

# St. Rose of Lima Parish



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## March 23 - 24, 2024

## Passion / Palm Sunday

*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.

**The Holy Week schedule is below**

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)

## Blessing of Easter Food

The blessing of Easter food will take place on **Saturday, March 30 at noon** 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.



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!

## Easter Flower Donations

We appreciate your donation to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.

A donation box is in the foyer for this purpose.



## 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

## Rosary group

The church will be open **Monday**s, 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.



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





The Church celebrates this Sixth Sunday in Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week.

During this week of the Passion -- passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love and passionate forgiving -- each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast.

Source: Vatican Media



**Friday, 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.**

**This Friday March 22 is the last**

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** 22 "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2.6-11

**Gospel:** Mark 14.1—15.47



**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 [teresainte@bellbet.ca](mailto:teresainte@bellbet.ca) or online at [Commisariat.ca](http://Commisariat.ca) - receipts will be issued.

Thank you for your support.

### Happy Birthday to:

March 24, Aaliyah Cabrera  
March 26, Dana MacBlain  
March 26, Laura Kyrillos  
March 27, Eileen Macklin  
March 27, Maria Lecinana  
March 29, Kilyeen Dinney



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

We pray for Paula Poppe,  
Gerry Cumming and David Heenan.



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.

### Happy Anniversary to:

March 27, Carol and Ted Dawes



## News from the Chancery

- As we enter Holy Week, a reminder that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a *Journey Through Lent* video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for each Sunday in Lent, a video has been shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>.
- World Wide Marriage Encounter will be offering a virtual WWME experience April 19-21st, 2024. 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/>
- In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a “Year of Prayer”. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all to participate in their webinar series, titled “A Great Symphony of Prayer”. The webinars will be recorded and made available after the completion of the final session; please register for at least one session if you wish to receive a notification when the recordings are available. For more information and to register, please visit [https://ccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN\\_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjLt9Qg#/registration](https://ccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjLt9Qg#/registration).

## Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is organizing a Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10:00 am.

Meeting point: A&W, which will be the starting place for the Stations enroute to their church.

After the Stations of the Cross, coffee and tea will be offered.

## 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://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://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call

**1-866-892-3737**