

THE BESSETTE GAZETTE

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St. Andre Bessette Parish



Dear Parishioners,

We have now reached a modified Phase 5. This means the following:

- Numbers are limited to the capacity of the church according to fire restrictions.
- Masks must be worn when in the church and removed only when receiving communion.
- Missals, bulletins, hymn books, etc. may return to the pews.
- Other measures are permitted but will take time to implement.

Archbishop Dunn has encouraged those who have not been vaccinated to do so for their well being and the protection of others. Please continue to check the Archdiocese and Parish websites and Fr. Michael's emails for Covid-19 updates.

NO SCENTS PLEASE

As people return to in-person Mass, this is a good time to remind everyone to be aware of the scented products they use and the effect such products can have on others. Scented products such as perfumes, colognes, dryer sheets, hair products, etc. can cause serious health issues for people with sensitivities. Please strive to be scent free.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

*Saturday: 4:00 PM @ Holy Cross
4:00 PM @ St. Rose of Lima*

*Sunday: 9:00 AM @ St. Bernard
11:00 AM @ St. Rose of Lima*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

*Wednesday: 9:00 AM @ St. Rose of Lima
Thursday: 9:00 AM @ St. Bernard*

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM MASS

The Sunday 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.

If you have questions, please contact us and we will make every effort to respond as soon as possible:

St. Bernard: 902-883-2660 or stbernardsenfield@gmail.com

St. Rose of Lima: 902-860-0475 or strose@eastlink.ca

Fr. Michael Walsh: pastorstbroandeparish@gmail.com

The copy deadline for the next issue of the Bessette Gazette is Friday, December 3. Please forward copy to ann.vessey@dal.ca.

St. Andre Bessette Parish Catechism Corner



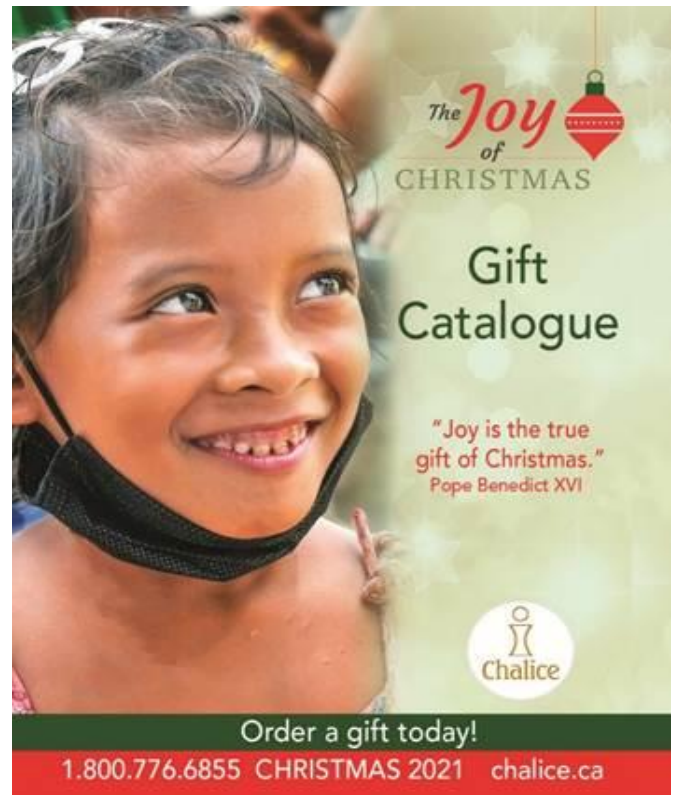
Plans are underway for a full catechism program that includes sacrament preparation for the parish. The program is targeted to begin in January. The program will be a hybrid model that includes monthly gatherings that support a Family Catechetical program.

We will launch with our first Family Mass on the first Sunday of Advent - the last weekend of November. Families are invited to gather before Mass for some Advent activities to bring families into this time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christmas.

Catechism registration will take place on the weekend of December 4th and 5th. Watch for emails with registration information in the next two weeks.



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. A list of those individuals on the current Prayer List can be found in Fr. Michael's weekly email.



Separated and Divorced Catholics: Healing and Reconciliation

Marriage is a lifetime commitment; however, separation and divorce can occur resulting in wounds of stress and pain. The Catholic Church seeks to reach out to divorced people to help heal the wounds, while affirming its teaching on the permanence of marriage. Anyone interested can contact the marriage tribunal in the diocese where one lives.

For more information, please view our website: www.halifaxymouth/marriage-tribunal or contact Cathy Targett (ctargett@halifaxymouth.org or 902-429-9800 ext. 321).



