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## St. André Bessette Parish

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

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 6:30 pm at St. Bernard  
Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima  
Thursday 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close  
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard  
6:30 pm at Holy Cross  
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard  
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

### Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church  
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church  
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm - St. Bernard Church  
or by Appointment

### Parish Offerings:

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Gerald David  
frgerald@standrebessette.net

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden  
dangbowden@gmail.com

### Parish Staff

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 23, 2023**

Our journey through the Easter Season has brought us readings from the Acts of the Apostles — the reality of the early, first beginnings of the Church. There was indeed a boldness on behalf of the Apostles who were continuing the Mission of Jesus Christ in the midst of a world that continued to question and reject the message Jesus came to bring. Nonetheless, the Apostles carried on with even deeper conviction. Today, in our Church in the world, we have become rather complacent or maybe better still, allow the world to change our Church because we continue to hear the mantra – “You guys are in the dark ages.” “You don’t still hold to those teachings which are antiquated?” “What is truth?” We have been made to feel guilty because some individuals want what they want and will not bend to receive what God wants to give them. The Gospel story is another example of not being able to recognize Jesus until we actually take time to heed his message – What is he teaching? What is he saying? Why does he even care? etc... Our Mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in his name has not changed. Our Mission is the proclamation of his word, of Jesus’ teaching through which we are transformed and changed – transformed in the image and likeness of God who created us and loved us first. The world still continues to want to muzzle or even silence the proclamation of the Gospel. Some Churches have even gone so far as to rewrite the Gospel, or modify it in such way that it nullifies or falsifies its authority and power. Today, may we experience, just as those who were on the road to Emmaus, what they experienced. **“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”** ...Fr. Gerald

## Messages from Father Gerald

**Parish Logo and Parish Mission Statement** — The Pastoral Council met last Tuesday evening and most of our conversation and deliberation involved the choosing of a logo for our Parish. Along with that, deeper conversation had to do with our Mission Statement for the Parish. Once again, I want to thank Tanya White for leading us through the Branding exercise, in which we will continue to be engaged as we formulate our Mission Statement, and Krystal Kristiansen in modifying our logo. We hope to be able to share that with you all sometime soon.

**Parish/Church Signage** — As we have received a new name for our Parish, St. André Bessette - which is inclusive of what was formerly two parish church and one Mission church – there is an interest in changing the present signage at two of our Church locations with an electronic sign. I want to thank Hal Benson and the people who worked on the committee for taking the lead on that work with St. Bernard. Also, thanks for sharing and communicating with St. Rose of Lima so similar work can be accomplished and preparation for the electronic sign be made ready. Within the next short while we will see the work begin at St. Bernard and soon at St. Rose of Lima. The electronic signage will allow us to place current events and various updates and invitations to the people of Enfield and Fall River areas, and to whomever takes an interest when driving by. With Holy Cross Church in Middle Musquodoboit, we will try to modify the signage to have the name St. André Bessette Parish added.

**Archbishop Dunn's Visit to St. André Bessette Parish** — There were a number of points that Archbishop Dunn shared with me as a result of his visit to St. André Bessette on the weekend of March 4 and 5. Overall, the Archbishop was very pleased with the sharing from the various active Committees, Councils and Organizations of our Parish. I will share the his remarks/comments with the groups addressed. He did ask that we strive to have a consistent flow with postures in the liturgy. Kneeling at the epiclesis (when the priest places his hands over the gifts on the Altar – just prior to consecration). The servers will ring the sanctuary bells at the time appropriate to kneel and I will pause to allow people time to kneel before continuing with the words of consecration. Each Eucharistic Prayer has a different time when the Epiclesis happens, so your indication to kneel will be when the servers ring the bells. If people are unable to kneel, I would ask that you be seated. The other posture is after coming back from receiving Communion. Remain standing until the Eucharist is placed back in the Tabernacle. Following this you may be seated or kneel taking a time for a prayer of thanksgiving for receiving Jesus' Body & Blood.

**Condolences to the Kim Family** — St. André Bessette parishioners extend our heartfelt condolences to Joyce Kim and family on the death of husband and father, Dook. Be assured of our prayerful support, Joyce, to you and your daughters Claire and Carey, son Andrew, and their families. May God Bless and strengthen you all at this time. The funeral for Dr. Dook Kim will be **Monday, April 24 at 11 am at St. Rose of Lima Church**. Please join us if you are able.

**Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** — This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church**. If you have any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up – St. Rose parishioners: Rick Karst 902-456-2744 rajkarst@yahoo.com, Albert Gibson 902-471-8514 agibson@caseyltd.ca, David Marshall 902-580-1600 davidmarshall12@bellaliant.net. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support KoC charitable activities in our community. The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event.

**Knights of Columbus to Honour St. Joseph** — This Sunday, April 23, everyone is invited to join the Knights of Columbus at St. Rose of Lima Church to honour St. Joseph (Canada's patron saint) with prayers for his intercession that will include the rosary and the Litany of St. Joseph. This will begin at 3pm.

**Catholic Women's League High Tea & Social** — The St. Bernard CWL invites everyone to its High Tea & Social on **May 27, 2023 from noon to 2 pm**. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by May 19. E-transfer payments can be made to st.bernardscwl@gmail.com. For more information, contact Paula King at 902-324-8758.

For those interested in **delving more deeply into Holy Scripture and the Mass**, please check out the following sites (also listed in more detail and linked on the website):

Journey through Scripture—**Parousia: The Bible and the Mass** by Dr. Scott Hahn  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>  
 Dr. Hahn's newest video series is called **Holy is His Name**.  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/streaming/>

**Magnificat Women's Breakfast** — Magnificat, Halifax Chapter, is delighted to announce the return of the Magnificat Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9 am to noon at St. Agnes Church, Mumford Road, Halifax. Hot (catered) breakfast, prayer, praise and worship, and testimony given by guest speaker, Angele Saulnier-Nicholson. Price: \$20. Pre-registration is required via email at magnificathalifax@gmail.com or call Maria Thibault at 902-860-3304.

**Beacon House Top 10 for April** — boxed cereal, canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, pudding cups, baby food, juice, mayonnaise, peanut butter, and nut-free granola bars.

## Family Formation News

- St. Rose of Lima P-8  
April 30 (wrap up Class and First Communion rehearsal at 9:45 am in the Church) - 9:45 to 10:45 am
- St. Bernard P-8  
April 30 (First Communion rehearsal at 10:00 am in the Church) - 10 to 11 am
- Confirmation Classes for April (6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima)  
April 23 - final Class/preparation for Confirmation  
April 30 - Confirmation rehearsal and parent/student meeting at 12:15 pm, St. Rose of Lima (lunch provided)
- May dates to note:  
 Sacrament of First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 7 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church.  
 Confirmation is Sunday, May 14 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Archbishop Dunn presiding.

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