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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 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

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

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)
... or by appointment

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

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Fr. Gerald David
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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.

Parish Office:

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 strose@standrebessette.net
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024

The journey through the Easter Season continues. Today, Peter gives us a glimpse of the young and ever-growing Church. The proclamation of God's saving mystery is shared and the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening to Peter speak. From this action of the Holy Spirit, Peter, who is filled with the Holy Spirit, prepares people's hearts and minds to receive the gift of Baptism, the gift of Faith!!! The power of the Holy Spirit does indeed work miracles, transforming hardened hearts and stubborn wills, directing people out of darkness into God's marvelous light. It is most wonderful when we see this happen, or better, when we experience the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work!!! I invite all of us as St. André Bessette Parish to PRAY FOR and to EXPECT a great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit as we approach the great Feast of Pentecost. This great outpouring of the Holy Spirit is to renew and refocus us on Jesus Christ and serving Him in His Holy Church, making the Gospel real and readable in our home Church (Domestic Church), for the children, for the youth, for the adults, for the clergy... everywhere and everyone. **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!!!**

Archdiocesan Annual Retreat for Priests — From May 5 to 10, I will be joining the priests of the Archdiocese for our Retreat in PEI. **There will be no weekday masses this week.** However on Thursday and Friday, Deacon Dan will lead a Liturgy of the Word at 9 am followed by a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at noon - Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima. Please know I will keep St. André Bessette Parish in my prayers during our daily Masses on Retreat.

Funeral Services during this week of Retreat — If there is a need for a funeral service this week, please contact Lynette at the Parish Office and she will reach out to Deacon Dan to assist you in making preparations. It would be a funeral service outside of Mass. If a Mass is desired, please make the preparations for after the Retreat ends.

Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) this week — If someone is in need of assistance, please contact Lynette at the Parish Office and Deacon Dan will go and offer prayers for the dying and Viaticum for those who may be able to receive Eucharist (the last Communion). Unfortunately, during the retreat, there will be no Sacrament of Anointing offered.

Month of May — During the month of May, we pay particular attention to devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. I encourage each of you individually and as family to commit to praying a daily rosary, seeking Our Blessed Mother's intercession for the manifold intentions for our Church, our family, and our world. On Tuesday evening at 6 pm before 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard, the Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary together. If there are any who might be interested in leading the rosary before the Wednesday evening Mass at St. Rose of Lima or after the 9 am Masses on Thursday and Friday, please let me know either by email or at the Parish Office. It's a wonderful devotion as well as a wonderful way to give Mary honour, for being the Mother of Christ and heeding her Son's entrustment of us to Mary and Mary to us.

Icon of Saint Joseph — At St. Bernard on Tuesday, May 21, we will incorporate into the Mass part of the prayer service which accompanies the Icon of Saint Joseph. I invite families and members of both Knights of Columbus Councils at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima as part of their spiritual program and formation. Each year as part of the spiritual program, this Icon of Saint Joseph is taken to various Churches and a time of prayer is offered seeking the intercession of Good Saint Joseph. Please come and join us for this special time of prayer for families, for our Parish of St. André Bessette, for the many and varied needs of our people, and for our own spiritual growth. **Good Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

Our Secretary, Kathleen Powell — Kathleen, who has been off on maternity leave, has resigned from her position as Parish Secretary. Kathleen served for 7 years, originally at St. Rose of Lima, and since 2020 within the newly-configured parish of St. André Bessette. On behalf of St. André Bessette Parish, I extend our thanks to Kathleen for her work as Secretary. We will pray for Kathleen and her family as she takes leave of the Parish Office.

CWL Mother's Day Basket Raffle

THINK! THINK! THINK! What to give Mom for Mother's Day?



Mother's Day is fast approaching (Sunday, May 12) and there is no better way to celebrate the day than to treat your mother with a beautiful gift basket full of surprises and delights. The St. Rose of Lima CWL ladies have put together a beautiful basket of treats and gift cards in time for Mother's Day, valued over \$400. The ladies will be selling tickets for this Mother's Day Basket at the entrance of St. Rose before and after Mass on May 5, and before Mass on May 12. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw for the basket will occur after Mass on May 12, Mother's Day.

From the Archdiocese....

Our Seminarians are back! In September 2023, we sent four men off to seminary. After a year of studies and formation, our seminarians have returned for the summer.

- Bruce Muise returns from his 1st year of theology studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON. He will put his funeral director experience to work as he spends the summer providing support to the team in our Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax office in the Catholic Diocesan Centre.
- Gregory Vess returns from his spiritual year at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, ON. Along with being active at his home parish of Stella Maris, Gregory will spend some time working out of our diocesan offices downtown working on projects for Priests for Life Canada.
- Nathan Hoffman also returns from his spiritual year at Saint Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, ON. He will serve in a variety of capacities at the Cathedral and spend the summer working.
- Morgan Wilson returns from his spiritual year at St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON. He will spend his summer in Truro and actively serve at Immaculate Conception, his home parish.

We are grateful for the year of formation that all our seminarians have had. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they take a break from their studies and serve in a variety of capacities across our Archdiocese this summer.

Magnificat Breakfast — Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm @ St. Agnes Church, Mumford Road

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/nova-scotia-halifax/>

Elmsdale Cemetery — The Elmsdale Cemetery (non-denominational) is looking at purchasing a columbarium. If you are interested in buying a columbarium at this location, please contact Ron Chisholm at 902-883-2872 or Charles Donaldson at 902-883-2311.

This Sunday at our 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, the following children of the parish will celebrate **First Holy Communion**:

<i>Audrey Jo Chisholm-Wells</i>	<i>John Daigle</i>	<i>Alexander Day</i>	<i>Kiya Ellis</i>
<i>Cole Fredericks</i>	<i>Ava Heinrichs</i>	<i>María Kempis</i>	<i>Xara Kihungi</i>
<i>Valentina Matos</i>	<i>John Prim</i>	<i>Rose Rudolph</i>	<i>Kaya Wiktoerek</i>

This is truly an exciting thing to celebrate. Congratulations to our children and thank you to the parents for continuing through with your responsibility and commitment to helping them grow in the Faith promised in Baptism. May they always hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life, Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life!

Steubenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12: July 5-7, 2024

Calling our youth to gather with a number of other youth from across our Atlantic Region to celebrate and be renewed in Faith. The conference will be held in Halifax and this year will be at Saint Mary's University. This year's theme is "illuminate" based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." I would like to ask and especially invite this year and last year's Confirmation candidates to participate in this opportunity to strengthen and further renew the fullness of the gift of their Faith. Please contact Maria McDonald at the Parish Office to register or enquire further.

This year's **Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, June 1 from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River. Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in the community. The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event. 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:



- Fall River area: Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 or rajkarst@yahoo.com, Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514 or agibson@caseyltd.ca, Joel Landry - 902-223-8408 or ljmece@gmail.com, David Marshall - 902-580-1600 or troymariam@gmail.com
- Enfield area: Darrell Nicholson - 902-220-9452 or darrell.nicholson68@gmail.com or drop off at 28 Elmwood Drive in Elmsdale

Beacon House Top 10 items required: boxed cereal, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, peanut-free granola bars, crackers, canned fruit, instant coffee/tea, diapers size 4, 5 and 6.

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