St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

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Confessions

St. Bernard
Tuesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursdays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima
Wednesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Fridays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)

Holy Cross
Saturdays from 3:30-3:50 pm (prior to 4:00 pm Mass)

… or by appointment

Your Financial Support

Your generous donations support the vital ministries, programs and outreach efforts of our parish. With your contributions, we can nurture spiritual growth, provide community services, and maintain a welcoming space for all. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on fulfilling our mission. There are many ways to donate:

- Weekly offertory envelopes – Cash or cheques (payable to St. André Bessette Parish)
- Etransfers – stbernardsenfield@gmail.com
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – PAR is invaluable to the parish, as these contributions still arrive even if you can't. PAR provides a steadier and more predictable stream of funds, which is extremely helpful for budgeting and planning for larger projects.
- CanadaHelps – Open your phone's camera. Scan the QR code below. Tap the link to donate securely. A charitable tax receipt will be provided.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of November 2 to 8, 2026

Monday, November 2	7 pm @ St. Bernard	**Commemoration of All Souls**
Tuesday, November 3	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	**Steven Gale ✝**
Wednesday, November 4	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Ann & Claude Landry**
Thursday, November 5	**11:00 am @ St. Bernard**	**Funeral Mass for Lawrence Colbert**
Friday, November 6	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Don & Shirley LeBlanc**
Saturday, November 7	4 pm @ Holy Cross	**Daniel Thibault ✝**
Sunday, November 8	9 am @ St. Bernard	**For the people**
Sunday, November 8	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	**Ann & Claude Landry**

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – November 1, 2026

Commemoration of All Souls – It is customary for us to pray for the dead, for all the souls in purgatory. On Monday, November 2, we will celebrate a Mass at 7 pm at St. Bernard Church to commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. You are all invited to attend.

Support the 2026 Archdiocesan Appeal – The 2026 Annual Appeal will run from November 1st until the Archdiocesan Feast Day, December 8. Your financial gifts to the Appeal support the Church's mission by revitalizing ministries and pastoral care, nurturing vocations and faith formation for all ages, and extending Christ's love to the most vulnerable through outreach projects. In gratitude for your support, 20% of every gift is returned directly to your local parish, strengthening both your local faith community and the Archdiocese as a whole.

2027 Offering Envelopes – Envelopes for 2027 are here and are ready to be picked up. If you no longer want envelopes, contact Lynette at the parish office to let her know.

Atlantic Marian Gathering at St. Bernard Church – Everyone is invited to worship our Blessed Mother Mary at the 1st Saturday Mass on Saturday, November 7 at 9 am at St. Bernard Church. We are excited to welcome the Atlantic Marion Team to St André Bessette Parish. Mass will be followed by a time of adoration and confession.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — The St. Vincent de Paul Society supports individuals and families who face hardship through food, housing, and essential assistance. Volunteers deliver with dignity, respect and compassion. They are grounded in love of neighbour and justice. All funds raised help them support friends in need by providing them with a hand up, not just a hand out. Special collection envelopes are available now for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping them make a difference!

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign — The Knights once again put out a box at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church to collect new socks, hats and gloves for those in need this winter. Your donations will be brought, along with a hot meal, to Hope Cottage in December.



Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is $20 (cash only) and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. See Rick Karst before or following Mass at St. Rose of Lima, or contact him (902-456-2744) to get yours.

Knights of Columbus *2 Grand in the Hand* Tickets – Get your tickets soon from the Tom Bagley Knights of Columbus Council of Enfield. Only 400 tickets sold. See Grand Knight John Steele, Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) or any other knight. Tickets are $10.00 each. Draw date is December 6.



Penny Sale Success – The St. Bernard CWL would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Penny Sale. Your generous donations made for a very successful day. All proceeds go back into the community as well as support St. André Bessette Parish. Thank you!



Invitation from the St. Bernard CWL – The St. Bernard CWL will meet on Tuesday, November 3 in the Granville Room following the 6:30 pm Mass. A warm welcome to all ladies who would like to come out and see what we do for our Parish and community. This will be our last meeting of 2026. Annual dues will be collected.

St. Rose of Lima Church Cleaners Needed!
The team of cleaners at St. Rose are in desperate need of new members. This commitment would only require 1.5 hours of your time every 8 weeks. If you feel you can help in this capacity or for more information, contact Barry Irvine at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



Family Faith Formation: November/December 2026

Nov 15: 3rd Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Nov 22: Family Mass at St. Bernard at 9 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)



Nov 29: 4th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Dec 13: 5th Classes @ Mitchell Hall
- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Family Mass at St. Rose of Lima at 11 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

For any questions regarding sacramental prep or family Masses, please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.

The St. Rose of Lima CWL needs your help! (You DO NOT need to be a member of the CWL)

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Even an hour or two (the day of) can make a huge difference! We could also use help with setting up and taking down our tables, etc. Please reach out to the following committee members:

Kitchen	Claudette C	902-860-1179	Craft Table	Mimi J	902-860-3965
	Audrey D	902-860-1798	New To You	Penny F	902-861-1629
Dining Roon	MaryAnne C	902-430-5559	Children's Corner	Bernadette	902-476-5457
Silent Auction	Cathy BT	902-861-1856	Religious Articles	Troy M	902-576-2309
Bake Table	Sue C	902-861-1930			

They are accepting any new craft or new-to-you items. Please contact any member of the above. Dot Lutz and Debbie McCarthy will be at St. Rose of Lima church following Mass, should you have any questions. Thank you and see you at the Christmas Bazaar!

***Made for More* Retreat –** This month we prepare for the close of the liturgical year and the coming of Advent. Why not take time to retreat and reflect on the fact that God made you for more? *Made for More* is a guided Catholic retreat experience that creates space to step away from everyday pressures, listen more deeply to God and rediscover who we are in Christ. Through prayer, reflection, healing and practical guidance, participants are encouraged to move from simply believing to living their faith with renewed purpose. No previous retreat experience is necessary. Come as you are.

Retreat details: Truro: November 16-17, 2026 Dartmouth: November 20-22, 2026 Kentville: November 24-25, 2026
Cost: $99.00

The retreats will be hosted by Fr. Dominic Sultana. Fr. Dominic is a priest from the Diocese of Gozo in Malta. He served in our diocese for a short time to learn about what parish life was like in Canada. Since finishing his ministry time with us, he has returned a number of times to the to host retreats, offer missions, and give talks on how to listen for God's voice active in our lives and respond with open hearts to where God calls us. Go to https://www.godmediation.world/made-for-more-retreat/novascotia2026 for more details and to register for a retreat.

Chalice Canada Seeking New President – Chalice Canada is seeking an exceptional leader to serve as its next President. She/he will provide strategic and organizational leadership to a well-established Roman Catholic Canadian charity dedicated to supporting children, families, and communities in developing countries. For more information and how to apply, visit www.chalice.ca.

St. John's United Church Turkey-a-la-King Luncheon and Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 28, 2025 at 3360 Highway 2 in Fall River. Doors open at 10:30 am; lunch served from 11 am to 1 pm. Eat in or take out available. Cash only. Sale of Christmas cookie tins, bake table, gift table, puzzles, and games. Sponsored by the St. John's United Church UCW.

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* — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. 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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