Council 8387 St. Rose of Lima

Upcoming Meetings: The Knights of Columbus meet for 7 PM the first Wednesday of the month at St. Rose of Lima Church. All members are encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 1. For anyone looking for information on how to join, please contact Rick Karst (902-456-2744 or rajckarst@yahoo.com).

Hope Cottage Socks, Hats & Mitts Drive: The Knights of Columbus will again be collecting hats, socks, mittens and gloves for Hope Cottage until November 30. There is a box at the back of the Church where you can leave your donations.

Christmas Tree Sales start Saturday, November 27. The tree lot will be setup beside the St. Rose Church driveway. Hours are Monday to Friday (4:30 - 7:30pm) and Saturday & Sunday (10am - 7pm). \$45 per tree. Trees sold out early last year so don't wait!

KOC Beacon House Food Drive: We will be collecting non-perishable food items November 27-28 at the St. Rose Christmas Tree lot.



Beacon House Christmas Box Program

Last year, Beacon House distributed 500+ Christmas boxes and they're preparing for the same number. These boxes will include a turkey, stuffing mix, fresh produce, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, a pie and cookies. **ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH HAS BEEN ASKED TO DONATE 100 CANS OF TURKEY GRAVY.** Please place your donation in the Beacon House Donation Box at the back of the church by the end of November.



St. Bernard CWL

New members are always welcome. To find out more, you are encouraged to contact Sarah White (902-883-9246 or st.bernardscwl@gmail.com).

We are now collecting 2022 membership dues. For those who pay before January 1, your name will be entered in a draw to have your 2022 membership reimbursed.

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



FOOD BANKS are experiencing a growing need for support as the COVID pandemic continues. Your donations may be left at weekend Masses at St. Bernard Church for *Caring & Sharing Foodbank* or at St. Rose of Lima Church for *Beacon House*. Donated items will be gathered and delivered regularly. Thank you for your generous gifts!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations are now being accepted for flowers to decorate our Churches for the Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, place an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers' with your donation, name(s) of the loved one, and your name and envelope number in the collection basket at the back of the Church.





Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We are a Catholic lay organization whose mission is to live the Gospel 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, in the weekly collection, or in the SSVP Box at St Rose of Lima Church. It's not too late to submit a donation using the SSVP envelope found in your envelope box. Please include your name and address so we can forward your 2021 tax receipt. Thank you.

If you would like information regarding the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or you know someone in need of support - please leave a voice message on the answering machine that is checked daily: ☎ 902-476-8626.

URGENT APPEAL

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteers

With the creation of St. Andre Bessette Parish and the subsequent expansion of our parish boundaries, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has an URGENT need for new volunteers from both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. New members are needed to ensure we meet the needs of our brothers and sisters here in our expanded community. At present, the number of active volunteers is critically low.

Volunteering with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul gives you an opportunity to make all the difference in someone's life. Whether you have a few hours to spare or would like to make a more long-term commitment, there are lots of ways you can get involved and help change someone's life.

If you are interested in joining the Society or learning about the work we do, we invite you to attend our monthly meetings. For information, please phone: ☎ 902-476-8626



Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations

To celebrate prayerfully the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season of Light, we are offering **five weekly sessions on-line** designed to help participants develop one's relationship with Christ Jesus by praying with the Sunday scriptures of Advent.

Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ., both seasoned Jesuits and Ignatian spiritual guides, will lead the sessions and help participants to encounter Jesus through prayer forms such as reading of scriptures (*lectio divina*), reflection, Ignatian imaginative contemplative prayer and sharing.

Each session will include a short instruction on prayer, reading and pondering scripture or guided imaginative prayer, and spiritual conversations. It will begin with a focus on *Christ the King* on **Thursday, November 18 (7:00 - 8:15 pm Atlantic Time)** and will continue the following 4 Thursdays of Advent. There is no charge to join.

For more information and to register contact: experiencingprayer@gmail.com

THE TRADITION OF ADVENT CANDLES

The word ADVENT comes from the Latin word ADVENTUS meaning arrival. It is the four week period leading up to Christmas. The four candles remind us that we are preparing for the coming of the CHRIST CHILD, who is the light of the world. Each candle reminds us of the virtues Jesus desires for the entire world.

HOPE The first candle symbolizes the hope that Christ's birth brings us. We pray for an outpouring of hope in our homes, families, and hearts. Lord, help us prepare our hearts by being open to the light of Christ in others.

