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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:

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 22, 2026

A Great Big Thank You — A few weeks ago I had a conversation with **Lenny Gallant**, who has been instrumental in the care of our cemetery at St. Bernard. Lenny has given almost 60 years of dedicated and committed service to the Parish in so many different ways - from taking calls and making ready the graves for those who were to be buried, to tending to the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. At this time, Lenny has decided to step down from his role. On behalf of the Parish of St. André Bessette, I would like to thank Lenny for his generous and kind service in this work for the Lord. Lenny's compassion and cheerful disposition assisted many parishioners and non-parishioners who were struggling with the loss of a loved, making the process of arranging a burial easier for them. Lenny also exercised great care for the physical upkeep of the cemetery, keeping the cemetery looking respectful for the resting place of our beloved dead. In gratitude for all that you have done in your years of service, may God continue to Bless you!!! ... *Fr. Gerald*

Praying the Way of the Cross — Each Friday during Lent at 7 pm we will offer the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, alternating between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. This Friday, February 27, will be at St. Rose of Lima.

Rite of Election — This Sunday, the Rite of Election will take place at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica with Archbishop Dunn. The Archbishop will receive our two Catechumens who are preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please keep in your prayers Laurie Taylor and Gabriel Erskine. I ask you to pray for our Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist - Clarissa MacKenzie, Charles Murphy, Kennedy Turner, Jill Carroll, and Larry Erskine.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit



Friday, February 27, 2026
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Eat in or Take out!

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open!



The **Disciple Maker Index (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 **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 was also sent last week to the parish email list. Paper copies are available in the churches. You can drop off completed surveys at the office. Also, there will be someone collecting surveys following weekend Masses and placing them in a large envelope to be forwarded to the Catholic Leadership Institute for processing.

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.

Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times 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.

2025 Income Tax Receipts will be available at all churches next weekend, February 28/March 1. Those being mailed will be sent out later this week. Emails with receipts attached will follow shortly after.

Programs & Lenten Videos — A reminder once again that the Parish of St. André Bessette has subscribed to the Augustine Institute to use **Formed.org** as a tool and resource for formation. This is a wonderful resource for families at home or for groups that wish to form and gain a deeper knowledge of the Catholic Faith. I encourage all parishioners to sign in and use this resource. You will receive the instructions on how to sign up for Formed.org this coming week in our weekly email.

This Lent, let's move forward *On Track for Justice*

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." - Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75) Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How?

1. **By donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources. For more information, contact Pat Clahane at 902-861-4372 or patclahane@gmail.com.



Words of Appreciation from the Family of Mary Jesso — We would like to thank the faith community of St. Rose of Lima for your invaluable support and caring during Mom's hospitalization and passing. The cards, get well wishes and Mass cards during Mom's hospitalization, and the food, Mass cards and donations in Mom's memory after her passing are so comforting in our grieving. Thank you to Father David for visiting Mom in hospital, for your gentle and kind support in the planning of the Celebration of Life, and for your meaningful homily and words about our Mom. Thank you Father MacMaster for celebrating the Celebration of Life for Mom. A huge thank you to the CWL for the Honour Guard during the Mass and then the luncheon afterwards. Thank you to the choir for providing the beautiful music, which was Mom's greatest enjoyment. *The family of Mary Jesso - Pam, Ed, Barry, Aaron, Chantal, Emily, Erik, Jack & Ruby*

Mass Intentions for the week of February 23 to March 1, 2026

Tuesday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Leo Guyette †**
 Wednesday, February 25 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Dolores McNeil**
 Thursday, February 26 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Gerald Tobin †**
 Friday, February 27 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mimi Johnson**
 Saturday, February 28 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Catherine White †**
 Sunday, March 1 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
 Sunday, March 1 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Jim Barrett**

Family Faith Formation Schedule

February 22	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
February 22	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima students



Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows: to strengthen our faith, hope, and love in God

Lent is upon us. It is the season in which we prepare to **participate** in Christ's Passion. **Our Lady of Sorrows** can help us to make our Lenten journey deeper and more meaningful, by contemplating and consoling Mary in her suffering as she witnessed and participated in her Son's Passion. The **Servite Rosary**, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, is a profound prayer that connects us intimately to Jesus' Passion through Mary.

Beginning February 23, the St. Rose of Lima CWL will be praying the Servite Rosary **every Monday at 10:00 am in the chapel at St. Rose of Lima Church to honour Our Lady of Sorrows**. Copies of the Servite Rosary will be available at the entrance of the church. The ladies **invite all parishioners** to join them in praying the Servite Rosary at St. Rose of Lima Church. Together we can console Our Blessed Mother for the sufferings she bore for the sake of our salvation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED COMMUNITY OUTREACH KD - Lunch - KD

Lunch for students on Wednesdays starting March 25 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm St. Thomas Anglican or St. John's United Church
 For more information, call Peta Lelliot at 903-223-3101.

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.

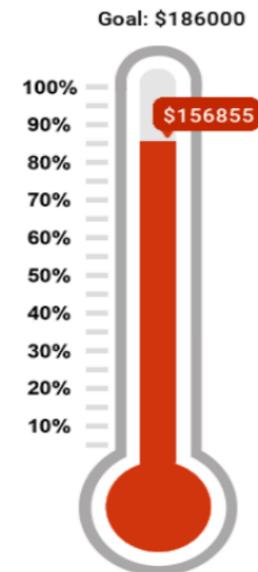
Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — Canned soups, canned meat, pasta, canned milk, boxed cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, juice, crackers/cookies. Beacon House is also in need of **gently used winter coats**. Your donations are very much appreciated!

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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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 \$156,000, with **\$30,000 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.

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