

St. Rose of Lima Parish



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March 16 - 17, 2024

5th 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.

**There will be no Mass next
Thursday, March 21 at 9 am**

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

Blessing of Easter Food

The blessing of Easter food will take place on **Saturday, March 30 at 12 pm** in our parish.

We eat these blessed foods to break our Lenten fast so that we might joyfully remember that He is risen, alive and with us.

Chrism Mass March 21st

St. Andrew's Cathedral

7:00 pm

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 Anointing 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>



Important

Thursday, March 21

There will be no Mass
at 9:00 am

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



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

Solemnity of St. Joseph

March 19th.

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.



Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51 "Create in me a clean heart, O God"

Second Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.26



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 or online at Commisariat.ca - receipts will be issued.

Thank you for your support.

If you missed the penitential service at our parish, there is still an opportunity to go to confession at **St. Joseph the Worker parish** on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 pm.



Happy Birthday to:

March 16, Theodora Marleau

March 16, Maria Kyrillos

March 17, Cynthia Quinn-Young

March 18, Robert MacDonald

March 18, Victoria Sinclair

March 18, Gabriella Billinski

March 19, Brenda Dahmer

March 19, Karen Macleod

March 20, Joseph Joaquin

March 21, Maria Wild

Happy
Birthday

**“The greatest gifts we can give to each other,
is to pray for one another.”**

We pray for Paula Poppe and Gerry Cumming.



We continue refreshing our 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

- 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>
- 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. To apply, please visit <https://wwme.org/>

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](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call

1-800-968-3146

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

1-866-892-3737

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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