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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 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:

Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net  
Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 Ext 3 businessoffice@standrebessette.net  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net  
Julie Gosselin familyfaith@standrebessette.net

### Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Website:  
[standrebessette.net](http://standrebessette.net)

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Phone: 902-476-8626  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 19, 2026

**MAiD Awareness Sunday** — As Christians, we are called to care for the vulnerable and uphold the dignity of every life. If no action is taken before **March 17, 2027**, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) will be expanded to include individuals *whose only medical condition is mental health-related*. Suicidal thinking can be a symptom for those living with mental illness. When patients share their desire to die, it's time to use suicide prevention strategies. However, the Nova Scotia medical regulator requires physicians to *offer euthanasia to patients* as one of their potential medical treatments without patients requesting that information and, if the patient requests it, *sign referral forms* so their patients can get euthanasia. Imagine the dilemma of the Christian physician who is forced for help the patient access euthanasia rather than treating them. Parishioners are encouraged to sign the enclosed letter to the Honourable Brian Comer, Nova Scotia Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to ask for **stronger protections, improved mental health supports, and changes to physician legal requirements**. Place your signed letter in the envelope at the back of the churches for collection and delivery to the Catholic Diocesan Centre. All letters collected will then be passed on to CMDA. If you have any questions about this letter-writing campaign, contact Deacon Larry Worthen at [lworthen@cmdacanada.org](mailto:lworthen@cmdacanada.org).

**Dying with Christ – Living with Hope** is a faith-filled program that speaks to one of the most important topics of our human experiences. Led by theologians and Christian healthcare professionals, this series offers meaningful insight into suffering, grief, dying, the duty to care, and how we can enter more deeply into the Christian hope of dying with Christ. CMDA Canada is offering three live online opportunities to participate in this three-session series. Participants will not only experience the program firsthand but will also be equipped to bring it to their own communities, parishes, and ministry settings — a chance to bring Christ's message of hope to our world. Questions? Contact Brad MacKinnon via email: [bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org](mailto:bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org). Register: [cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-spring-series/](http://cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-spring-series/)

**Spring 2026 Online Series Options:** Thursday, April 23, 30, & May 7 @ 8:00 pm AT  
Tuesday, May 19, 26, & June 2 @ 9:00 pm AT  
Monday, June 15, 22, & 29 @ 7:30 pm AT



The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church. As we welcome them to the Table of the Lord, please keep them and their families in your prayers.  
**Jack Fredericks Sharon Hillier Grace Mimmagh Sarah Mimmagh**

**Easter Flowers** — Many parishioners made donations, in memory of deceased loved ones, to the cost of the flowers and decorations that adorned the churches at Easter. Missing from the list of those being remembered was Donna Bellefontaine.

**Holy Eucharist to Sick or Homebound** — If you, or someone you know, are sick or elderly and cannot be present at Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Audrey DeMone to make arrangements for a visit. Audrey can be reached at 902-860-1798.

**Praying the Rosary at St. Bernard** — A reminder that the Rosary is prayed at St. Bernard every Tuesday at 6 pm, before the 6:30 pm Mass.

**Technology at St. Rose of Lima Church** — We would like to create volunteer teams dedicated and trained on the technology used at St. Rose for projecting music on the screens and livestreaming the Mass on Facebook. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can speak with Phil Francis or call Lynette at the office. Our hope is to have everyone trained so there are always people at Mass who can work the equipment/provide the service and someone who can troubleshoot when there are issues. This is one more way you can participate in the life of your parish!

**Children's Liturgy** — We are still welcoming volunteers for this ministry. The more teams, the lighter the load for all.

**St. Rose of Lima Flower Garden** — We are looking for someone with a green thumb and a wish to volunteer to care (or coordinate a group to care) for the small flower garden in front of St. Rose of Lima Church. There is a small budget for supplies/materials. If this work calls to you, please contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Prayer/Baptismal Shawls** — St. Bernard CWL is in need of baptismal shawls, as supplies are running low. The baptismal shawls need to be 27" by 40". The prayer shawls need to be 27" by 60". Georgena MacIsaac has yarn on hand for the baptismal shawls and can be reached at 902-441-5780.

**TWO GRAND in HAND** — Thomas Bagley Council 11625 is selling Two Grand in Hand tickets with the draw to be held on Mother's Day. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 400 tickets to be sold. Tickets available after 9 am Masses at St. Bernard or by contacting John Steele @ 902-883-9471 or john.steele.67@gmail.com.



The St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee is hosting a Merchandise BINGO on Friday, May 1 at the Waverley Legion. They are accepting prize donations, including gift cards, or new merchandise. **Deadline is Sunday, April 26.** If you or your business would like to support this event or for more information, please contact Sarah White @ 902-499-7216 or smwhitey@outlook.com, Mary Anne Carew @ 902-430-5559 or carew.maryanne@gmail.com, or Irene Burgess @ 902-236-2088.

