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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 (no Mass on February 7)
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

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Claire at the St. Bernard 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.

Pastor: Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
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Parish Staff

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Fall River Office:
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Wednesday at noon.)

Coordinator, Faith Formation:
Maria McDonald
902-576-2192
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**NOTE: The Mass scheduled for
Tuesday, February 7 at St.
Bernard is cancelled.**



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

The beauty of the Christian vocation truly comes through in this Sunday's Gospel. *Christ is not a lone ranger. He chooses to depend on Christians to carry forward His mission of Salvation. To be the world's 'salt' and 'light'* (from The Better Part: A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer). Through the Sacraments of the Church, we receive our invitation to this vocational mission. Baptism is the gate through which we enter, and full and active participation in the Eucharist/Reconciliation continues to sustain us as we participate in the ongoing mission of Christ. Confirmation seals us with the beauty of the Gift of the Holy Spirit which once again sustains and helps us to be that light in the world and salt to preserve and safeguard from spoil. Marriage/Priesthood/Consecration in the Single Life are the ways we live out and witness to Christ alive and active in our lives. As we live out our vocation, we are always in need of formation by being open to the Church and her teaching, sharing in the Divine Life as we participate in the Sacraments, and giving the Lord time throughout our everyday. Are we ready to be "salt of the earth and light for the world?" If not, then what is standing in the way of becoming ready? ...Fr. Gerald

Volunteers Needed! — St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners need your help! It only involves 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. Please contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.

Palms for Ash Wednesday — It's time to bring in your old palms so they can be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday (February 22). Please place them in the box provided at the church entrance.

Messages from Father Gerald...

The Way of the Cross — During Lent, we will be offering some reflective moments to help us enter into the Season more deeply. One of the highly-favored and greatest reflections on the Life, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is praying the Way of the Cross. I am proposing that we gather, celebrate and pray together on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will alternate weekly between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Each week, a different group will be responsible for leading the Community in this prayer. For the six Fridays (not including Good Friday), we will follow the order below::

St. Bernard

February 24 - Youth of the Parish

March 10 - Parish Leadership Team

March 24 - Catholic Women's League

St. Rose of Lima

March 3 - Pastoral Council

March 17 - Finance Council

March 31 - Knights of Columbus

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick) — On Saturday, February 11, we remember to pray for all of the sick and suffering in the world, our communities and our parish. We have a parish list of those we continue to lift up in our prayers at Mass and in our daily prayers. This is indeed a commendable thing to do. For those in our Community of Faith who are suffering from various ongoing illnesses (chronic pain/serious illness) join us, if you are able, for Mass on Thursday, February 9 at St. Bernard or Friday, February 10 at St. Rose of Lima and I will offer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who wish to come forward and receive it. Of course, if you know people in need of the Sacrament who are preparing for surgery and are unable to get to Church, please call one of the offices and I will make appointments to meet them. My plan is to eventually offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a designated Mass three or four times a year.

Feedback for the Weekday Mass Schedule — I have received some positive feedback for continuing with a start time of 6:30 pm for Tuesday and Wednesday evening Masses. Our schedule is organized so that two times during the week Mass is offered in the evening (one in Enfield and one in Fall River). This is intended to give those working weekdays an opportunity to get to Mass. Thank you to those who have given me feedback. If there are any others who would like to chime in, please feel free to do so..

Live-streaming the 11:00 am Mass — I am grateful to Jack Brown and Harry Brown for agreeing to regularly tend to our Sunday Mass live-streaming. Don MacKenzie and Phil Francis have assisted now and then on Sunday and in recent times, at the request of the family, at funerals. Thank you for all your assistance. This is an important ministry that extends the Mass to those who are sick and shut-in from our parish and connects them with the family of Faith. We are seeking others with technical expertise and a willingness to learn to run our live-stream. This will enable us to have teams to share the responsibility. **Please touch base with one of the parish offices to get connected with Jack Brown.** This is a parish outreach, so if you are from any of our three Churches in St. André Bessette Parish (or want to become an active member) and have some interest, please let us know.

