

Joe Fortes

SEAFOOD & CHOP HOUSE

EST. 1985

Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, October 11th

Three Courses \$49.95

Entrée Only \$35.95

while quantities last

SQUASH BISQUE

roasted squash, mascarpone

ROASTED TURKEY BREAST

mashed potatoes, herb stuffing,
cranberry sauce, turkey gravy

PUMPKIN TART

speculaas cookie, ginger marshmallow,
salted caramel, pecan brittle

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A VANCOUVER LEGEND

Seraphim “Joe” Fortes was a former sailor, originally from Barbados and then Liverpool, and a legendary figure in the early history of Vancouver. After moving to the city in 1885, he worked as a bartender at the Sunnyside Hotel on Maple Tree Square in Gastown, then became a fixture at English Bay Beach, where he lived in a small cottage, acted as unofficial security guard, and taught hundreds of children how to swim. The city appointed the burly, friendly man, who had been a competitive swimmer in England, as its first official lifeguard at the turn of the twentieth century. When he died in 1922, Vancouver held the city’s longest funeral procession for Joe. Even in the twenty-first century, Vancouverites remember him with a monument near the site of his home, a branch of the Vancouver Public Library, and our restaurant, named after him when we opened in 1985, one hundred years after he arrived in Canada.