

# Joe Fortes

## SEAFOOD & CHOP HOUSE

EST. 1985

### SWEET INDULGENCES

*15 each*

**\*TAHITIAN VANILLA CRÈME BRÛLÉE**

house-made biscotti, whipped cream

**\*NEW YORK CHEESECAKE**

traditional style, blueberry lemon compote

**\*TRADITIONAL TIRAMISU**

mascarpone cream, lady fingers, espresso, kahlua, baileys

**CARROT CAKE**

spiced cake, carrot, cream cheese icing

**JOE'S CHOCOLATE SIN CAKE**

ganache, brandy, chocolate brittle

**PAVLOVA**

crisp meringue, fresh fruit, lemon curd, cream

**KEY LIME PIE**

meringue brûlée, raspberry coulis

**\*ICE CREAM OR SORBET**

ask your server for today's selection

*\* half portions available*

*9 each*

**DESSERT TRIO**

tahitian vanilla creme brule, tiramisu,  
cheese cake, whipped cream, biscotti

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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.