

St. Rose of Lima Parish



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February 10 - 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Our community welcomes you to
Celebrate Jesus' Presence*

Mass Times

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 10:00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration
until 11:15 am

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

If you are a visitor to St. Rose of Lima, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, from another parish in the Diocese, or you're a neighbour in Sooke.

If you are interested in joining us on a regular basis, please complete the Parish Registration form located at the front of the Church or contact the Parish Office.

Confession: **Saturday**, from 4:00 to 4:45 pm
Friday, from 9:30 to 9:45 am, and
at any other pre-arranged time.

Baptism: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

Funeral: Individual arrangements with our priest.
Please call the parish office.

Office Hours

Tuesday: 9:30 AM—1:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

If you would like to offer your intentions, please contact the office or send a message to info@strosesooke.com

Pastor's Note

Dear People of Ashes,

It is less than one week until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Holy Lent, which is always an important **liturgical** season. It is also a special and important season for many other reasons, including: to take inventory of our Christian life of faith and morals, and to repent of our sin; to increase our spiritual and corporal works of mercy (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1017>); to increase our prayer, acts of charity/almsgiving, and fasting from what takes us away from welcoming Jesus more fully into our life; and to make a special effort to allow Jesus to have a greater place in our lives and daily living. Plan for this holy season, so that the grace and mercy of God will flow more abundantly into your life, and into the world.

Immediately following is the article I wrote back in November for St Rose of Lima's contribution to the *Pastor's Pen* column in the local newspaper. (The newspaper column has been recently renamed.) The article was meant to respond to an earlier one in the newspaper that aggressively put down our Catholic faith, without naming our Church. The response was never published. Mostly for financial reasons, we gave notice to the newspaper back in mid-November that we would not be continuing our contribution beyond 2023. That will save the parish about \$1200 per year, and more than \$12,000 over the next ten years.

Where is That in the Bible?

For Catholics, that is the wrong question to be asking. We are not a People of "sola scriptura", meaning a Christian religion that believes in the Bible alone for our life of faith and morals. No, we have both the Bible and our Apostolic Tradition. They both flow from the same source: Jesus, the Word of God, "who became flesh and lived among us" about 2000 years ago, being born on that first Christmas day.

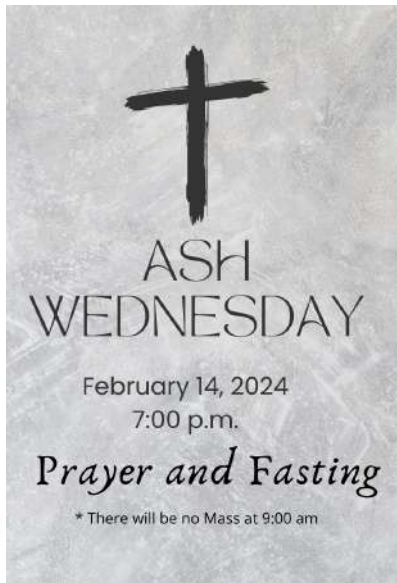
Before the New Testament was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church existed, founded by Jesus himself, on the Apostles. The books and letters in the New Testament weren't even written until 50 to 100 AD or so, which means up to 70 years after the crucifixion of Jesus. Does that mean that Christianity never existed until those books were written? Of

course not! Jesus the Christ founded his Church on the Apostles. What they were taught by Jesus has been preserved, protected, and passed on from one generation to the next, through the Catholic Church. As the Apostle John wrote at the end of his Gospel, "This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." Catholic Christians are not a People of the Book only, but of the Word, passed down and preserved by our Church, in both Apostolic Tradition and the Bible. The Peace of Christ be with you!! Fr Scott, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Come join us.

Fr. Scott Whitemore

Fasting and Abstinence

Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting and of abstinence from meat for Catholics throughout the world. These disciplines are meant to help us be more united with the sufferings and sacrifice of Jesus, as we enter into Lent and into the Passion of Jesus, and eventually into the glory of His Easter resurrection. They also facilitate a tiny bit of solidarity with the poor. Abstinence from all meat is for those who are 14 or older, providing that it does not seriously interfere with health or the ability to work. All Fridays throughout the year are days of abstinence from meat, though the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops says that an extra act of charity can serve as a substitute, **if necessary**. Fasting is expected of those aged 18 until your 59th birthday, but that does not mean there is no value to fasting beyond then. The minimal (canonical) requirement of the fast is by no means onerous, consisting of one regular meal and two others that combined are less than the size of one regular meal. We can easily do better than that. No snacks in between meals, only fluids, such as milk and juices.



