

St. Rose of Lima Parish



February 17 - 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

*Our community welcomes you to
Celebrate Jesus' Presence*

Regular 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.

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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 the Fast,

There has been recent interest directed toward me, that I say something about the **Eucharistic fast**. It is true that there can be confusion about it, and the rare person hasn't even heard of it. This is it: before receiving Holy Communion, a person must have fasted for at least **1 hour**. That is not long, especially compared to a much lengthier fast practiced in earlier years, and compared to fasts of the Orthodox Church or of some Eastern rites in the Catholic Church. It is a fast from any food or drinks, except for medicine or water that **might be necessary** within that one hour period. That means no coffee or gum chewing, and no sucking on a candy or having a "wee drink" of something. Brushing your teeth before Mass is fine, and perhaps a good thing. Eating the toothpaste, though, would be considered closer to food than to medicine, and you might want to talk to the doctor about such a habit. So, to repeat and summarize: there is a Eucharistic fast for one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion, which is not to say prior to the start of Mass. If you "snooze" on that one, you lose on receiving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

News from the Chancery

- On Sunday, February 18, the Diocese will celebrate the Rite of Election during the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral. In this liturgical rite, catechumens (unbaptized people who wish to join the Church) are presented to the Bishop and ask to be allowed to participate in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter. All are invited to participate
- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its 2024 *Journey Through Lent* video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for each Sunday in Lent, a video will be shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>.
- On February 21 at 4 pm PT, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will host an online presentation on "*Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering: A Spiritual Approach to the Meaning of Suffering*". Many of us have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Presenter Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. For more information and to register, please email bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca.

Sunday Mass Readings

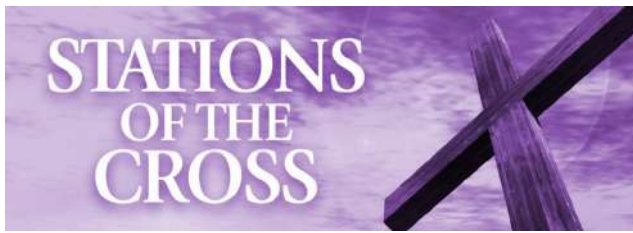
First Reading: Genesis 9, 8-15

Responsorial Psalm: 25 "Your paths Lord are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant"

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1, 12-15





Fridays during Lent 3:00 pm

2023 tax receipts are available for pick up in the church foyer.

Mass Intention Envelopes

If you like to request a Mass for a loved one, living or deceased, or any other intentions, please take one of the Mass Intention Envelopes in the foyer and fill it out. You can drop it off in the collection basket during Mass or bring it to the parish office.

Thank you



Vigil location: Helmcken Road Overpass on Sidewalk in Front of the Park & Ride

Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Daily

Local contact: Call or Text Glenda at 250-661-2613

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign

[40 Days for Life](#)

Development and Peace

Is hosting a solidarity visitor from Indonesia, Karno Bati-ran. He will be speaking at Holy Cross Parish Centre on Tuesday Feb. 27 at 2:00 pm. Please join us for coffee and refreshments and hear how he has organized young farmers to develop sustainable agriculture.

All are welcome.

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

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* There will be no Mass at 9:00 am



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 st-andrewscathedral@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday to:

February 17, Patty van Arendonk

February 17, Maria Arsenault

February 18, Paula McCommirk

February 21, Gisele Lacroix

February 21, Byrun Bilton

February 23, Victorino Joaquin

February 23, Marcus Martin



Happy Anniversary to:

February 23, Virginia & Victorino Joaquin.



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!

Please pray for all

parishioners who are ill, at home or in hospital



Paula Poppe, Lynda Price, Debora Deering, Pauline Wilson, Linda Stirling, Eva Rueben-thaler, 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 Irmischer, Emily Trim, Gillian Grigor, Jean Kellner, Erika Schulze.

ON and OFF of this list if you let us know.

If you know of someone from our parish, family or friends, that would like to be added or removed from our prayer list (with their consent), please forward their names to the parish office.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island is looking for a Membership and Volunteer Development Coordinator to work at their 4353 West Saanich Road, Victoria office. To learn more about this spiritually rewarding career opportunity, please view the job posting at <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca/job-board/view/168-membership-and-volunteer-coordinator>.
- ◆ Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island is seeking a Treasurer to join their Board. "Jesus spoke with authority and his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action. If you are a CPA and are ready to answer the call, please send your expression of interest to Brian Mann, Board Chair at brian.mann7@gmail.com

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