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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 **9:00 pm** (during Lent), 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.

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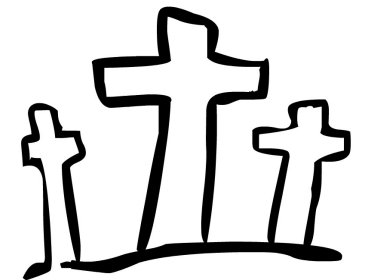
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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — On Thursdays following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Bernard, we will be extending the time of Adoration until 9:00 pm for the remainder of Lent. Adoration will be in the little Chapel area (Fr. Paul Granville Room). This will allow for more people to be able to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, especially during this Season of Lent. There must be at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. This does not mean that if there's two people you can't join - it would be great to have more people come and pray. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. Please ensure that all time periods are filled in with at least two people. Have a Blessed Lent!

The Way of the Cross — We will continue praying together The Way of the Cross this coming Friday evening, March 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church. Along with the Parish Leadership Team, who will be leading that evening, I invite you all to join in that time of prayer. The following week, Friday, March 17, we will gather at St. Rose of Lima Church at 7:00 pm. The Finance Council will be leading us in prayer that evening. Once again, I invite all from the Parish to join together in this prayer and reflection on Jesus' Way of the Cross.

We will gather two more times as follows:

St. Bernard: March 24 - Catholic Women's League
St. Rose of Lima: March 31 - Knights of Columbus

Check the website for new links to prayer and music resources for Lent.



Forgiveness Reflection

- This Thursday, March 9 at 3:00 pm, we will gather again at Holy Cross Church for our third of a four-week reflection on Forgiveness. This gathering will include a two-part video: **Part V - Body, Soul and Spirit** and **Part VI - Feeling! Excuse for not Forgiving**. Following reflection and discussion, we will pray together the Way of the Cross, after which we will enjoy a meal. We ask that you sign up if you are planning to attend. The sessions will conclude on March 16.
- Another opportunity will take place at in the Hall at St. Bernard on Tuesday, March 7 following the 6:30 pm Mass. This gathering will include a two-part video: **Part III Forgive and Forget = Guilt** and **Part IV - Childlike Forgiveness**. Future sessions with the video, reflection and discussion will run on the following dates: March 14 and March 21. Where we are beginning with Mass, we will not pray as a group the Way of the Cross. We ask that you sign up if you are planning to attend so we can prepare any materials.

Dispensation for Feast of Saint Patrick — This year the Memorial of Saint Patrick, March 17, coincides with a Lenten Friday. Given that this feast day has great importance to many of the faithful and possesses significant cultural and ethnic importance, Archbishop Dunn has dispensed Catholics in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth from the obligation of abstinence on that day.

Development & Peace: Share Lent — Archbishop Dunn has written a message to the faithful highlighting and supporting the work of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P). He recently met with members of the local Diocesan Council of D&P to hear more about their work locally and this year’s Share Lent campaign. Here are a few lines from this message: “Development and Peace has chosen **Create Hope** as its overall theme for the next five years and this was inspired by Pope Francis’ October 2021 address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements. In this first year, the campaign is **Create Hope: Stand for the land**. It invites us to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are struggling to defend their homelands by protecting their lands, waters and environments that sustain them. Contributions can be made online at Give now | Development and Peace (devp.org), by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

No Options No Choice — Deacon Larry Worthen works to educate Catholics in regard to medical assistance in dying, MAiD. The most recent project that he is a part of is a campaign called No Options No Choice. He says many people are concerned with the ever-expanding MAiD criteria and the numerous recent news reports about people who have chosen MAiD because alternatives were not available. Vulnerable people are choosing MAiD because of poverty, lack of proper housing, unavailability of palliative care, and the insufficiency of programs and supports for persons with disabilities and chronic conditions. This time next year, when legislation is expected to take effect, we will undoubtedly see people with mental health concerns choosing MAiD because of lack of proper mental health services and supports. The No Options No Choice campaign describes what is happening and gives a quick and convenient way to email concerns to provincial elected representatives. The website in English is NoOptionsNoChoice.com and in French is AucuneOptionAucunChoix.com. (This information was provided by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.)

Working Alone Best Practices Reminder — When only one staff member is present for office hours, the entry doors will be locked and only those expected and/or known to the employee will be granted entry. Please knock or ring the bell to be let in.

Litany of Humility

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honoured,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,
deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Beacon House Food Bank — Top 10 for March: boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned stew, juice, nut-free granola bars, pudding cups, baby food/cereal, diapers (sizes 4 and 5), baby wipes.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts — KOC Council 11625 of St. Bernard will be holding a Community Breakfast at the Enfield Fire Hall from **9:00 am until noon Sunday, March 26.**

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.

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Family Formation News

Chalice Fundraiser: Ticket Sales for a Paw Patrol Easter Basket

The Families of St. André Bessette Parish will be selling tickets on a **Paw Patrol Easter Basket** after Mass on Sunday, March 19, March 26 and April 2. Proceeds will go to support the Parish’s Chalice children. **The draw will be on April 2**, so the lucky winner will have the basket before Easter!

NOTE: Thank you to Fr. Phil Thibodeau for donating the basket to our Parish!

Classes in March:

<p>St. Rose of Lima P-8 March 5 9:45 to 10:45 am (11 am Mass to follow)</p>	<p>St. Bernard P-8 March 26 10:00 to 11:00 am (following 9 am Mass)</p>
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March Break is March 12-19. Enjoy!