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All in-person Masses are cancelled until further notice. The LIVE-STREAMED MASS (Sunday @ 11AM) may be found on Facebook at St. André Bessette Parish or go to our parish website [strosefallriver.com](http://strosefallriver.com) and click on the live-Mass link.

Phase 3 of the NS Public Health re-opening plan is expected to go into effect on June 30 and will allow 50% capacity up to 100 people for in-person faith gatherings. This is the number we had prior to the latest shutdown. As things unfold, we will confirm the start date for church openings, but are hopeful we can re-open for in-person Mass on July 4. Please continue to check the parish webpage and watch for Fr. Michael's emails regarding the latest developments and re-opening plans.

Reminder PARISH OFFICES are closed until further notice.

Please phone or email and we will make every effort to respond as soon as possible: St. Bernard's (902-883-2660) and St. Rose of Lima (902-860-0475). Contact Fr. Michael Walsh at ([pastorstbroandrep parish@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstbroandrep parish@gmail.com)).

During the current shutdown it is more important than ever to keep each other in prayer. Please remember our Confirmation and First Communion candidates as they journey towards the celebration of these sacraments. Also please remember those whose health is affected by all that has happened since the beginning of 2020 and be kind in prayer and deed.

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The submission deadline for the next issue of the Bessette Gazette is AUGUST 13 ([ann.vessey@dal.ca](mailto:ann.vessey@dal.ca)).

## A Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father,  
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Lord bless all fathers with wisdom and humility. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. Amen

A silhouette of a man lifting a child into the air, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over water. The man is standing on the right side of the image, and the child is being held high above his head. The background shows a horizon line with a warm, orange glow from the sun.

BURNING HEARTS

## St. Andre Bessette Parish - Catechism Corner

Confirmation has been postponed until Fall 2021. There is currently no defined timeline for church reopening and therefore we had to postpone.

We have not made final decisions on First Communion and await direction from the Diocese on public health changes.



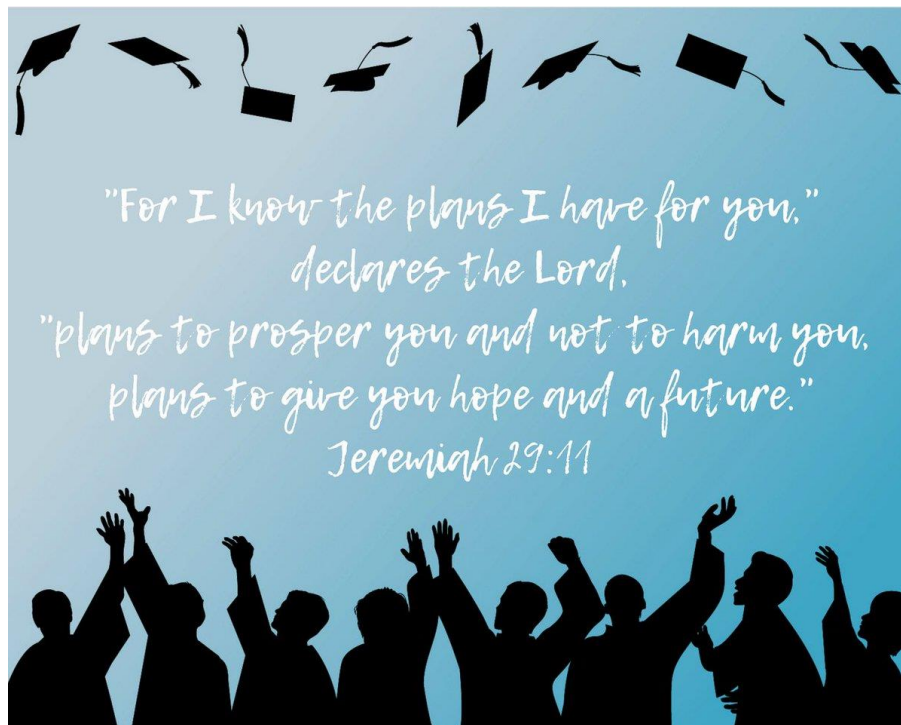
We are actively engaged in preparations for a full catechism program in the fall of 2021. We plan to focus on family catechesis which will change the program format for some areas of the parish.

