

THE BESSETTE GAZETTE

HOLY CROSS CHURCH/ST. BERNARD
CHURCH/ ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

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Mass Times

Please note the weekly Mass schedule at St. Rose and St. Bernard has resumed:

Wednesday 9 AM at St. Rose

Thursday 9 AM at St. Bernard's

Saturday:

Holy Cross @ 4:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima @ 4:00 PM

Sunday:

St. Bernard @ 9:00 AM

St. Rose of Lima @ 11:00 AM

MASS REGISTRATION: Just a reminder that If you have not previously registered for in person mass at the churches in Enfield and Fall River please do so. Please indicate how many people you are registering when you contact us. Names will be accepted for the weekend up until 10:00 am the Thursday before the weekend.)

If you wish to attend mass at St. Rose, please contact Linda at 902-860-0475 or strose@eastlink.ca

If you wish to attend mass at St. Bernard, please contact Claire at 902-883-2660 or stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.

Numbers at Holy Cross are limited and parishioners there make arrangements for that church.

Office Hours:

St. Bernard's - Tuesday to Friday (9AM-12:30 PM)

St. Rose of Lima - Tuesday to Thursday (9AM-2:00 PM)

Sacrament of Baptism:

During the COVID-19 pandemic baptism will be celebrated the last Sunday of the month following mass. Contact either parish office to arrange sacramental preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

(by scheduled time or appointment)

Next scheduled times:

Saturday May 1 - St Bernard 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Saturday May 8 - St Rose 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Communion to the Homebound/Sick by

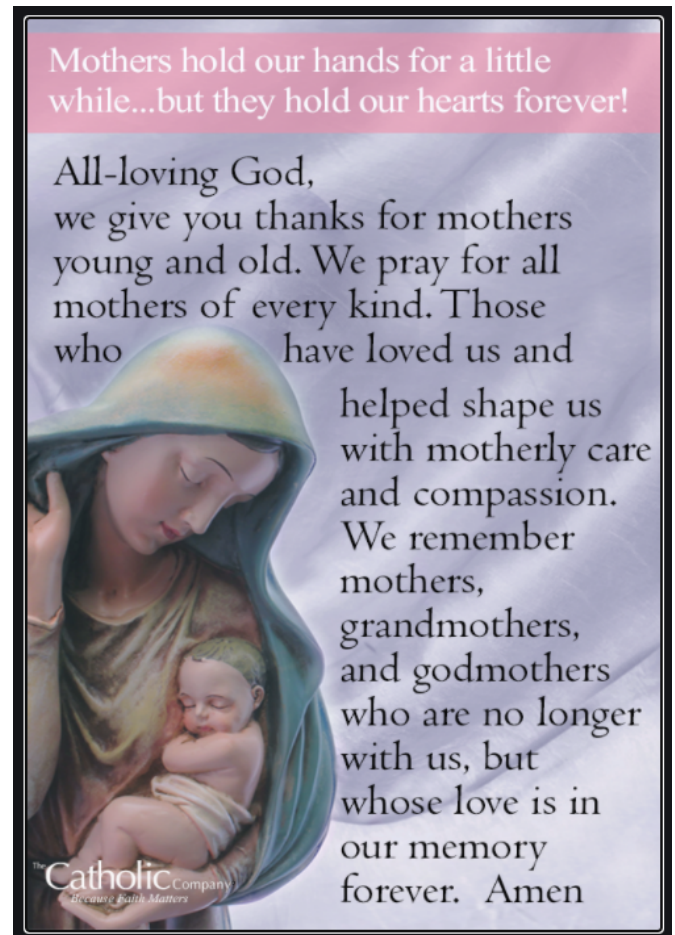
parishioners is not permitted at this time.

Requests for viaticum (communion for the dying) should be made to Fr. Michael.

Parish Offices: We continue to ask you to observe the following procedures when visiting the parish office:

- Only one visitor at a time is permitted in the office.
- When waiting to go into the office, physical distancing must be observed.
- Masks must be worn by staff when a visitor is in the office; visitors must wear a mask in the office.
- Hand sanitizer must be used when entering the church office.

