. 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.

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