If a person is unable to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass and would still like to receive the imposition of blessed ashes, they will be made available at the end of the Thursday morning Mass.



LET THE KING OF GLORY ENTER

Lenten Catholic Mission Feb 26 - 28, 2024 with Fr. Mark Cherry

St. Andrew's Cathedral will be hosting a parish mission led by Fr. Mark Cherry from the Diocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Come and experience the presence, power, and the glory of the Lord in a fresh new way in your life.

The mission will take place **February 26 - 28**, with an option of morning or evening sessions offered each day. Morning sessions will be from 9:00 am – 11:30 am, and evening sessions from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm.

Each session will begin with Mass (morning session) or worship (evening session), followed by a talk by Fr. Mark and a time of Eucharistic adoration (days 1-2), or prayer ministry (day 3).

There is no cost to attend the parish mission, however a free-will offering will be taken on the final day to support the cost of hosting the mission.

For more information, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 250-388-5571 or email standrewscathedral@gmail.com.



Fridays during Lent 3:00 pm

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

FASTING



To deprive ourselves from good and bad things that are keeping us from devoting our hearts to Christ. It can deepen our awareness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



ALMSGIVING

To love others as Jesus loved us; to live our profession of faith not just through our words, but also through our actions to those around us each day.

PRAYING



To help us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. We take time away from distractions to turn our focus back to Jesus throughout our day.



Pope Francis' message for the 2024 World Day of the Sick may be read online at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/>

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Louise Corbett Funeral

A funeral mass (11:00 am), and reception will be held (12:00) for our dear long time parishioner, friend and mother, Louise Corbett, on Tuesday February 27 at St Rose of Lima Parish. The reception will include a light lunch.

Paula McCormick
paula.a.mccormick@gmail.com

* There will be no Mass at 9:00 am

Happy Birthday to:

- February 9, Jeannette Smith
- February 9, Valerie Hadikin
- February 9, Maya Leclerc Coplin
- February 9, Hailey Leclerc Coplin
- February 12, Violet Joaquin
- February 14, Davide Siri
- February 15, Corrie Alderliesten
- February 16, Andy Payne
- February 16, Kara Dahmer



Please pray for all parishioners who are ill, at home or in hospital

- Paula Poppe, + Jim Proudlove, Lynda Price, Debora Deering, Pauline Wilson, Linda Stirling, Eva Ruebenthaler, Gunter Rieper, Elisabeth and Tanja Epp, Jeanette Smith, Steve Formosa, Henrietta Olson, Fr. Michael Favero, Rhonda MacDougal, Rita Fitzner, Judith Medau, Gerry Cumming, Frances O'Donovan, Verne Donald, Rositha Leiner, Mandy Jayne Morris, Andreas and Stefanie Leiner, Kathy Irmscher, Emily Trim, Gillian Grigor, Jean Kellner, Erika Schulze.



February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

Happy Anniversary to:

February 14, Victoria & Spencer Sinclair.



	Jan-24	YTD
Envelopes	2,110	2,110
PAD	4,032	4,032
Loose	572	572
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Total	6,714	6,714
Budget	6,400	6,400
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Difference	314	314
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Thank you for your support!

There will be a Funeral Mass for Nick Vandergragt on Saturday February 17 at 11 am, at St. Andrew's Church Killaloe, Ontario.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord



TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call

1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call

1-866-892-3737



The fundraising committee is planning a Silent Auction that will be held on-line and in-house. Bidding will start on-line on February 25th at 8:00 a.m. and close on March 10th at 8:00 pm. The in-house portion of the auction will occur on the weekend on March 9/10 with items on display at the church after the weekend masses.

In order for this event to be a success, we are seeking donations from parishioners and businesses represented in crafts, jewelry, gift baskets, or unused new quality items to services such as haircuts, massages, yoga classes, IT support, or fishing charters and weekend getaways.

If you have connections with any local business owners and would be able to ask them for a donation for the auction we can provide you with a letter of verification from the parish.

Please speak to one of the fundraising committee members in the foyer after mass or email the parish office to let us know how you can help.

Thank you!