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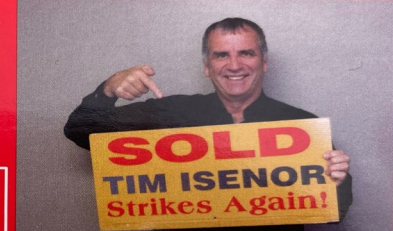
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## St. André Bessette Parish

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 (No Mass May 9)  
Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima (No Mass May 10)  
Thursday 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close (Liturgy of the Word on May 11)  
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close (Liturgy of the Word on May 12)

### 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  
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### Parish Staff

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Wednesday at noon.)

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 7, 2023**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." These words at the beginning of today's Gospel invite each one of us to acknowledge ourselves before God. Jesus is well aware and is trying to help us understand that there will be many troubling things we experience in this world - but our hearts are to be rooted solidly in him. "Believe in God, believe also in me..." Remain steadfast, persevere through the trials that will confront us daily. We are called to place our Faith, Hope, and Trust in God and His promises ... not in Satan and his empty show. There are so many signs around us every day of God's redemptive and saving love and mercy, and every day He pours out His graces, sufficient for you and me. We have an Awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love. Jesus remains close to us in the Eucharist and walks beside us in our everyday. His light will shine the way on **the Truth**, that we have been called to live each and every day with hearts of joy, hearts filled with God redeeming love and unfathomable mercy! ...Fr. Gerald

**Priests of the Archdiocese Retreat** — The Priests Retreat is a little later than normal this year. It will take place from **May 7 to 12 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in PEI**. Please remember to pray for all priests on retreat and for those unable to attend because of illness. Know that you will be remembered in our daily Masses and prayer times. Because of the Retreat, there will be **no Mass throughout this week**. Deacon Dan will lead the **Liturgy of the Word** at St. Bernard on Thursday morning at 9:00 am, followed by Adoration, and again at 9:00 am Friday St. Rose of Lima. A reminder that these are not Communion Services, so Communion will not be distributed. These services invite you to a deeper reflection on the Word of God and time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for your needs and those of the Parish of St. André Bessette.

## Messages from Father Gerald

**First Communion Celebration** – This Sunday at our 11:00 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, the following children of the parish will celebrate First Holy Communion:

*Kate Foley*      *Quinn Gillis*      *Elora Hayes*      *Adelyn-Jane Hillier*      *Skylar Hyson*  
*John Kempis*      *Flora MacDonald*      *Aiden Martinez*      *Trevor Martinez*      *Molly Miller*  
*Augustus Rudolph*      *Sadie Stead*      *Mateo Villegas*

This is truly an exciting thing to celebrate – that a number of our children will proceed to the Altar for the first time to receive Jesus' precious Body & Blood in the Eucharist. The AMEN response – I BELIEVE LORD – YES LORD – are words that will open their young minds and hearts to the truth of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The YES that we and the children say when they come forth is a yes that continues to need fostering and development as we grow together in the Faith!!! **Congratulations to our children** and **thank you to the parents** for continuing through with your responsibility and commitment to helping them grow in the Faith promised in Baptism.

**Parish Logo and Parish Mission Statement** – We have arrived at a logo that will be representative of our Parish. The work now is making the adjustments needed to fit the signage. Thanks again to the Pastoral Council for the discussions to best describe the three Communities brought together to be St. André Bessette Parish. Our conversation with Tanya White will continue regarding our Mission Statement for the Parish at our next Pastoral Council meeting on May 23rd.

**Building Committee at St. Bernard Church** – We are seeking assistance in forming a new Building Committee at St. Bernard. Our many buildings require ongoing attention. We are at a point where we need to analyze the usage of our buildings in all churches of our Parish. I am hoping to have new membership to bring expertise in various areas. I want to thank Richard Sherman for his ongoing and dedicated service to St. Bernard. Richard's wisdom and insight will be helpful to the Building Committee as we move forward. We are striving to build connections between all three churches, and the Building Committee will indeed be part of that. You have many talents and gifts which, when shared, can make the work on the physical structures in our Parish a lot easier! If you are interested in helping and sharing your gifts, please submit your name to the Parish Office or email me indicating your interest.

**Office Closure** – Administrative Professionals Day for the archdiocese is May 17, 2023. As staff will be attending meetings that day, the parish offices in Enfield and Fall River will be closed.

**Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard Mother's Day Community Breakfast and 50/50 Draw**  
Where: Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2, Enfield)      When: **9:00 am until noon next Sunday, May 14**  
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, apple juice, tea or coffee.

**Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** – This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at 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 – St. Rose parishioners: Rick Karst 902-456-2744 rajkarst@yahoo.com, Albert Gibson 902-471-8514 agibson@caseyltd.ca, David Marshall 902-580-1600 davidmarshall12@bellaliant.net. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support KoC charitable activities in our community. **The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event.**

**Catholic Women's League High Tea & Social** – The St. Bernard CWL invites everyone to its High Tea & Social on **May 27, 2023 from noon to 2 pm**. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by May 19. E-transfer payments can be made to st.bernardscwl@gmail.com. For more information, contact Paula King at 902-324-8758. Remember to wear your hat or fascinator!

**Honour Our Lady in May** – To honour Our Blessed Mother during the month of May, parishioners are invited to meet at St. Rose of Lima on **Wednesdays at 5:50 pm** to pray the Rosary before the 6:30 pm Mass. The Rosary is a wonderful gift to Mary and glorifies her son Jesus. Thus we can say with confidence: To Jesus through Mary. Please note that this will not take place on Wednesday May 10, as there is no Mass because Father David is away on retreat.

**Diocesan Feast Day Change** – The Archdiocese is in the process of seeking permission from Rome to change the patronal feast of the Archdiocese from the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8). This change is recommended because August 15 is a special day for the Acadians and they are involved in other festivities. As well, December 8 is the date of the establishment of the new merged Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The clergy have agreed with this change and this announcement is a way to consult all parishioners to see if you have any comments on this change. Please respond to Pauline (pamirault@halifaxyarmouth.org) by Monday, May 15.

**Magnificat Women's Breakfast** – Magnificat, Halifax Chapter, is delighted to announce the return of the Magnificat Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9 am to noon at St. Agnes Church, Mumford Road, Halifax. Hot (catered) breakfast, prayer, praise and worship, and testimony given by guest speaker, Angele Saulnier-Nicholson. Price: \$20. Pre-registration is required via email at magnificathalifax@gmail.com or call Maria Thibault at 902-860-3304.

**Beacon House Top 10 for May** – Cereal, canned ham or chicken, Miracle Whip, nut-free granola bars, diapers (sizes 4 & 5), juice, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, tea.

## Family Formation News

**Confirmation** is next Sunday, May 14 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Archbishop Dunn presiding.

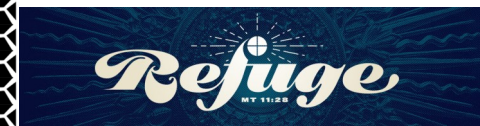
### Catechists/Teachers Needed!

Are you a Catechist at Heart? Do you enjoy and feel elevated when you share and witness to who Jesus Christ is and the teachings of the Church? The Last instruction that Jesus gave to his disciples was: 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all Creation.' (Mark 16:15) By volunteering to be a catechist, you are doing one of the most important tasks that Jesus asks us to do. Besides helping the children and families of our parish to grow in their understanding of our Faith, you will find that you also will grow in your relationship with God.

**Interested?** Please contact Maria McDonald at our parish for more information: maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net or at 902-576-2192.



### Attention Youth ages 14-17!!



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