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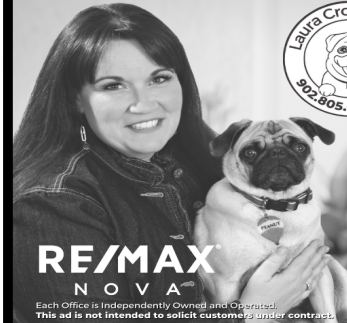
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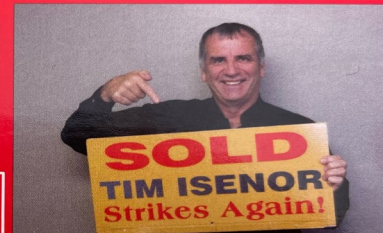


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# St. André Bessette Parish

## 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 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon  
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

## Confessions:

### St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)  
Thursday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)  
First Friday of the month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

### St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)  
Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)  
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am

### Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)  
... or by appointment

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Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden  
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## Parish Offerings:

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

## Parish Office:

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 strose@standrebessette.net  
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

## Coordinator, Faith Formation

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**Communications (Bulletin):** standrecommunication@gmail.com  
Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

**Website:** standrebessette.net

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## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024

This Sunday, we are given a great opportunity to recognize how God's Word comes to us. In the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses and the Prophets act as intermediary between God and God's people. They are to guide God's people on earth and they cannot add anything to or take away anything from what God says - the message is to remain unaltered. The importance here is that God's message gets to the People of God. Paul speaks of the various states in life and how "Regardless of our state in life, our primary vocation granted through our Baptism calls us to devote ourselves to prayer and serving God. Paul reminds us that all other concerns will fall into place when we do so." (Quote taken from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word). The Gospel from Mark speaks of Jesus' miraculous healings and his fame, which was beginning to spread further and further. Today, as we seek God's help through Jesus His Son, let's be aware that through the Eucharist (most excellently), through a deeper reflection of Sacred Scripture, and through the ways in which God uses people as he places them in our lives, we will receive what is necessary – God's Grace is enough.

**Adult Faith Formation** — As we continue to live out our Baptismal Commitment in this new year of grace, there are many opportunities available to us to renew and strengthen our Faith. In order to assist our Family of Faith here at St. André Bessette Parish, we have been granted a year to use Formed.org from the Augustine Institute. Formed.org has many opportunities for all ages to grow in our Faith - movies for families, shows for kids, adult faith formation series, etc... Parishioners should have received this week, by email, instructions on how to sign up so to take advantage of all the site has to offer.

**The Way of the Cross** — It is our normal practice throughout the Season of Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross as a community. So, we invite you to join us in prayer at either St. Rose of Lima or St. Bernard on Friday evenings at 7 pm during Lent. We will alternate Churches, beginning with St. Rose of Lima on February 16 and the following week at St. Bernard (note the detailed poster on the bulletin boards). Thank you to all who will lead us in this walk with Jesus for our Salvation.

**Praying of the Rosary** — Each Tuesday night prior to the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard in Enfield, members of the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the Rosary. Please join at 6 pm.

**St. André Bessette Parish 2024 Pastoral Plan** — The Pastoral Council prepared and submitted the Parish's 2024 Pastoral Plan to the Archdiocese in November 2023. For your information and perusal, it can be found on the parish website - standrebessette.net.

**Thank you from Mary Jesso** — Mary would like to send her heartfelt appreciation to the parishioners of St. André Bessette for the prayers, messages of care and help you have given her during her time of need in the last months. It has all meant a lot to her.

**Card of Appreciation from Caring and Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank** — The Parish received a card from President Pamela Hutchinson thanking parishioners for their support of the Caring and Sharing Food Bank, not just at Christmas but all year long.

**Ash Wednesday/Beginning of Lent** — We will be offering three Masses on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, which we hope will accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible.

- 9 am @ Holy Cross
- 12 noon @ St. Bernard
- 7 pm @ St. Rose of Lima

**Prayer and Spirituality: Lent 2024** — In the next few weeks, we will be putting together some Faith/Spiritual programs for our Lenten Season to accommodate your spiritual journey. We will be offering the **Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent**, alternating between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. This will be an opportunity to have all three Churches come together to pray and reflect on the journey of Jesus' Way of the Cross. The **Forgiveness Video Program** will be offered this year at St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday evenings following the 6:30 pm Mass. Stay tuned for further updates.

