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**Pastor**  
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frgerald@standrebessette.net

**Deacon**  
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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 21, 2025

This coming week we will celebrate the birth of Christ, a beautiful time of the year when we get to reflect on the gift of God to the world... His only Son, Our Lord – Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Almighty God ... Everlasting Father. God loves us so much!! I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas. If you are going to be traveling to visit family and friends, may you be safe and enjoy. May God's Peace and Joy be yours. ...Fr. Gerald

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 24** (Christmas Eve)  
6 pm at St. Bernard  
6 pm at St. Rose of Lima  
8:30 pm at Holy Cross

**Thursday, December 25** (Christmas Day)  
10 am at St. Bernard  
11 am at St. Rose of Lima

Please note that Father Gerald will celebrate the regularly-scheduled 6:30 pm Masses at St. Bernard in the Granville Room on Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 30. (Confessions will be heard from 6:00 to 6:25 pm.)

# 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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## New Year's Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 31** 4 pm at St. Rose of Lima (not 7 pm, as was posted in last week's bulletin)

**Thursday, January 1** 10 am at St. Bernard

## Mass Intentions for the week of December 22 to 28, 2025

Tuesday, December 23 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Matti Allison †  
Saturday, December 27 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Daniel Thibault †  
Sunday, December 28 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people  
Sunday, December 28 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Charles Landry †

There will not be a Mass at St. Rose of Lima on Friday, December 26.

**Happy New Year** — Here we are preparing to celebrate another new year. It’s a good time to take stock of the many blessings received in 2025 – to give God thanks. Maybe 2025 was a rather challenging year for some, so pray for the strength and grace to bring to conclusion that year and for a better 2026. Whatever the results of 2025, as we look forward with Hope to 2026 may we remember to keep close to God and rely on His abundant graces. ...*Fr. Gerald*

**Pastoral Council News** — In another step in our Parish Identity, the St. André Bessette Mission & Vision Statements are now proudly hanging in all three Churches. These statements provide us with unity, guidance and clarity, reflecting our goals as a Parish. Working with our Pastoral Plan, our Parish Identity is reflected in our Parish logo, our Parish sign, and now our Mission & Vision Statements. Please take a moment to view and reflect.

**Words of Appreciation from Beacon House** — Beacon House would like to thank parishioners for their contributions of juice for the Beacon House Christmas Hamper Program and for food and monetary donations throughout the year. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated! May God bless and reward your kindness.

**St. Bernard Knitters and Crocheters** — We want to thank all who shared their time and talent to make prayer and baptismal shawls, and the preemie hats for the IWK. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
...*Georgena MacIsaac and Joan MacDonnell*

**Looking for a Mass Card?** Cards are available in all three of our Churches. They are \$10 each and are not just for our dearly departed but also for any time you wish a Mass said for a special intention. At St. Bernard, cards are available in the Sacristy. Please see Claire Guyette or Annette Lewis for assistance. At St. Rose of Lima, cards are available in the Vestry or by visiting Carla at the parish office Tuesday to Friday during office hours. For those at Holy Cross, please see Maxine Thibault.

**The Remembrance Christmas Tree** — The St. Rose of Lima CWL is continuing its Christmas tradition to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones during the liturgical Christmas Season. Christmas ornaments with loved ones’ names can be ordered and will be placed on a Christmas Tree located in the church. These dear ones will be remembered and prayed for in all of the Masses offered from the first Christmas Mass until the Epiphany Mass. After the Epiphany Mass, those who ordered an ornament can collect and take it home to place on their own Christmas Tree next year. The CWL ladies will be accepting donations for the ornaments and will be at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima church beginning **Sunday, November 30 until Sunday, December 21** to accept the names of your deceased loved ones.



**St. Bernard CWL Membership Dues** — Fees (\$35) for January 1 to December 31, 2026 are now being accepted. Contact Maureen Tidgwell at 902-860-0656. New members welcome!! Pay by January 1 and you could win back your dues.

**St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot** Christmas tree sales have begun. The Knights are set up with the Burgess Family Tree Lot (on Highway 2 across the road from the Sobeys Gas Bar/Needs/A&W).



**Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars** — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is \$20 and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. Contact Rick Karst (902-456-2744) or Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) to get yours.

**Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest** — Children are invited to participate in this contest. Submit your drawing/artwork/poem, etc. on 8.5” x 11” paper. Include your name, age and contact information. Deadline is **December 21, 2025**. Place your submission at the churches’ entrances on or before that weekend. Contact Rick Karst with any questions (rickwkarst22@gmail.com or 902-456-2744).

**Offering Envelopes** — A reminder that envelopes for 2026 are here and are ready to be picked up. If you no longer want envelopes, please contact Lynette at the parish office.

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 29 to January 4, 2025**

- Tuesday, December 30 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Roddie MacDonnell †**
- Wednesday, December 31 @ **4:00 pm** (St. Rose of Lima) - **Thomas Graham †**
- Thursday, January 1@ **10:00 am** (St. Bernard) - **Lisa McGrath †**
- Friday, January 2 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Ron Barrett**
- Saturday, January 3 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**
- Sunday, January 4 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Leo Guyette †**
- Sunday, January 4 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

The funeral Mass for **Ann Steele** will take place on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 10 am at St. Rose of Lima Church. Therefore, there will be **no First Saturday Mass** that day at St. Bernard.

**2025-2026 Missals**  
Cost is \$6. There are also a few youth missals available for \$8. Put payment in an envelope marked “Missal” and place it in the collection.

Please note the parish office will close for the holidays at noon on Tuesday, December 23 and reopen on Friday, January 2.



**Family Faith Formation**

Classes resume in the new year on January 4 (St. Rose of Lima) and January 11 (St. Bernard)

**St. Vincent de Paul Fall River Giving Tree** — The Society once again has its giving tree (formerly angel tree) in the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church during Advent. If you would like to make a donation to a family or children this Christmas, you can remove a tag from the tree and replace it with a gift card from a box store so they can give to a family in need this Christmas. This past year, the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul has given out more than \$20,000 to more than 50 families in need in the Fall River, Enfield, Lantz to Nine Mile River Area. The Halifax St. Vincent de Paul has now completed Ozanam Place next to Hope Cottage, a 26,000 square foot building with four floors and 38 private living units to house homeless people in HRM. Thanks to all parishioners who made donations this year!

**Call for nominations: Faith in Action Award for 2026** — Atlantic School of Theology is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award for 2026. The Award honours exceptional community outreach that is recognized as having provided significant benefit to the wider community. This outreach award is given to individual(s) whose honoured work is driven by their religious commitment to the faith tradition to which they belong. More information about the award and how to nominate a potential recipient can be found on the AST website.

**Steubenville Atlantic Launch Party** — A Steubenville Atlantic Launch Party is happening on **Friday, January 9, 2026** from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Halifax.

Attend for a powerful night of worship with the 2026 Steubenville band FOR THE BEAUTY, an encouraging message, and time in Eucharistic Adoration, all rooted in this year’s theme: WORTHY. It’s a chance to encounter Christ, reconnect with friends, and get excited for another summer filled with faith, joy, and transformation.

More Information & RSVP here: <https://www.steubenville.ca/events/steubenville-atlantic-2026-launch-halifax>.

**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** — boxed cereal, granola bars, canned meat, canned beans, juice boxes, crackers, cookies, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper. 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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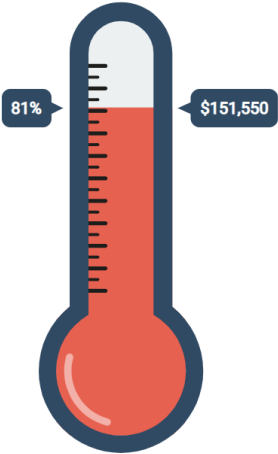
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**St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project Update**

As we continue to move closer to our fundraising goal, I’d like to provide an update. We have paid 50% of the stipulated amount of \$186,000 to Metro Windows and Doors. The company cannot complete the project in late November/early December as previously indicated. It is, however, going to install a test window in mid-December. Once the test window is installed, the bulk of the windows will be ordered and will take approximately 8-9 weeks to be produced. So we are looking at a winter/spring installation for the remaining windows. I would like to thank those who have been so supportive through your contributions toward this project. Thank you also to those who are giving of their time and talent actively soliciting much-needed funds to support this project.

...*Fr. Gerald*

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