**Parish Fundraiser** — The Ways & Means Committee is selling tickets on beautiful wooden lawn furniture, made and donated by a member of Holy Cross Church! (Value: \$400.00) Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Draw date is May 9 at Holy Cross. Find a member of the Committee following Mass to buy tickets!!

The Atlantic School of Theology is pleased to host the **Hayes Symposium** this spring. This gathering features Dr. Gloria Woodland, who will lead a two-day workshop titled, **Faithful Presence: Pastoral Ministry in the Context of MAiD**. Drawing from her extensive work and experience, Dr. Woodland will guide participants through thoughtful, pastoral, and practical approaches to accompaniment in this complex area of ministry. This workshop will increase participant awareness of patient, family, and healthcare worker perspectives and build skills for coming alongside pastorally. The understanding of Scripture, theology, and denominational positions on MAiD will be considered as one develops a pastoral position for response.

Date and time: May 13 & 14, 2026, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Cost: Regular \$225 | Student \$125  
 Location: AST Chapel | Limited online spots available. Contact lydia.hood@astheology.ns.ca for more details.  
 Register here: <https://astheology.jotform.com/253015128883962>

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
 Concert with singer/songwriter **Kim Dunn**  
 Friday, June 5, 2026 @ 7 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church  
 Hosted by the Parish Ways & Means Committee

**Mass Intentions for the week of April 20 to 26, 2026**  
 Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Susan Canavan  
 Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mariam Francis Price †  
 Thursday, April 23 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Ellen Hibberts †  
 Friday, April 24 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Ray Cormier  
 Saturday, April 25 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Jennifer Walker  
 Sunday, April 26 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people  
 Sunday, April 26 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Paul Miller

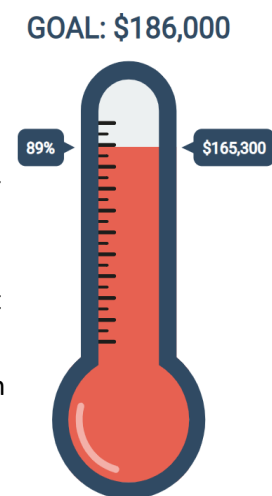
Family Faith Formation Schedule		
April 19	First Holy Communion Rehearsal	St. Rose of Lima @ 10 am (Mandatory)
April 26	Confirmation Retreat	Following St. Rose of Lima 11 am Mass
May 3	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>St. Rose of Lima @ 11 am Mass (reception to follow)</b>
May 24	Confirmation Rehearsal	St. Bernard @ 10 am
May 31	<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>St. Bernard @ 9 am Mass (reception to follow)</b>

**Women's Spring Retreat** — The Catholic Women's League of St. Monica's Church, part of Corpus Christi Parish in the Valley, will host their annual spring retreat for women. This year's retreat is titled: *Women After God's Own Heart: Prayerful, Faithful, Generous, Merciful, Sent*. The retreat will be led by Fr. Toochukwu Okafor and will take place at St. Monica's Church in Middleton on Friday evening May 15; Saturday, May 16 all day and evening; and Sunday morning May 17, including Holy Mass. There is no registration fee, but free will offerings are welcomed and appreciated. Wheelchair/walker accessible; ample parking; no scents, please. To register, or for more information about the retreat and local accommodations, please contact Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495 or mtcrooks@hotmail.com.

**Veritas Books Seeking Manager** — Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is looking for a full-time manager for its retail location in the Rockingham Ridge Plaza and online store. The position is strictly volunteer and requires a more than basic foundation in Catholic Scripture and Tradition. Experience managing a team of volunteers is required. Please submit resumes to: Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts 113-30 Farnham Gate Road, Halifax, NS B3M 3W8 or email veritashfx@gmail.com.

**Sacred Heart School Accepting Applications for 2026-2027** — Sacred Heart School of Halifax is the top independent school in Halifax, offering an unparalleled educational experience, grounded in the Catholic tradition, and rooted in our Five Goals that unite our schools around the world — Faith, Intellect, Social Awareness, Community, and Personal Growth. Spots are available in Junior Primary to Grade 12. **Book a tour, or even better, a Visiting Day!** For more information or to book your tour or visit, please reach out to our Director of Admissions, Marie Reyes, or visit online.

**You're Invited to an Eastertide Ceilidh!** The ceilidh will be held at in the auditorium at Saint Agnes Church, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/eastertide-ceilidh-tickets-1983543465902?aff=oddtcreator>



**St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project Update**  
 The windows should be ready at the end of March, with a plan for installation after Easter. The parish has raised \$165,300 with **\$20,700 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,000.  
 For those who are still planning to donate, there are envelopes as well as window sponsorship forms at the entrances of the churches.  
 Etransfers can be sent to [stbernardsenfield@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardsenfield@gmail.com).

**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 vegetables/diced tomatoes, pasta, boxed cereal, granola bars, juice, canned fruit, mayonnaise, hygiene products. 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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