Communion to the Sick and Shut-in — Beginning this weekend, we ask those bringing Holy Communion to our sick of shut-in brothers and sisters following Mass to **approach the Altar by way of the centre aisle after everyone has received Communion.** I, or in my absence the replacement priest or Deacon Dan, will place the number of hosts required in each pyx. A prayer and blessing will be said over you and you can leave and go directly to the homes of the sick or shut-in parishioners. You can also wait until the Mass is over. For those bringing Communion during a weekday or outside Mass times, please make arrangements to get access to the Church/Tabernacle.

Prayer of Commissioning for Ministries — This weekend we will Commission those who assist in the Ministry of Reader and as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I would like to invite all who have not yet been commissioned in these particular ministries to come forward after the homily at any of the four Masses. This also includes those who bring Communion to the sick and shut-in. It is important that we try to be in only one ministry during the celebration of the Mass. You may, after some time assisting as either Reader or Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, decide to switch. In any of our churches, we should have a sufficient number of people involved that no one has to be doing two or three ministries.

Adult Servers — If you are interested in assisting as a server at weekday Masses and at funeral Masses/services, please call one of the church offices and leave your name, phone number and email so we can begin to organize and train.

Musicians and Voices — When we decided to add a fourth Mass to our weekend schedule, it was under the condition that we would have our ministries covered and that there would be a choir for every Sunday Mass. Unfortunately, there are a couple of Sundays a month where we do not have a choir at St. Bernard. So we are putting out a call for people who play organ/guitar and voices to join with others to form a choir for those Sundays. Once again, as with all ministries, no choir or member is expected to participate in two Masses on a weekend. If you are interested in helping out, please contact one of the parish offices. Hopefully we can build a consistent schedule where no Sunday Mass is without voices and instruments.

Altar Servers for Sunday Masses — There have been a few young people come forward to assist in this ministry. It would be great to have a minimum of three servers for each Mass (more are welcome also). I would like those who have come forward to join others who are serving right now for training. I would like to thank Julie Gosselin and Diane Stead from St. Bernard and Jack Brown from St. Rose of Lima for agreeing to assist. Their help in coordinating our young people will enable us to get this ministry going. These people will soon be in touch with any young person who signed up to organize training and prepare a schedule.

St. Bernard CWL News

Tickets are for sale on a **Valentine Basket** to support the St. Bernard CWL. The cost is **\$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.** The basket includes all kinds of goodies including personal care items, various candy, 'non-alcoholic' beverage with two wine glasses. A shawl is wrapped around the basket. The winning ticket will be drawn on February 12.

The **Adult Prayer Shawl** and **Baptismal Prayer Shawl** Ministries are very active and well-received. The shawls are knitted/crocheted by ladies from our parish, blessed and shared — with individuals who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives and with children celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. It makes a difference to know that people care and are praying for them.


The CWL is **in need of knitters/crocheters, washable yarn, or monetary donations.** They are asking our parishioners and others to share their time and talent to help keep these two ministries going.

Thank you for your continued support. Blessings to you all. For further information, please contact Georgena MacIsaac, President, St. Bernard CWL at 902-883-9743.

Holy Cross Church Take-Out Pancake Supper — This is happening on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023.** Pick-up is between 4:00 and 5:30 pm at Holy Cross. Meal includes pancakes, sausages, beans, plus biscuits and dessert. Adults: \$10, Ages 5-12: \$6, Children under 5 eat free! Please call to pre-book — Betty Lou: 902-384-2961 or Judy: 902-384-2183.

Trivia Night Food Bank Fundraiser — The East Hants & Districts Chamber of Commerce (EHCC) is proud to bring you, the 6th Annual Trivia Night Food Bank Fundraiser. In memory of Susie McDonnell, this event has raised over \$30,000 since it began. This event will be taking place IN PERSON once again with Lightning Trivia with Adam on Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$100 for a team of up to 5! Teams can register by going to www.ehcc.ca. Question? You can email admin@ehcc.ca.

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 8. Baking supplies ie. muffin/cake mix
 9. Juice boxes
 10. Canned vegetables

THE WILD GOOSE

adult faith program has resumed. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm at Mitchell Hall in Fall River. New and prior participants are welcome to one or all sessions. YOU are invited to "Come and See" how the Holy Spirit prompts our hearts.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



St. Rose of Lima
P-8

February 19
9:45 to 10:45 am

St. Bernard
P-8

February 12 and 26
10:00 to 11:00 am