

# St. Rose of Lima Parish



March 9 - 10, 2024

## 4th 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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### Parish Council

Rebecca Neilson - Chair

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Noel Green

### Religious Education

Dana MacBlain

### Finance Committee

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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](mailto:info@strosesooke.com)



Sunday March 10th  
from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

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**Estate Planning Workshop with the following presentations:**

Bequests and Planned Giving  
Leah MacKenzie, CFO  
Diocese of Victoria Wills,

Powers of Attorney & Health Care Representation Agreements  
Raya MacKenzie JB Lawyers LLP



On Easter Sunday, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

In order to protect the treats from the weather, bugs, neighbourhood cats and dirt we will be putting them in plastic Easter eggs.

If you are able to help with donations of plastic eggs or foil wrapped chocolate eggs for this activity please let May Flores know or bring them to the church office.

[maycristineflores@rocketmail.com](mailto:maycristineflores@rocketmail.com)

Thank you!

### Rosary group

The church will be open **Mondays**, from 10 am to 12 for anyone who wants to drop by for prayer or just visit.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 am.

**All are invited!**



## Holy Week Schedule

-  **Palm Sunday - March 24**  
Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday - 9:00 am
-  **Holy Thursday - March 28**  
Mass 7:00 pm
-  **Good Friday - March 29**  
Service 3:00 pm
-  **Easter Vigil - March 30**  
Mass 8:30 pm
-  **Easter Sunday- March 31**  
Mass 9:00 am

### Stations of the Cross Penitential Service



On Friday, March 8, at 3 pm, there will be a penitential service, followed by the opportunity for individual Confession.

This Service will be the Stations of the Cross, which serve as an examination of conscience too for Confession. Fr Dean will be joining us.



**Amen**<sup>TM</sup>  
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## On its final stretch!

All items will be displayed during the weekend at the main entrance. Please take a moment to check them out and don't miss the opportunity to bid on one of them!

We appreciate your support to our parish projects.



If you are interested in receiving the bulletin electronically, please send us a message to [info@strosesooke.com](mailto:info@strosesooke.com) to be added to the contact list.



February 14 - March 24

**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](#)

### 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](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call

**1-800-968-3146**

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call

**1-866-892-3737**



**Fridays during Lent 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.**

### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29, 2024

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to [terresainte@bellbet.ca](mailto:terresainte@bellbet.ca) or online at [Commisariat.ca](http://Commisariat.ca) - receipts will be issued.

Thank you for your support.

### Sunday Mass Readings

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 137 "Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!"

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2.4-10

**Gospel:** John 3.14-21





## Happy Birthday to:

March 9, Diana Chouinard

March 10, John Fitzner

March 11, Brian Joslin

March 11, Elizabeth Gillespie

March 12, Tara Seguin

March 12, Kiarra Brilling

March 13, Peter Alderliesten

March 13, Madeleine Payne

March 13, Andrew Aguilar



We are “refreshing” the prayer list.

Please let us know the names of any person currently in need of our prayers, for physical, spiritual or mental health inflections.

For any prayers other than for yourself, there must be consent of the person prior to us publishing their name in the bulletin.

## News from the Chancery

- Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 16 in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in health care. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person at Sacred Heart Church in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria, BC), or via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFqxWFAvwJE>. A reception will follow in the parish hall for those attending in person.
- March 17 is Solidarity Sunday, an opportunity to support *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* in its work with the poorest and most marginalized of our human family. Bishop Gary has written a letter to the people of the Diocese of Victoria, introducing this year’s focus on small-scale farmers and peasant communities, and encouraging all to embody Christ’s love through generosity and solidarity. To read Bishop Gary’s letter, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-share-lent-2024>
- All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm. At this yearly liturgy, sacred oils are blessed and given to representatives from each parish in the diocese. These will be presented in each church on Holy Thursday and used during the coming year for Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointings of the Sick. This year’s Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street), and also livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMGHYEro3bg>
- Applications are now being accepted for “Hope on the Horizon”, an outreach and leadership program to be held in Vancouver this summer from April 6 – 21. Coordinated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Catholic Street Missionaries, the program is designed to introduce young people aged 19 – 30 to the life of a street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others who go out into the streets bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>
- World Wide Marriage Encounter will be offering a virtual WWME experience April 19-21st, 2024. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply in order to uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage. Any questions can be directed to Doug and Candice Chappell at 778-479-7900 or [Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org](mailto:Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org). To apply, please visit <https://wwme.org/>
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