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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 noon, 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

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Claire at the St. Bernard 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.

Pastor: Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
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Parish Staff

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Fall River Office:
Lynette McMullin, Secretary
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Communications (Bulletin)
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(Deadline for submissions is
Wednesday at noon.)

Coordinator, Faith Formation:
Maria McDonald
902-576-2192
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Ash Wednesday Masses (February 22)

9:00 am - St. Bernard
4:00 pm - Holy Cross
7:00 pm - St. Rose of Lima



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 12, 2023

The heart of the matter is that eternity spent without God will be indescribably painful. God throughout the Scriptures references His people through a covenantal relationship – given shape in Moses, through the law and ultimately through the sending of His Son, Jesus to save and redeem us. Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, with a purpose and a connection to God's plan of salvation. We are created to live in union with God. We have laws, which the Lord has come not to abolish, but rather to fulfill. We have the Ten Commandments, which for too many, have become the ten options. We can tend to focus on the big-ticket items ... attending to the state of world affairs and complain and worry about them, ignoring the more personal realities that affect you and me each day. These are the things that we not only allow to occupy space in our minds and hearts, but, allow to fester: anger, jealousy, vengeful thoughts, lust, false promises ... to name but a few. As these realities linger, they corrupt us and create a dis-ease that prevents the flow of God's grace and allows further destruction in our bodies, minds and souls. The little picture of each soul matters to the Lord – he wants us to know his mercy and his love, and to allow ourselves to be equipped with these two realities to free us to build His Kingdom of Love and Mercy here in our world. ...Fr. Gerald

Messages from Father Gerald...

The Way of the Cross — During Lent, we will be offering some reflective moments to help us enter into the Season more deeply. One of the highly-favored and greatest reflections on the Life, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is praying the Way of the Cross. I am proposing that we gather, celebrate and pray together on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will alternate weekly between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Each week, a different group will be responsible for leading the Community in this prayer. For the six Fridays (not including Good Friday), we will follow the order below:

<u>St. Bernard</u>	<u>St. Rose of Lima</u>
February 24 - Youth of the Parish	March 3 - Pastoral Council
March 10 - Parish Leadership Team	March 17 - Finance Council
March 24 - Catholic Women's League	March 31 - Knights of Columbus

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick) — The Church has designated Saturday, February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. During Masses at St. Bernard last Thursday and St. Rose of Lima on Friday, I offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament is accessible for those suffering with chronic illness, severe illness, those preparing for surgery, as well for those who may find themselves aging and in situations where getting to Church is not always possible and becoming less and less the reality. We have a parish list of those we continue to lift up in our prayers at Mass and in our daily prayers. If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament, please call one of the offices and I will make an appointment time to meet. The Sacrament can be requested whenever one feels the need. My plan is to eventually offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a designated Mass three or four times a year.

Live-streaming the 11:00 am Mass — I am grateful to Jack Brown and Harry Brown for agreeing to regularly tend to our Sunday Mass live-streaming. Don MacKenzie and Phil Francis have assisted now and then on Sunday and in recent times, at the request of the family, at funerals. Thank you for all your assistance. This is an important ministry that extends the Mass to those who are sick and shut-in from our parish and connects them with the family of Faith. We are seeking others with technical expertise and a willingness to learn to run our live-stream. This will enable us to have teams to share the responsibility. **Please touch base with one of the parish offices to get connected with Jack Brown.** This is a parish outreach, so if you are from any of our three Churches in St. André Bessette Parish (or want to become an active member) and have some interest, please let us know.


Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in — I ask that those bringing Holy Communion to our sick or shut-in brothers and sisters following Mass to **approach the Altar by way of the centre aisle after everyone has received Communion.** I, or in my absence the replacement priest or Deacon Dan, will place the number of hosts required in each pyx. A prayer and blessing will be said over you and you can leave and go directly to the homes of the sick or shut-in parishioners. You can also wait until the Mass is over. For those bringing Communion during a weekday or outside Mass times, please make arrangements to get access to the Church/Tabernacle.

