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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 9:00 pm (during Lent), 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
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
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Staff

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Wednesday at noon.)

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Last Sunday, we focused on the need for **humility** and **obedience** by striving to "be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect." These two virtues are beneficial as we begin our journey into the desert during these forty days of Lent. In Scripture, the desert is a place of testing and isolation - it is where Jesus encounters the devil. Like all temptation, this one appeals to Jesus' self-identity. The devil begins each temptation by suggesting, "If you are..." then flaunt it. The devil is challenging the genuineness of Jesus' identity and mission. Lent is a time for us to remember who we are: baptized in the Lord for the work of the Lord. (Taken from 2023 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays)

...Fr. Gerald

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — On Thursdays following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Bernard, we will be extending the time of Adoration until 9:00 pm for the remainder of Lent. Adoration will be in the little Chapel area (Fr. Paul Granville Room). This will allow for more people to be able to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, especially during this Season of Lent. There must be at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. This does not mean that if there's two people you can't join - it would be great to have more people come and pray. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. Please ensure that all time periods are filled in with at least two people. Have a Blessed Lent!

Check the website next week for new links to prayer and music resources for Lent.



Messages from Father Gerald...

The Way of the Cross — We will continue praying together The Way of the Cross this coming Friday evening, March 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church in Fall River. Along with the Pastoral Council, who will be leading that evening, I invite you all to join in that time of prayer. The following week, Friday, March 10, we will gather at St. Bernard Church at 7:00 pm. The Parish Leadership Team will be leading us in prayer that evening. Once again, I invite all from the Parish to join together in this prayer and reflection on Jesus' Way of the Cross.

We will gather three more times as follows:

St. Rose of Lima: March 17 - Finance Council
St. Bernard: March 24 - Catholic Women's League
St. Rose of Lima: March 31 - Knights of Columbus

Archbishop Brian Dunn's Visit to St. André Bessette Parish — Next weekend, March 4 and 5, we will have an opportunity to greet the Archbishop at St. André Bessette Parish. When Archbishop Dunn was assigned as our new Archbishop, he made a resolve to visit all the priests of the Archdiocese. On Saturday morning, the Archbishop will meet with members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Parish Leadership Team. A second meeting in the morning will include the Executives of our Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus (St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima). After lunch, he will meet with the newly-combined Ways & Means Committee members. The Archbishop will also celebrate the four Sunday Masses in our Parish. At the end of each Mass, there will be a time for questions from parishioners. The purpose of the Archbishop's visit is to meet people and to be with us as our Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

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.

Forgiveness Reflection

- This **Thursday, March 2 at 3:00 pm**, we will gather again at **Holy Cross Church** for our second of a four-week reflection on Forgiveness. This gathering will include a two-part video: **Part III Forgive and Forget = Guilt** and **Part IV - Childlike Forgiveness**. Following reflection and discussion, we will pray together the Way of the Cross, after which we will enjoy a meal. We ask that you sign up if you are planning to attend. The sessions will continue on March 9 and March 16.
- Another opportunity will start at in the Hall at **St. Bernard** on **Tuesday, February 28** following the 6:30 pm Mass. This gathering will include a two-part video: **Part I Introduction - Children of God** and **Part II - Passion and the Suffering of Jesus**. Future sessions with the video, reflection and discussion will run on the following dates: March 7, March 14, and March 21. Where we are beginning with Mass, we will not pray as a group the Way of the Cross. We ask that you sign up if you are planning to attend so we can prepare any materials.

Dispensation for Feast of Saint Patrick — This year the Memorial of Saint Patrick, March 17, coincides with a Lenten Friday. Given that this feast day has great importance to many of the faithful and possesses significant cultural and ethnic importance, Archbishop Dunn has dispensed Catholics in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth from the obligation of abstinence on that day.

Development & Peace: Share Lent — Archbishop Dunn has written a message to the faithful highlighting and supporting the work of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P). He recently met with members of the local Diocesan Council of D&P to hear more about their work locally and this year's Share Lent campaign. Here are a few lines from this message: "Development and Peace has chosen **"Create Hope"** as its overall theme for the next five years and this was inspired by Pope Francis' October 2021 address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements. In this first year, the campaign is **Create Hope: Stand for the land**. It invites us to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are struggling to defend their homelands by protecting their lands, waters and environments that sustain them. Contributions can be made online at Give now | Development and Peace (devp.org), by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

Working Alone Best Practices Reminder — When only one staff member is present for office hours, the entry doors will be locked and only those expected and/or known to the employee will be granted entry. Please knock or ring the bell to be let in.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts — In light of Archbishop Dunn's visit to the Parish on the weekend of March 4/5, the Knights of Columbus in Enfield have **postponed** their Community Breakfast until **Sunday, March 26**. The Mother's Day (May 14) breakfast remains unchanged.

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, 2023 — 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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Dates to Note:

Sacrament of First Holy Communion
May 7, 2023
St. Rose of Lima
11:00 am

Confirmation
May 14, 2023
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11:00 am

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NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

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.

On November 14, 2022, the settlement of the class action suit against the Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth was approved. Now we enter the Claims Period. Individuals who want to make a claim of abuse can do so for the next 12 months. This begins another period of notification to the public which requires action on the part of the Archdiocese as well as the parishes. This notification period begins on Monday, December 19, 2022 and concludes on Thursday, December 14, 2023.