We are currently recruiting for a Director of Children & Youth Faith Formation. Information on the position and how to apply can be found on the St. Andre Bessette Parish website. This position is critical for us to launch a complete catechism program in the fall. **PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS.**

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Congratulations to our St. Andre Bessette Parish high school and university graduates.

May God continue to bless your future endeavors, and may you walk with Jesus on life's journey.





The news of the discovery of the unnamed graves of 215 children on the site of the former Kamloops Residential School continues to weigh heavy on the hearts and minds of people across our country. Locally, it strikes close to home because of our diocese's involvement with the Shubenacadie Residential School.



Parishioners are encouraged to visit the memorial set up at the St. Bernard's Park gazebo in honour of the 215 children whose remains were discovered at the former Kamloops Indian residential School.

### From the Arch Diocese:

On Sunday, June 6 Archbishop Dunn offered the 10:30am Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica for the repose of the souls of the 215 children found in Kamloops. During his homily he shared his reflections on residential schools and offered his apology and support to our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters. He spoke

of what our Church has done in the recent past as well as what he hopes we can continue to do moving forward. Archbishop Dunn's homily where he speaks of the residential schools can be viewed at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_JZ\\_YDZXKghe](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_JZ_YDZXKghe)

Creator God, Holy Mystery, Source of Life and Love  
Thank you for the gift of life, all life.

Thank you for the endless ways we are reminded that we are connected – all peoples, all the creatures, all plants, all lands, all waters, and the air around us.

When one part suffers, the pain ripples out.

Our hearts ache today with the pain felt by our Mi'kmaq relatives, who have suffered violence, disrespect, threats, discrimination, and broken trusts as they participated in residential schools.

May they be surrounded with healing and strength.

May they feel solidarity and support.

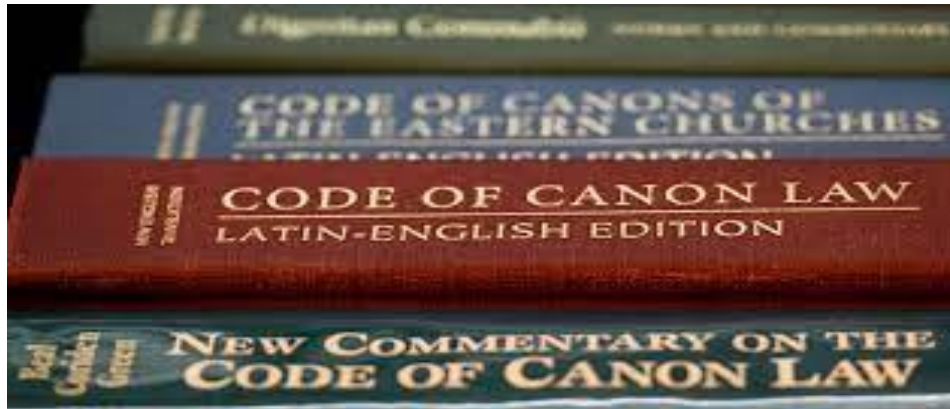
We pray for all of us. May there be healing for the pain, fear or anger that has driven some to harmful words and actions, and others to silence. We pray for openness to the righting of relationships.

We pray for our leaders at every level. May they be guided by wisdom and humility. May they use their voices and their power to build systems that uphold safety, dignity, and respect for all.

Finally, we pray for ourselves, that our hearts and our minds remain open to understanding our responsibilities toward living into Peace and Friendship, knowing we are all still Treaty people.



## Q&A with Father Michael



Here is a situation I have been asked many times by parishioners:

*"I went to a funeral mass for a dear friend on Saturday morning and received communion. Then I went to the Saturday evening mass and received communion. My friend told me I can only receive communion once a day. How many times a day may I receive communion?"*

Dear Parishioner:

Canon 917 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law states: "A person who has received the Most Holy Eucharist may receive it a second time on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates, with due regard for the prescription of Canon 921, 2." Canon 921, 2 states, "Even if they have received Communion in the same day, those who are in danger of death are strongly urged to receive again." The short answer is a person may receive a second time in one day at Mass, a third time (viaticum) if they are in danger of death.