Parish Structure: St. Bernard's had its first meeting of its Church Council on March 29 and the other churches will soon have theirs. Membership of the Church Councils will be published once all three are in place. Each church has a Council to help with matters particular to that church. Required areas of pastoral concern are: Property Maintenance, Cemetery (where applicable), Social Justice and Charity, Catechetics (family based), Spirituality and Liturgy, and Hospitality. A Pastoral Council for the parish is in process of being formed. Briefly phrased, the Pastoral Council will propose ways we can fulfill Christ's mission as a Church. An announcement will be made when the Pastoral Council is in place.



Responsibility Ministry: You may have heard of the Responsible Ministry Program when the church began doing police checks on people before allowing them to participate in church work. It is our hope that RM can be much more than an administrative function in the parish, that is, filling out papers to meet a requirement.

We want to create an environment where people know they are safe when they are in the care of our parish. This requires a person called a Responsibility Ministry Coordinator for each parish. Our Leadership Team is working to find a person for this important ministry and will announce her/his appointment once a person is in place.



Share-Year-Round: Double your Impact

Thanks to a group of generous religious communities, there is no better time to become a monthly donor! From Ash Wednesday (February 17) to Pentecost (May 23), new monthly donors will see their contributions matched for a year, dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$130,000. If you're already part of our Share Year-Round program, you can also take advantage of this special fund by calling us (1-888-234-8533) to increase your monthly gift!

Your monthly contribution ensures our partners can support marginalized communities in their search for justice and adapt to new challenges like COVID-19. Visit devp.org/shareyearround to join the Share Year-Round program, or check out the Share Year-Round brochure for more information.

Easter Flower Donations

A special thank you for those who made a donation in memory of loved ones toward the beautiful flowers to decorate our churches for the Easter season.

At Holy Cross Church donations were received in memory of the following:

- Augustin Family
- Daniel Bellefontaine
- Muriel & Gordon Bellefontaine
- Leo & John Benere
- Harry Burgess
- John Chisholm
- Ray & Marian Dillman
- Andy & Martina Doyle
- Eleanor & Bob Killen
- Renee & John MacIntyre
- Lo & Joan Stevens
- Daniel Thibault

At St. Rose of Lima Church the names of loved ones who donations were received in their memory are noted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Mass Live Streamed

The live stream mass may be found on Facebook at St. André Bessette Parish or go to our parish website strosefallriver.com and click on the live mass link/box.

Live-Stream Mass Improvements: Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we have reached our goal of \$3000 to purchase the video equipment required to improve the video quality of our weekly live-stream mass. It has been brought to our attention, we need to purchase additional accessories that we had not previously accounted for.

Donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. If you are able to make a contribution to the Live-Stream improvement project, please include your name and address with your contribution in an envelope marked "Technology". Thank you.



Class of 2021

Grade 12 students at St. Rose of Lima:

Applications for the year-end scholarship will be available on the parish website as well as at the entrance to the church.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Fall River would like to thank everyone who generously donated to our Lenten Food Drive for Beacon House. Your generosity and willingness to help those in need throughout our communities is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to continue supporting the less fortunate in our communities by donating regularly to your local food bank.

Below is a list provided by Beacon House representing April's Top 10 needs:

1. Canned Fruit
2. Miracle Whip
3. Peanut Butter
4. Whole Grain Cereals
5. Granola Bars (Nut Free)
6. Canned Meat
7. Canned Beans in Tomato Sauce
8. Kraft Dinner
9. Crackers
10. Cookies



St. Bernard's CWL

We would like to thank everyone who supported our take-out Fish Chowder. It was a great success!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry remains active during Covid 19. If you know of someone who would be comforted by a Prayer Shawl, please contact Marlene Underhill (902-883-8723).

