

# Joe Fortes

SEAFOOD & CHOP HOUSE

EST. 1985

## JOE'S DINNER DEALS

**\$59**

*while quantities last*

**February 19th - March 30th**

**(Sunday to Thursday)**

### APPETIZER

*choice of*

**Joe's Classic Caesar**  
crisp romaine, focaccia croutons,  
grana padano parmesan

**New England Clam Chowder**  
cream, bacon, thyme

### MAIN

*choice of*

**Roasted Chicken Breast**  
local free range, mashed potatoes, honey glaze

**Braised Short Rib Pappardelle**  
fresh pappardelle, roasted mushrooms,  
herbs, ricotta cheese

**Steelhead Trout**  
tomato leek butter, roasted potatoes

### DESSERT

*choice of*

**Crème Brûlée**  
house-made biscotti, whipped cream

**Tiramisu**  
mascarpone cream, lady fingers,  
espresso, kahlua, baileys



JOE FORTES

### 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.