Please note the canon states the second time receiving communion should be at Mass. The person must participate in the whole mass to receive communion. The wisdom of the Church is that the reception of communion should never be isolated from the rest of the Mass. To separate the sacrifice of Jesus from the reception of communion would be separating us from experiencing the love of God for us revealed in the sacrifice of the Mass.

There are two other considerations regarding the reception of Holy Communion:

- 1) The 1983 Code of Canon Law c. 916 states: "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess; in this case the person is to remember the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible." Please note the canonical requirement regarding reception of the Eucharist in this canon pertains to grave, not venial sin.
- 2) The 1983 Code states in Can. 919 §1. "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine." Please note the fast period before receiving Holy Communion is reduced by law to approximately 15 minutes for those who are sick at home or at a hospital, those elderly confined to home or a nursing home and those who care for these people and who are unable conveniently to observe the fast.

The Church in her prudence provides these laws to help us have a balanced spiritual life, avoiding extremes that could lead us away from experiencing the Lord's love.

**Rev. Michael J. Walsh, J.C.L.**

Email: [pastorstbroandreparish@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstbroandreparish@gmail.com)



### St. Bernard's CWL

Please note the CWL June banquet has been postponed to September 14.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to find out more about the CWL, you are encouraged to contact our CWL President Sarah White (902-883-9246) or by email ([st.bernardscwl@gmail.com](mailto:st.bernardscwl@gmail.com)).

Our next regular meeting will be October 5.



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### Council 8387 St. Rose of Lima

If summer finds you busy cleaning out your basement, garage, closets, or cupboards why not donate your items for our Fall Yard Sale. Once restrictions permit, contact Francis White at 902-860-1981 to arrange drop-off or pick-up of items you wish to donate.

The date for the Fall Yard Sale will be included in the August issue of the Bessette Gazette.

### Council 11625 St. Bernards

This third lockdown has been difficult for everyone. It has prevented us from being able to engage in our usual activities, and we have not been able to see our family and friends. The best we can do is continue to pray and support each other. As Catholic Knights, we recall the words of the Apostle Saint John:

*"He that hath the substance of this world, and shall see his brother in need, and shall shut up his bowels from him: how doth the charity of God abide in him?" 1 John 3:17, DRA*

This pandemic has increased the need for action to support our Church and surrounding communities. Below is an update of our activities over the past few months:

- We made a focused effort to increase access to the liturgy.
- We provided ushering services at St. Bernard's to support public health compliance.
- We contributed \$1,000 to the parish's broadcasting equipment to livestream mass.
- We donated \$250 to Mass for Shut-Ins.
- We supported vocations by providing financial contributions to newly ordained priests.
- We answered the Most Reverend Bishop Dunn's call to support the people of India by donating \$450 to Development and Peace.
- We have provided \$1,000 to support a Syrian family moving to Nova Scotia.
- We provided \$3000 toward the construction of the 'Heavenly Scoop' ice cream stand and provided the skill, know-how and labour to build it.

We are hosting a Canada Day Cold Plate Take-Out at the Enfield Legion to raise the funds to continue our work. See flyer below for more details.

Finally, we wish to announce the results of the recent Council Officer Election for 2021/21:

#### Officer Positions

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Recorder  
Treasurer  
Advocate  
Warden  
Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
One Year Trustee  
Two Year Trustee  
Three Year Trustee

#### Elected

Mahar, Jordan  
Babineau, Nicholas V.  
Murphy, Paul E.  
Begin, John D.  
Mac Donnell, Roderick  
Benson, Harold L.  
MacLean, Joseph C.  
Saulnier, Kenneth P.  
Lundrigan, Joseph R.  
King, Peter M.  
Le Jeune, Hans A.  
Howlett, Vernon J.

If you have any concerns, suggestions or want to learn more about our Catholic fraternity, I encourage you to contact me by email ([gk11625nskofc@gmail.com](mailto:gk11625nskofc@gmail.com)).