**Small Groups (Lent)** — During Lent, we would like to invite parishioners throughout St. André Bessette Parish to gather in home groups for a time of prayer - scripture study, faith formation, Lectio Divina (praying with the Gospel of the Sundays of Lent). We presently have Formed.org, which can provide many different ways to enrich your Lenten journey and growth in Faith. We are hoping that this can be organized by individuals and include people from your neighborhood or friends from the parish, or people you may not really know well but are familiar with from our parish, and that this time of prayer will assist the community to grow. **If you are interested in forming a small group during Lent, could you please let us know by contacting Lynette at the Parish Office.** Hopefully, sometime after Lent, you will be able to share with Father or any member of the Parish Leadership Team (Phil Francis, Shannon McDonald, Sarah White, and Deacon Dan) how things went with your small group. Sometimes (most times) stepping out of our comfort zone, which is not always easy, can result in some wonderful, good and healthy relationships to grow and give Glory to God.

**St. Bernard Church Weekday Masses** — Masses during the week at St. Bernard are now being held in the Fr. Granville S.J. Room, which is in the basement of the Residence. We are using this room because of the cost of heating the church throughout the week (hopefully we will save a bit on oil). You may gain entry through the side door in the tunnel connecting the Church and Residence OR if you wish to avoid the use of stairs, the back door nearest the garage will be unlocked for entry. Someone please double check that both doors are locked after Mass or after Adoration on Thursday.

**Greeters/Hospitality at St. Rose of Lima** — As we don't currently have a coordinator for greeters, a sign-up sheet has been placed at the entrance of the church. Greeters are asked to consider their availability for the next few months and to place their names on the list. We are asking for two greeters per Mass. If you interested in becoming a member of the hospitality team (and would possibly enjoy the coordinator roll), contact Lynette at the parish office. Responsibilities include counting and recording the number of people in attendance, asking a family to bring up the offerings after the collection, getting any gluten-free hosts requested, and handing out bulletins at the end of Mass. This is a beautiful ministry that puts smiles on the faces of those who enter the church.

**Knights of Columbus Council 11625 Community Breakfast** — A Community Breakfast will be held in the **Enfield Fire Hall on Sunday, February 4 from 9 am until noon.** C'mon out to enjoy scrambled eggs, hash browns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice for the bargain price of \$8 per adult (13 years & older) and \$5 for kids (5 to 12 years old). Children 4 years old & under free! Have a seat and meet a neighbour!

**Holy Cross Church Take-Out Pancake Supper** — Holy Cross is once again preparing for a take-out pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 13.** Pick-up is between 4 and 5:30 pm at the church. The meal includes pancakes, sausages, beans, plus biscuits and dessert. Adults: \$10, ages 5-12: \$6, children under 5 eat free! Please pre-book with Betty Lou (902-384-2961), Judy (902-384-2183) or Irene (902-236-2088).

**St. Thomas Anglican Church Pancake Supper** — St. Thomas Church (3534 Hwy 2 in Fall River) is hosting its annual pancake supper (with carrot cake and cream cheese icing). Eat in or take out on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Adults: \$12.00, Children (5-12): \$5.00, Under 5: free, Family (2 adults and 2 children): \$25.00. All are welcome! Please call 902-860-0092 for take-out orders.

**Mass Intentions for the week of January 29 to February 4, 2024**

Tuesday, January 30 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Khore Lunn †**  
Wednesday, January 31 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Lelia O'Connor †**  
Thursday, February 1 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Eddie Benere †**  
Friday, February 2 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Joe and Pat Flynn and Grandson Brent**  
Saturday, February 3 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimikles**  
Sunday, February 4 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Tobin Family Members from Newfoundland †**  
Sunday, February 4 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

## Family Faith Formation News

- January 28 Student Classes p-8 @ St. Bernard (following the 9 am Mass)  
Family Social/Activity p-8 @ St. Rose of Lima (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)  
Confirmation Class (following the 11 am mass)
- February 4 Parent/Student Classes p-8 @ St. Rose (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)  
Home Lesson for St. Bernard
- February 11 Parent/Student Classes p-8 @ St. Bernard (following the 9 am Mass)  
Home Lesson for St. Rose of Lima
- February 18 Student Classes p-8 @ St. Rose of Lima (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)  
Home Lesson for St. Bernard
- February 25 Family Social/Activity p-8 @ St. Rose of Lima (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)  
Student Classes p-8 @ St. Bernard (following the 9 am Mass)

Student and Family lead **Stations of the Cross**  
Friday, February 16 @ St. Rose and Friday, February 23 @ St. Bernard

We are looking for students and families to sign up to lead The Way of the Cross. On Friday, February 16, the jr./sr. high school students will lead at St. Rose of Lima church. On Friday, February 23, the primary through grade 6 aged students/families will lead at St. Bernard. Anyone who signs up to help is asked to be at the church by 6:30 pm for a 7 pm start.

Please contact Maria McDonald for more information and to sign up.



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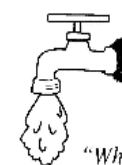
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