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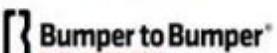
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St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

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Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

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Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish office. You can also etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

Please extend your support to the people who support us.



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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 15, 2026

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Jesus is calling us to go beyond the letter of the law and to deepen our appreciation of the message of the Gospel. The good news of the Gospel is more a matter of the heart than it is matter of the head. May we love the Lord, ourselves and our neighbours with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind. Pope Francis offered these words to us: ***"People rigidly bound to the law suffer pain, pride and often live a double life. God's laws are not meant to make us slaves but to make us free, to make us sons and daughters of God. God prefers mercy, tenderness, goodness and humility. May the Lord teach each of us to walk within the Lord's laws with these ways."*** Michael Moore OMI, The Oblates

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18 marks the first day of Lent.

Masses will be as follows:
12 noon @ Holy Cross
12 noon @ St. Bernard
7 pm @ St. Rose of Lima

Mass Intentions for the week of February 16 to 22, 2026

Tuesday, February 17 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Francis MacNeil †
Ash Wednesday, February 18 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Regina Morash †
Ash Wednesday, February 18 @ 12:00 pm (Holy Cross) - Josephine Rood †
Ash Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Frank Rostek †
Thursday, February 19 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Joe MacLean †
Friday, February 20 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mary Keane
Saturday, February 21 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
Sunday, February 22 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Diane Nimeck
Sunday, February 22 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week!

Saint André Bessette Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint André Bessette Parish.

The 10 to 15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **Wednesday, February 18 until Tuesday, March 31, 2026** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey will be found online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/pd81yp>. The link will also be sent to those on the parish email list on Wednesday. If you prefer a paper copy, copies will be available in the churches starting Ash Wednesday. You can drop off completed surveys at the office. Following weekend Masses there will be someone collecting surveys and placing them in a large envelope to be forwarded to the Catholic Leadership Institute for processing.



Take the survey!

- Your input will help strengthen our parish.
- Results will help leadership prepare for the future.
- A report of the findings will be shared.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. *Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

Congratulations to the Newly-Baptised of the Parish! This weekend at St. Rose of Lima we celebrate the Baptism of Wyatt James, son of Charles and Stephanie. Last weekend we celebrated with Julia Laura, daughter of Mark and Sarah. May God's grace and blessings guide you always, and may you always walk with Jesus and keep him close to your hearts.

You are invited...

All parishioners are invited to join in upcoming faith formation programs covering **The Search** and Father James Mallon's **Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times**.

The Search will be offered:

- Wednesdays, from February 18 to April 1, at St. Bernard at 10 am.
- Thursdays, from February 19 to April 2, at St. Rose of Lima/Mitchell Hall at 7 pm.

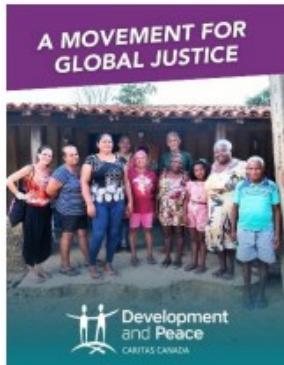
For people who have previously been involved in **The Search**, we will be offering a book club format of **Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times**. Participants will read chapters of the book and the recommended scripture readings associated with them. The group will then get together for discussion. This will be offered:

- Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from February 25 to April 1 at St. Rose of Lima.

Contact the office for more information.

Do you know?

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, and is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. The organization also champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. To learn more, visit devp.org.



Family Faith Formation Schedule

February 15 Student Classes (p-8)
February 15 Home Lesson
February 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
February 22 Student Classes (p-8)
February 22 Home Lesson

St. Rose of Lima/Mitchell Hall at 9:45 am
St. Bernard Students
Note times and locations in the bulletin
St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
St. Rose of Lima students

Pancake Supper

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit

Adults - \$12
Kids 5 to 12 - \$8



Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4 to 6 pm

Eat in or Take out!

CCCB Statement on Bill C-218: No MAiD for Mental Illness

On February 4 the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) issued a statement strongly supporting Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole medical condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (MAiD).

The CCCB has a strong record of opposing MAiD and seeking to limit its scope in Canadian society. This statement has been approved by 14 Bishops from across Canada, who together form the Permanent Council, CCCB's most authoritative voice between Plenary Assembly meetings.

Referencing empirical research and the professional judgment of many mental health professionals, this statement notes that mental illness is not necessarily irremediable. This implies that access to treatment for mental illness, including palliative care, must be improved. Go to www.cccb.ca to read the full statement.

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 meat, pasta, canned milk, boxed cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, juice, crackers/cookies. Beacon House is also in need of **gently used winter coats**. 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.

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