In Christ, Jordan Mahar, Grand Knight Elect



If you or someone you know wishes to be remembered in prayer, please contact Anne Marie Frame (902-883-2703). Please have the permission of the person before asking to have them added to the list and remember to contact Anne Marie to remove the person from the list when the need for prayers ceases.

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### Beacon House Interfaith Society

Good News! Beacon House Retail Store has reopened with limited staff and following provincial health guidelines. For Retail Store and Donation Door hours, please refer to our Facebook page or our website <https://beaconhousens.org/>.



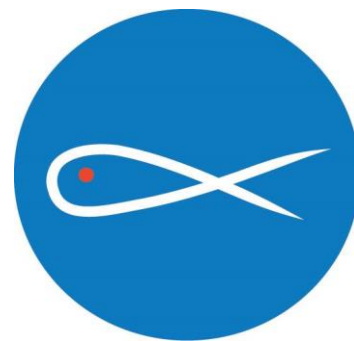
Suggestions for donations for the Food Bank over the summer months include:

- WHOLE GRAIN CEREAL
- NUT-FREE GRANOLA BARS
- CANNED SOUP
- PUDDING/FRUIT CUPS
- CANNED BEANS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- CANNED FRUIT
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- BOXED CRACKERS/COOKIES
- GENERAL TOILETRIES

Items for the Food Bank can be dropped off during regular hours. When St. Rose of Lima Church reopens, food items can also be left in the **Beacon House Box** in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We are a Catholic lay organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We could not fulfill our mission without the continued and generous support of the parishioners of St. Andre Bessette. Donations to this ministry are gratefully accepted and can be left at either Parish Office.



During the past three months we have helped families from Waverley to Enfield with the following: Heating Oil (\$850), Meals on Wheels (\$256); Rent (\$368); Personal Items (\$420); and Food Gift Cards (\$300).

As noted above, we provide financial assistance with rent, power, heat, medical requirements and prescriptions, food, as well as information about local Food Banks and Beacon House. We also assist with a Hand in Hand Store in Spryfield, Hope Cottage in Halifax and Beacon House in Sackville.

If you would like information regarding the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; would like to make a charitable donation; or you know someone in need of support, please leave a message on our answering machine that is checked daily:

 **902-476-8626**



Will you have extra time to knit over the summer holidays? The St. Rose **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will provide the yarn and the instructions if you would like to create a prayer shawl for a sick or house-bound person. All knitters welcome! Contact MaryAnne Carew for details ([carew.maryanne@gmail.com](mailto:carew.maryanne@gmail.com)). If you know of anyone who would like to receive a prayer shawl, please let MaryAnne know. Thank you!!

# *Congratulations!*

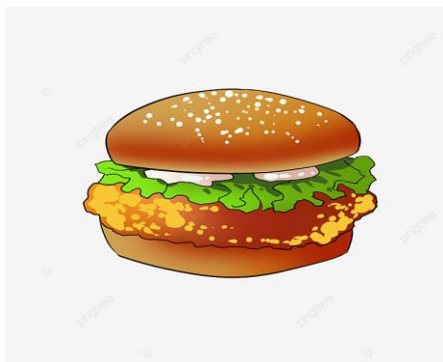
The St. Rose of Lima Scholarship Selection Committee (made up of Parish Council, CWL and Knights of Columbus representatives) is pleased to announce the 2021 award recipients:

*Shirley Anne Fraser Memorial Bursary*  
*Brighid Connolly*

*Knights of Columbus Jesso/Meagher Memorial Stewardship Bursary*  
*Braden Marshall*

*Houlihan Family Scholarship*  
*Simon Doucette*

## CHICKENBURGER TAKE-OUT SUPPER!



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**or**

**1 Chickenburger \$3.50 and Apple Crisp \$3.50**

Fundraiser in support of the Riverlakes Syrian Refugees.

## Heavenly Scoop Ice Cream Stand



Exciting news! Plans are coming together nICEly for the

*Heavenly Scoop Ice Cream Stand*  
*Grand Opening*

at St. Bernard's Church (Enfield).

For more information, please contact Joe MacLean (902-997-1983) or Sarah White (902-499-7216 / [smwhitey@outlook.com](mailto:smwhitey@outlook.com)).



