

**Saint André Bessette Parish**  
**Fall River - Enfield - Middle Musquodoboit**  
**“An Incense Free Parish”**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Saturday 4:00 pm Holy Cross*  
*4:00 pm St. Rose of Lima*  
*Sunday 9:00 am St. Bernard*  
*11:00 am St. Rose of Lima*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday:** Mass 9:00 am St. Rose  
**Wednesday:** Mass 9:00 am St. Rose  
**Thursday:** Mass 9:00 am St. Bernard  
**Friday:** Mass 9:00 am St. Bernard

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Bernard - First Saturday of the month 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
St. Rose - Second Saturday of the month 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** - please contact Fr. Michael

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** may resume under certain restrictions please contact Fr. Michael for details.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Please contact either parish office.

May 15, 2022

Dear parishioners:

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Our 50 day pilgrimage to Pentecost continues! We continue to celebrate the love of God made known to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. May this Easter season be a time of grace and blessing for you and your loved ones.

Thank you for your prayers during the priests retreat. Our weekday mass schedule resumes this week.

**PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS:** Archbishop Dunn recently announced the pastoral appointments for 2022. Please pray for **Fr. Gerald David** who will be the new pastor of St. André Bessette Parish and for me as I move to new pastoral responsibilities in the Annapolis Valley.

**RECONCILIATION FUND: June 4-5, 2022:** In recent years, the Archdiocese has held a diocesan Mission Collection in June. This year, the Mission Collection is being replaced with a Reconciliation Fund Collection to be held the weekend of June 4-5.

In October 2021 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), made a financial pledge of \$30 million to develop programs and initiatives that would promote healing, reconciliation, and education in the relationship between Indigenous

communities and the Church. Dioceses across Canada, including ourselves, have made commitments to this pledge. Above and beyond this pledge, we will take up a Reconciliation Fund Collection across our diocese.

The goal of the collection is to support Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia as part of the Archdiocese's ongoing response to the recommendations to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Archbishop Dunn is working with local Mi'kmaq leadership to discern the best way these funds can be used locally in our efforts to bring about healing and reconciliation.

Please make note of this special collection. Parishioners will start to receive Reconciliation Fund Collection material in mail near the end of May.

Questions about this collection can be directed to Christine Spears at 902-429-9800 ext 312 or [cspears@halifaxymouth.org](mailto:cspears@halifaxymouth.org)

**Father Duncan MacMaster's 50th anniversary of his Ordination:** Father Duncan is inviting all those he has had the pleasure of serving over the past 50 years to come celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. This event will be held on Saturday May 21st starting with mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River. Everyone is invited to then proceed to the LWF hall where there will be a reception and kitchen party.

Father Duncan has sent out a special request that you please bring your children to be part of the celebration and party.

Any well wishes, words of congratulations etc. that you may wish to share can be sent to [fatherduncan50thyear@gmail.com](mailto:fatherduncan50thyear@gmail.com) to be read during the celebration.

**HEALTH GUIDELINES:** Public health strongly encourages masking indoors and ongoing adherence to the spirit of public health guidelines. Therefore, while masks are not required in the church you are strongly encouraged to wear them.

We continue to restrict access to some seats in the churches to provide adequate spacing among the congregation. We want to remind parishioners that public health advises people who have COVID19 symptoms to stay at home or confirm a negative COVID19 rapid test or PCR test. We continue to care for one another by modifying our behaviour to reduce risk of spreading COVID19.

**LIVE STREAM MASS 11:00 AM SUNDAY:** The livestream mass may be found on Facebook at St. André Bessette Parish or go to our new parish website [standrebessette.net](http://standrebessette.net). and click on the live mass link/box.

*Let us pray for one another.  
Oremus pro invicem.  
Prions les uns pour les autres.*

It is important for us to keep each other in prayer.

## Parish Prayer List

Please pray daily for all those who have asked for prayers from our Parish family, especially the following:

Vivian Kohout	Lenny Metham	Amanda Lindsay
Linda Cannon	Pat McCarvill	Greg Lee
Dianne Coffin	David Lewis	Tony Chesal
Vida Hanrahan	Paige Ballam	Joan Fraser
Dibin Brimcombe	Joe MacLean	Joan King

*If you or someone you know wishes to be remembered in prayer please contact Anne Marie Frame at 902-883-2703, and she will add you to the list.*

*(Please have the permission of the person before asking to have them added to the list and remember to contact Anne Marie to remove the person from the list when the need for prayers ceases. Thank you.)*

***“O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.” Psalm 30: 2***

Let us continue to pray for one another and continue to find ways to care for one another.

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Fr. Michael

## HOMILY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

Many years ago I dropped in to visit some friends of mine. As I was walking up their driveway I saw some words in cutout letters written on the window of their oldest son's room: "Jesus loves Adam." It seemed to me that all of us could use a reminder like this on the window of our own room. Because I truly wonder if we believe that God loves each of us, as we are right now, and wants to love us in such a way that love overflows from us and we become messengers of this good news of God's love for us to others. We need to know ourselves as beloved children if we are to be who Jesus calls and invites us to be.

How many times have we heard with our ears and our hearts the words in today's Gospel passage, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other."

The teaching of Christ is a way of life, a way of love, and is manifested in words and deeds. "Love one another, as I have loved you," is the basic teaching of Christ, and that is our work, challenging as it may be and even a cause of suffering and death.

The words and deeds of Christ teach a path other than violence, hatred and revenge, and we are called to integrate the example of our Master in our daily lives. We may ask: how did Christ love? He did so without counting the cost, even as it led to suffering and death on the cross.

Christ lived and died for others and never ignored the cries of the poor and the needy. Christ cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead, and pardoned sinners. In other words, Christ willingly shared in the sufferings and joys of the people around him. Christ's guiding principle was, "Do not judge and you shall not be judged; do not condemn and you shall not be condemned."

Christ could understand and hope in others, even when there might be cause for discouragement or despair. Through self-giving love Christ shared our human condition completely even to suffering and dying for those he loved.

The call to each of us is to imitate Christ day by day. It is not always easy to know just what to do in given circumstances of life, let alone have the courage and strength to put into practice what we sense we are called to do. But we are promised the abiding presence of God's Holy Spirit, alive and active in the Church and in our lives, assisting us in our struggle to do good. Even when we fail sometimes or often, we are not to give up in our efforts. God never gives up on us.

Looking more closely at the scripture readings assigned to the fifth Sunday in the Easter Season, we first of all see the realism of Saints Paul and Barnabas in their missionary activity, taking to heart the words of the Lord, "anyone who wishes to come after me must take up his cross." As Christ had to die and so enter into his glory, so also every follower of Christ.

Suffering, in all its unattractiveness, is part and parcel of the Christian vocation. Tribulation leads to the kingdom and by our suffering we also become partakers in the glory which Christ won for us by the shedding of his blood. This was the experience of Paul and Barnabas as well and meant to be ours too.

In the meantime, we disciples are to carry on Christ's messianic love. We must show to those entrusted to us by God, that is, everyone with whom we live and meet, a love extended to the sacrifice of our own good and life.

As disciples in the service of Christ, we are called to never give up doing good, for the spread of God's Kingdom on earth. This is the consequence of the Sacrament of Baptism that we have received as infants or at some other stage in our life, that invisible but indelible belonging to God and God to us. In this we are united with Christ through thick and thin.

In this Sunday's Gospel message, the Lord invites us to forget ourselves and thereby find our true self, totally dedicated to God and others without counting the cost or shrinking back in fear.

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