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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:

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PASSION SUNDAY - March 29, 2026

The Holy Triduum — This week, we come into the beauty of the gift of our Salvation. Through the celebration of the *Three Holy Days*, the Triduum, we see expressed in the liturgies the way God, in sending His Son, has fulfilled that promise from the beginning. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant that God wants to make with His people. I invite you to celebrate the three days just prior to Easter Sunday. We are invited to gather as a parish for the **Holy Thursday Mass at St. Bernard at 7 pm** — the Mass of the Lord's Supper — the Institution of the Eucharist, Priesthood and call to Service. On **Good Friday**, our churches (**1 pm at Holy Cross, 3 pm at St. Bernard and 3 pm at St. Rose of Lima**) will commemorate the central reality of the power of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. His Passion helps us to understand the depth to which he would go to save us. On **Easter Saturday** (our **Easter Vigil at St. Bernard at 8 pm**) we will celebrate the saving mystery of Christ's life and death and call to mind through listening to the Sacred Scriptures the ways in which God wants to save His people. The reality of God's gift of light through His Son Jesus Christ who wants to bring us back to God. We will welcome our Catechumen through the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist (Sacraments of Initiation) at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday — After our celebration of the Holy Triduum, we come together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. The Paschal Mystery (Life Death and Resurrection of Christ) helps us to understand even more deeply the love God has for all his people now redeemed in Christ Jesus His Son. On Sunday morning at the 11am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, we will welcome, through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the adults who have been journeying through the RCIA program this past year. **Easter Sunday Masses are 9 am at St. Bernard, 10 am at Holy Cross, and 11 am St. Rose of Lima.**

Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest!



The Chrism Mass — The celebration of our Chrism Mass for the Archdiocese will be **Tuesday, March 31 at 12 noon** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Brian Dunn invites and welcomes people from all over our diocese to come together to celebrate this beautiful Mass. At this Mass, the Priests will renew their priestly commitment to serve the people of God. Also, the Sacred Oils that we use in the celebration of the Sacraments Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination will be blessed and consecrated at this Mass. Please plan to attend our Chrism Mass and celebrate as parishes the great gift of Faith entrusted to us.

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!!



Take the Parish Survey! The survey can be accessed through an online link from **until Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. It can be found at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/pd81yp>. The link was also sent to the parish email list. Paper copies are available in the churches. You can drop off completed surveys at the office or leave them at the church. Completed paper copies need to be in by April 5. They will be forwarded to the Catholic Leadership Institute for processing. *Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

Donations to Local Food Banks — St. Rose of Lima CWL is coordinating a **FOOD DRIVE** for Beacon House on **Good Friday, April 3**. All non-perishables welcome. Suggested items include: canned soups, canned vegetables/diced tomatoes, pasta, granola bars, cereal, juice, canned fruit, mayonnaise, hygiene products. Let's support all our local foodbanks on this holy day.

The Way of the Cross and the Rosary — These will be prayed during Lent on Wednesdays at 1 pm at Holy Cross, weather permitting. All are welcome.

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows — The St. Rose of Lima CWL continue to pray the Servite Rosary every Monday during Lent at 10:00 am in the chapel at St. Rose of Lima.

Praying the Rosary at St. Bernard — A reminder that the Rosary is prayed at St. Bernard every Tuesday at 6 pm, before the 6:30 pm Mass.

Holy Week Schedule 2026

Holy Thursday Mass (April 2)
7:00 pm – St. Bernard Church

Good Friday Services (April 3)
1 pm – Holy Cross Church
3 pm – St. Bernard Church
3 pm – St. Rose of Lima Church

Holy Saturday Mass/Easter Vigil (April 4)
8 pm – St. Bernard Church

Easter Sunday Morning Mass (April 5)
9 am – St. Bernard Church
10 am – Holy Cross Church
11 am – St. Rose of Lima Church

Technology at St. Rose of Lima Church — We would like to create volunteer teams dedicated and trained on the technology used at St. Rose for projecting music on the screens and livestreaming the Mass on Facebook. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can speak with Phil Francis or call Lynette at the office. Our hope is to have everyone trained so there are always people at Mass who can work the equipment/provide the service and someone who can troubleshoot when there are issues. This is one more way you can participate in the life of your parish!

Children's Liturgy — Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend, March 29. We are still welcoming volunteers for this ministry. The more teams, the lighter the load for all.



SAVE THE DATE!

The St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee is hosting a Merchandise BINGO on Friday, May 1 at the Waverley Legion. They are accepting prize donations, including gift cards. If you or your business would like to support this event or for more information, please contact Sarah White @ 902-499-7216 or smwhitey@outlook.com, Mary Anne Carew @ 902-430-5559 or carew.maryanne@gmail.com, or Irene Burgess @ 902-236-2088. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *On Track for Justice* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish has to date collected **\$2085!** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice. If you would like to volunteer with Development & Peace in our diocese, please contact adah.ogbe@devp.org or cathy.driscoll@smu.ca.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 30 to April 5, 2026

Tuesday, March 31 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Francis MacNeil †
Wednesday, April 1 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Eleanor Nordlund
Sunday, April 5 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Tom Bagley †
Sunday, April 5 @ 10 am (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
Sunday, April 5 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

Family Faith Formation Schedule

April 5	EASTER SUNDAY	No classes
April 12	Final Classes	St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima
April 19	1st Holy Communion Rehearsal	St. Rose of Lima @ 10 am
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 31	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	St. Bernard @ 9 am Mass (reception to follow)



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.

Going into the hospital? You can receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go as a way to prayerfully and spiritually prepare for any medical procedures. We would also like to know so that we can pray for you. Father Ron Cairns has moved from on-site priest chaplain at the Halifax hospital sites to on-call emergency priest only. If you wish to speak to a priest, you or your family members can ask that he be contacted, or you can reach Father Gerald through the office.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22)

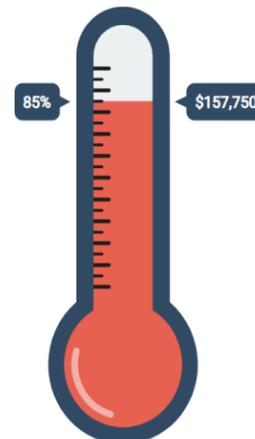
Parish-Supported Food Banks

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 \$157,750, with **\$28,250 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.

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