St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus (Enfield)

**JULY 1st Cold Plate Take Out Supper**

**Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Pick up @ the Enfield Legion (3pm – 5pm)

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#2. Shelled Lobster @ \$25.

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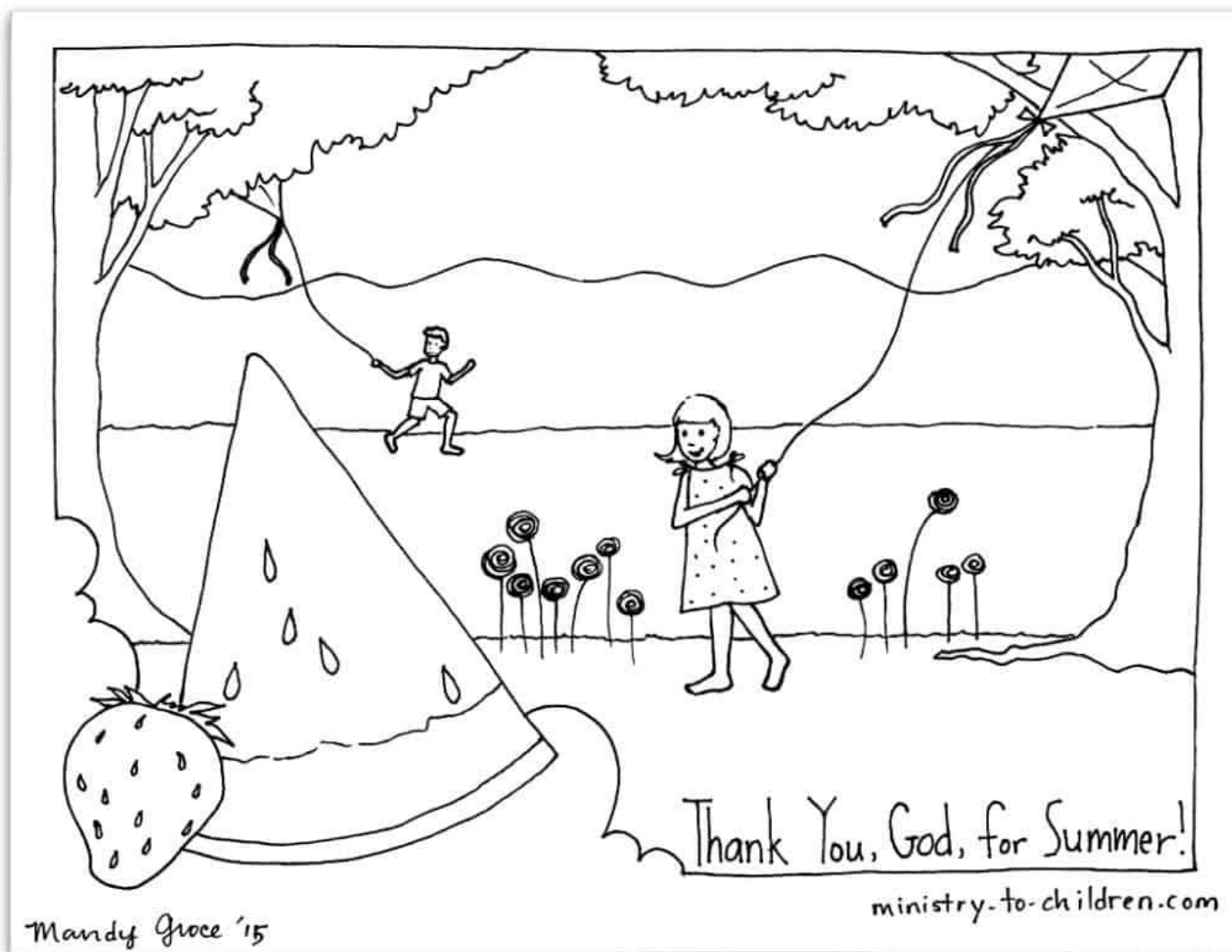
Pre-order ONLY before June 23 (6pm).

Email/E-transfer: [kocevent21@gmail.com](mailto:kocevent21@gmail.com)

For further information contact Joe MacLean (902-997-1983 or 902-882-9932).







Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.  
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

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