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# St. André Bessette Parish

### 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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### 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:

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## Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2024

This Sunday we hear of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a high mountain. Things were getting more and more intense, difficult, confusing for the disciples. Discouragement was beginning to take root. Jesus takes them up the mountain and is transfigured. These disciples are given a glimpse of the glory to be. Peter expressed "it is good for us to be here." It almost sounds as though Peter wanted to stay where Jesus brought them. He didn't understand what all this was about – there was a new hope, a sense of peace that couldn't fully be understood but "it was good for them to be there." Jesus' intention was primarily to lift their spirits and to try and give them greater confidence to continue. The Disciples must now go back down the mountain and continue to walk and minister with the hope they received. Although they did not fully understand, they would continue to stay close to Christ. Today as we celebrate the second week of Lent, we too are invited to take a glimpse of the glory of God, to remember that we continue trudging through with the Hope eternal. God is with us – Jesus is resurrected – the Holy Spirit is continuing to inspire and nurture our everyday. Let's hold on to that hope and may we continue to experience throughout Lent, the blessings in our everyday.

**Praying of the Rosary** — Each Tuesday night prior to the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard, members of the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the Rosary. Please join at 6 pm.

**The Way of the Cross** — This Friday, March 1, we will gather at St. Rose of Lima at 7 pm for the Praying of the Way of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be leading us. Come and be with us as we pray and reflect on the Way of Jesus' journey with the Cross. Thank you to all who will lead us in this walk with Jesus for our Salvation.

**The Way of the Cross and Rosary at Holy Cross** — These will be offered at 3 pm on Fridays during Lent.

**Formed.org** — Just a reminder to all parishioners that we have this site for Faith Formation, family conversation starters, small group discussion, family movie night, and so much more. This gift which is easy to use in the comfort of our own homes. Please take advantage of it!

We are getting a new phone system at the parish office. More information to follow in the next week.

### Holy Week Schedule

This year we are planning to celebrate our Triduum together as a Parish. The following is the proposed Triduum schedule:  
**Holy Thursday** (March 28) - 7:30 pm @ St. Bernard  
**Good Friday** (March 29) - 1 pm @ Holy Cross; 3 pm @ St. Bernard; 3 pm @ St. Rose of Lima  
**Easter Vigil** (March 30) - 8 pm @ St. Bernard  
**Easter Sunday** (March 31) - 9 am @ St. Bernard; 10 am @ Holy Cross; 11 am @ St. Rose of Lima

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction** — During Lent, every Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima, we will extend the time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm, when those gathered will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and close off time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. Please come and spend some time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we need to make sure that there are **at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times**. My hope is that in addition to those scheduled there will be many others coming to spend time with the Lord ... 10 min... 15... 30 .... 1 hr. This extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is for the benefit of the entire parish. Please plan to join in some quiet reflective time.

**Holy Cross during Lent** — Deacon Dan and Fr. Gerald will be alternating weeks offering Mass (Fr. Gerald)/Liturgy of the Word (Deacon Dan) at 12 noon on Tuesdays, followed by a Lenten Program using Lectio: Unveiling Scripture & Tradition on the Eucharist. This week, on February 27, Deacon Dan will lead reflection with Liturgy of the Word and Session II of the video series — *In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice*.

**The Forgiveness Video Series** — Last week we viewed and had some discussion about Part I – Introduction and Children of God as well as Part II – Passion and the Suffering of Jesus. This coming Wednesday, February 28, after the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima, we will view and discuss Part III – Forgive and Forget=Guilt and Part IV – Childlike Forgiveness. Please come and join us as we go deeper with the call to Forgiveness.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Catechumen and Candidates** — Last Sunday, Wayne Hillier was received by Archbishop Dunn, along with 29 others throughout our Archdiocese, for Baptism and the Easter Sacraments. With the Rite Election, Wayne now takes the next leg of the journey toward the reception of Baptism/Confirmation/First Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. Shelby Hillier and Alex Carmichael were received into the Lenten journey of renewal. Shelby and Alex are already baptized and prepare now to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Season. I invite you to keep Wayne, Shelby and Alex in your daily prayers as they journey with us more closely to the beautiful Sacraments and Grace of Easter.

**Celebration of the Scrutinies** — As we enter into a more spiritual time of preparation, with the Catechumen to be baptized and Candidates for Confirmation, we journey with the whole community of Faith to have a more intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church. For the Catechumen preparing for Baptism, this means a deeper self-knowledge through a serious examination of his life and true repentance. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the Scrutinies. Using the Gospel of the Woman at the Well for the Third Sunday of Lent, we will accentuate that the spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we will use the Gospel of the man born blind, emphasizing Christ being the light of the World. And finally, with the third Scrutiny we will use the Gospel of Lazarus to emphasize Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life. From the first to the final Scrutiny, the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation and prepare for the celebration of the three Sacraments of Initiation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

### Month of March: Family Formation Program

March 3 P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Rose of Lima (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)  
 Confirmation Class (students/parents) following the 11 am Mass

March 10 **March Break**  
 March 17 **No classes either site**

March 24 P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass  
 Confirmation Class (students) following 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima

March 31 **Easter Weekend — No classes**

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For further information, please contact either:

- Rick Karst, KOC Council 8387 Fall River @ 902-456-2744/rajkarst@yahoo.com (students attending St. Rose of Lima/ Lockview High)
- John Steele, KOC Council 11625 Enfield @ 902-883-9471/ john.steele.67@gmail.com (students attending St. Bernard/ Hants East High)

### Mass Intentions for the week of February 26 to March 3, 2024

Tuesday, February 27 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Howard Hasiuk †  
 Wednesday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Dorothy Lutz  
 Thursday, February 29 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - John Baptiste Doucet †  
 Friday, March 1 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Penney Francis  
 Saturday, March 2 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Brenda O'Grady †  
 Sunday, March 3 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Wilfred Dillman †  
 Sunday, March 3 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

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