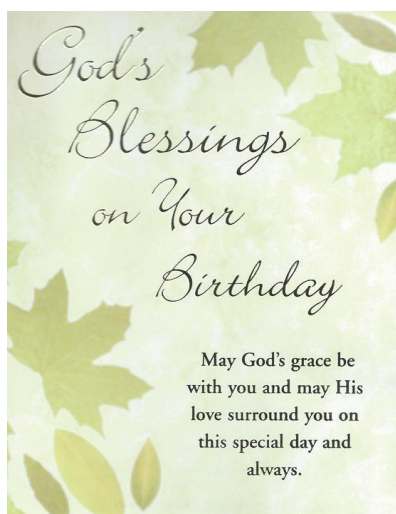
Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 and we continue to meet virtually. New members are welcome. If you would like to find out more about the CWL, please contact Sarah White, CWL President by phone (902-883-9246) or by email (st.bernardscwl@gmail.com).



The St. Rose of Lima Prayer Shawl Ministry is off to a wonderful start. Money has been donated to purchase yarn to make prayer shawls/blankets.

Prayer Shawls/Blankets are made with loving hands and heart-felt prayers, then collected, blessed and distributed to individuals who would be comforted by receiving a soft and warm gift. To date, we have distributed three prayer shawls.

We are still looking for experienced and not-so-experienced knitters and crocheters to join our Ministry. If you are interested, please contact MaryAnne Carew (carew.maryanne@gmail.com).



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Knights of Columbus Council 8387 (St. Rose of Lima)

Upcoming Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm. We welcome all members to attend the upcoming meetings. Please check your email for meeting details.

KOC Council 8387 St. Rose of Lima Spring Yard Sale.

We are collecting donations for the Spring yard sale to be held Saturday, May 29 (rain date June 5). Are you Downsizing? Empty nester? Spring Cleaning? Please call Francis White at 902-860-1981 to arrange drop-off or pick-up of items you wish to donate.

Website documents on the use of COVID19 vaccines

There have been questions concerning the use of Covid19 vaccines and the moral acceptability of the various vaccines. Below we have listed some websites for those who have questions on this matter.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:
http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CLARIFICATION-CCCB-Statement-on-COVID-19-Vaccine-Choice-9-March-2021-EN.pdf>

Western Canadian and NWT Bishops:
https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020_12_02_Letter-to-the-faithful-on-Vaccines.pdf_English.pdf

Priests for Life Canada:
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/82d525d9-916a-49a1-b8ae-bc0682b05e8b>



Chili Luncheon

St. John's United Church KOGA Youth Group
 Saturday, April 24 (11:30 AM - 1 PM)
 Cost: \$10 Menu: Bowl of Chili, Roll & Cookie
 Drive-Through Take-Out Service Only.
 St. John's United Church, 3360 Highway #2, Fall River



St. Andre Bessette Parish - Catechism Corner

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Sacrament preparation at St. Andre Bessette Parish is still in full swing. Children are preparing for First Reconciliation and some have already received this sacrament. They are also preparing for First Communion and working through the preparation materials with parents and catechists.

First Communion will take place in small groups at our regular weekend Liturgies throughout the month of May.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The youth preparing for Confirmation at St. Bernard's community completed their retreat recently, and youth preparing for Confirmation at St. Rose of Lima will attend their retreat on Sunday, April 18 (1:00 PM). We have thirty-four youth preparing for Confirmation in our Parish. We will be celebrating Confirmation at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5 at St. Bernard's and Thursday, May 6 at St. Rose of Lima. Archbishop Brian Dunn will be the Celebrant, and this will be his first pastoral visit to our parish. Please keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the gifts of the Spirit in Confirmation and enter the Church as mature Catholics.

The next Family Mass will be Sunday, May 2 at 11:00 AM at St. Rose of Lima Church.

We have much to be thankful for and much to pray for. We will soon begin recruiting for a Director of Religious Education to prepare for a full catechism program in the fall. Please pray that a suitable candidate will be called forward to serve in this very important role within our Parish community.



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