



St. André Bessette Parish

Weekend 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 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

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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

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MID-AUGUST 2023 UPDATES

Confession Times in St. André Bessette Parish — With the recent adjustment to the Sunday Mass schedule, the following will be the opportunity for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Bernard (Enfield): Tuesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima (Fall River): Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit): Saturday 3:30 pm - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

If there is a need to postpone or cancel any of these times, notification will be in the parish bulletin or on the webpage.

Please also know that if these times are not conducive to your schedule, you can call the parish office and leave a message with your name and phone number for Fr. Gerald indicating that you would like to make an appointment. Also, prior to your confession, please do an examination of conscience (there are many different forms available). It helps to be concise in your confession. While there may be some minimal spiritual counsel in Confession, it's important to remember Confession is not a counselling session.

Parish Picnic and Variety Show — Mark your calendar! St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee is making plans to have a picnic (2:00 pm) followed by an outdoor Mass (4:00 pm) at Holy Cross the weekend of **September 16, 2023**. A family variety show is planned for **Sunday, November 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** at the Enfield Legion. If you would like to share your talent or know of anyone else who would, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com.

Fall Adult Faith Program — Our 10-week fall adult faith program, *Metanoia*, will begin on **Thursday, September 21**. Stay tuned for more information.

Feast Days of our Churches in Saint Andre Bessette:

Feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux — Sunday, August 20 is the Feast Day of St. Bernard. This year, our Church feast day falls on a Sunday. When this occurs, Sunday cannot be replaced by a Saints Day; however, we will offer some prayer on Sunday and commemorate the day as best we can.

Feast of St. Rose of Lima — Wednesday, August 23 is the Feast Day of St. Rose of Lima. Normally we have the celebration of the Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Rose, so we will celebrate Mass, followed by a Holy Hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). We will have Benediction at 8:00 pm. Please plan to attend and let's keep in prayer the intentions for our Parish of St. André Bessette. While there are many things to pray for and people to pray for, let's make the main intention during the Holy Hour for our Parish for the Domestic Church - for all families to return to the practice of the Faith and to grow in faithful obedience to the Father's will.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — Thursday, September 14 is the Feast Day for Holy Cross Church. We will gather for prayer on that day at Holy Cross (TBA). We will also gather as a Parish on **Saturday, September 16** for a picnic at 2:00 pm and Mass at 4:00 pm at Holy Cross Church and pray for the necessary unity among all our Churches in Faith and working together. This celebration of the Eucharist is being proposed as an outdoor Mass (weather permitting). In the event of rain, both the picnic and Mass will be inside.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed — Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at **Gate of Heaven Cemetery** on Sackville Drive in Lower Sackville on **Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 pm**. Please note that Mass is outdoors on the cemetery grounds and attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair. Rain location is Saint John Vianney Church, 4 Beaverbank Road, Lower Sackville.

Happy Summer — I pray we continue to enjoy the remaining weeks of August and September with some family and friends gathering. May we have our bodies and minds rested to look forward to September and the fall with a freshness and openness to God our Gracious Father's plan. ...*Fr. Gerald*

University Students — To all our young people from our Churches who are returning to studies or may be beginning studies, we pray you have a year of blessing and grow in the wisdom necessary to serve God joyfully. For students who are having to move away for studies, we will miss you and you will remain in our prayers. We ask that you not forget to pray for our Parish. Hopefully, you will join us in prayer as a member of our faith family when you do return home for your periodic visits.

St. Bernard Prayer Wall — The Ways & Means Committee is creating a prayer wall at St. Bernard. This is raising funds for the parish and will provide a peaceful area to pray. Plaques will be engraved and placed on the bricks. They can be purchased in memory of a loved one or on behalf of a person/family. There are 3 levels of donations - Gold is \$1000, Silver is \$500 and Bronze is \$250. For more information, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – This fall we are hoping to offer in the Parish of St. André Bessette a course for those who are asking to enter into the Catholic Church. We invite those who may be considering entrance into the Catholic Church to call the parish office and leave your name and contact information and Father Gerald will get back to you before the fall. If anyone of you knows of someone (family member, friend, neighbor) who might be considering this, please pass this information along to them.

Palliative Care, Grief and Bereavement (Ministry of Consolation) — We are pleased to announce that we are resuming the Palliative Care initiative that was just getting started when it was halted by the Pandemic. Now that restrictions are lifted, we will meet on **Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Mitchell Hall** for an Education and Planning session to get the program off the ground. There are currently 12 members registered for this Mission, but we have room for many more. If you are interested in supporting our Parish community in the areas of Palliative Care, Grief and Bereavement, please contact Jean Morris at 902-957-6047 or by email at jean.morris@eastlink.ca.

Mass Intentions for the week of August 21 to 27, 2023

Tuesday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Francis White** - Deceased
Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **John MacDonald** - Deceased
Thursday, August 24 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Allie MacDonell** - Deceased
Friday, August 25 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Joe Cripps** - Deceased
Saturday, August 26 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Beverley McIntyre** - Deceased
Sunday, August 27 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
Sunday, August 27 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Dr. Dook Kim** - Deceased