Prayer of Commissioning for Ministries — As with much of our scheduling during the winter months, the Commissioning for Ministries has been moved to this weekend (February 11/12). We will Commission those who assist in the Ministry of Reader and as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This also includes those who bring Communion to the sick and shut-in. This is an invitation to grow the number of people we have currently serving in our parish. I would remind people to choose one ministry for Mass. You may, after some time assisting as either Reader or Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, decide to switch. In any of our churches, we should have a sufficient number of people involved that no one has to be doing two or three ministries.

An Invitation toward a Spiritual Lent — I invite Groups, Committees, Organizations and Councils of St. André Bessette Parish to invite your membership to a more 'spiritual' experience of Lent this year. We are so used to a schedule or routine throughout the regular year. I encourage each of you to take some time to participate in some of the more spiritual ways of praying through Lent – bringing us some good spiritual and reflective time to prepare for Easter/The Paschal Mystery.

Adult Servers — If you are interested in assisting as a server at weekday Masses and at funeral Masses/services, please call one of the church offices and leave your name, phone number and email so we can begin to organize and train.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



St. Rose of Lima
P-8
February 19
9:45 to 10:45 am

St. Bernard
P-8
February 26
10:00 to 11:00 am

Forgiveness Program — We are hoping to be able to offer a 4-week video series program on "Forgiveness." There are a few talks given by Deacon Robert MacDonald which we will try and complete in four sessions.

- On **Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm**, we will gather at **Holy Cross Church** in Middle Musquodoboit, listen to the talk, take some time to reflect on what we heard, and regather to share some of our thoughts. At the end of each session, we will pray the Way of the Cross and share a meal. The sessions will take place on **February 23, March 2, March 9, and March 16.**
- Another opportunity will be available at **St. Bernard on Tuesday evenings following the 6:30 pm Mass.** The sessions with the video, reflection and discussion will run on the following dates: **February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21.** Where we are beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, we will not pray as a group the Way of the Cross.

The **Adult Prayer Shawl** and **Baptismal Prayer Shawl** Ministries at St. Bernard are very active and well-received. The shawls are knitted/crocheted by ladies from our parish, blessed and shared with individuals who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives and with children celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. It makes a difference to know that people care and are praying for them. The CWL is **in need of knitters/crocheters, washable yarn, or monetary donations.** For further information, please contact Georgena MacIsaac, President, St. Bernard CWL at 902-883-9743.

THE WILD GOOSE

adult faith program has resumed. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm at Mitchell Hall in Fall River. New and prior participants are welcome to one or all sessions. YOU are invited to "Come and See" how the Holy Spirit prompts our hearts.

Collection of Email Addresses — Email addresses are being collected from all parishioners to compile an up-to-date list. The email list will be used to send quick notices, for example, if Mass has been cancelled. It will also allow us to email the Bulletin to those who wish to receive it electronically. The email list will be kept confidential, and your address will never be made public. Please take a minute after Mass in the next couple of weeks to provide your email address. Thanks!

Holy Cross Church Take-Out Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Pick-up is between 4:00 and 5:30 pm at Holy Cross. Meal includes pancakes, sausages, beans, plus biscuits and dessert. Adults: \$10, Ages 5-12: \$6, Children under 5 eat free! Please call to pre-book — Betty Lou: 902-384-2961 or Judy: 902-384-2183.

Trivia Night Food Bank Fundraiser — The East Hants & Districts Chamber of Commerce (EHCC) is proud to bring you the 6th Annual Trivia Night Food Bank Fundraiser. In memory of Susie McDonnell, this event has raised over \$30,000 since it began. This event will be taking place IN PERSON once again with Lightning Trivia with Adam on Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$100 for a team of up to 5! Teams can register by going to www.ehcc.ca. Questions? You can email admin@ehcc.ca.

Beacon House Food Bank — Top 10 for February

canned stew, chicken noodle/tomato soup, boxes of cereal or oatmeal, diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6), crackers, pudding cups, canned fruit, baking supplies ie. muffin/cake mix, juice boxes, canned vegetables

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: May 17 to 27. 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.

Yesterday Once More — Are you interested in reconnecting with former friends from **St Paul's School and Church on Windmill Road, Dartmouth?** A committee is arranging a reunion dinner and dance on July 15, 2023 at the Waverley Legion on Rocky Lake Drive. For more information, please contact Ann Louise (Redmond) Iwanski at aliwanski50@gmail.com.

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St. Thomas Anglican Church Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper (with gingerbread with lemon sauce)

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