LOVE The second candle symbolizes the love that comes from intimacy with Jesus. Lord Jesus, help us prepare our hearts for your coming by loving others as you love us. Let us be astounded by your closeness to us and allow love to expand within our homes.

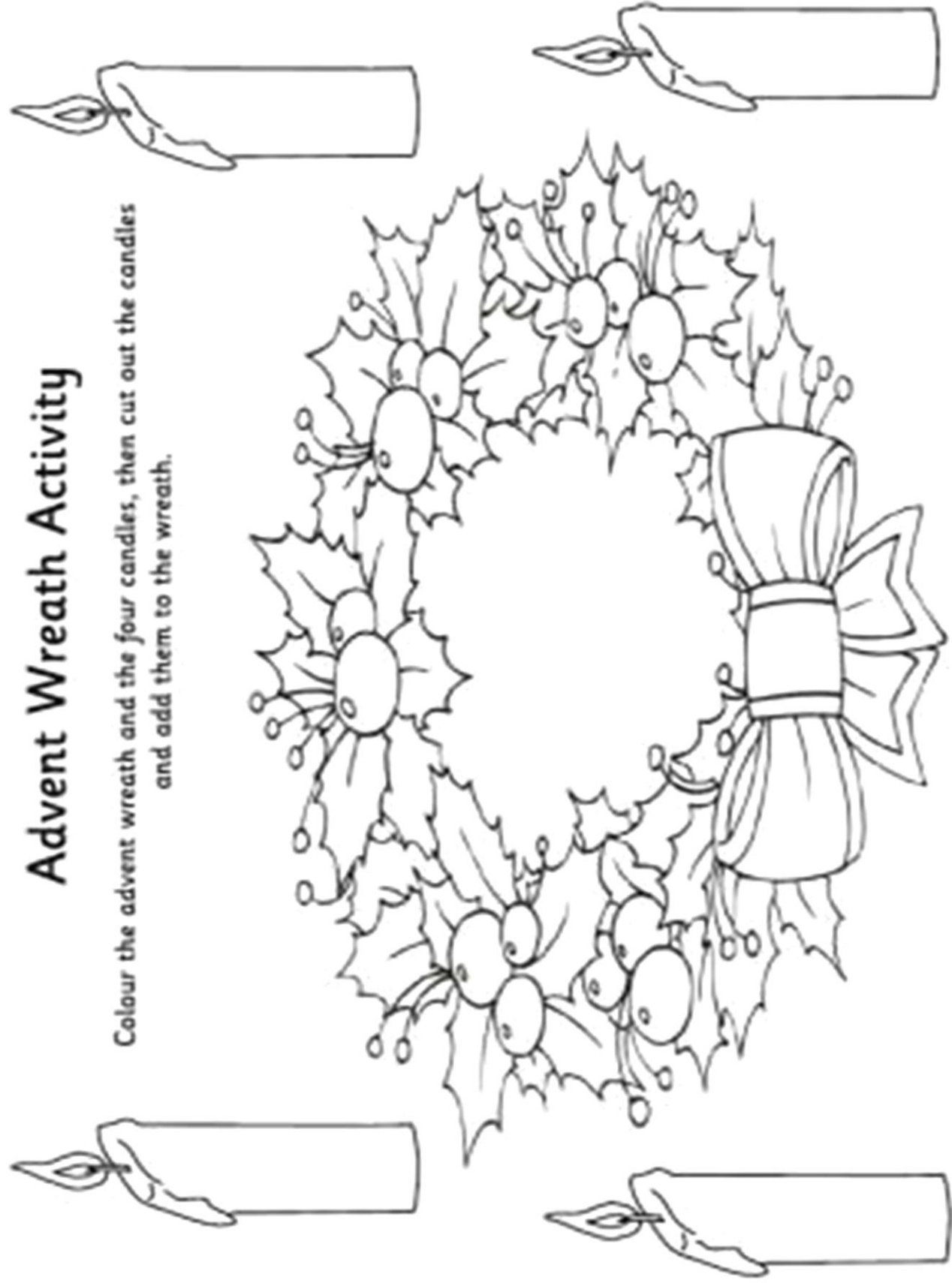
JOY The third candle symbolizes the joy that comes with Christ in our lives. Lord, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Allow our lives to truly be joyful and simple. Help us to be receptive to the freedom you desire for us.

PEACE The fourth candle symbolizes the peace of a heart close to Christ. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of peace you give us. Help us prepare our homes for the birth of baby Jesus, by allowing Christ's peace to fill our hearts.



Advent Wreath Activity

Colour the advent wreath and the four candles, then cut out the candles and add them to the wreath.



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