

Freemasonry proposed cremation at the end of the 19th century with the aim of diverting minds from the meditation on death, and taking away their hope in a final resurrection, thus promoting materialism.

Pope Leo XIII described the practice as “detestable”. In 1886, the Holy Office declared that “those who have destined their bodies to cremation must be deprived of ecclesiastical burial”. The 1917 code of Canon Law repeated this. In 1920, the Holy Office noted that this was a “barbaric custom, which is repugnant not only to Christian piety, but also to natural piety towards the bodies of the deceased” which “the Church, from the very beginning, has constantly forbidden.”

At the Second Vatican Council this teaching somehow evolved, permitting cremation except where it had been chosen due to an anti-Christian mentality. The Society of St. Pius X cannot approve this “evolution” which is a weakening of the Church’s traditional discipline.

The Society maintains that Cremation is forbidden, and that a church funeral is to be denied to anyone who gave orders for his body to be cremated, unless he repented and retracted his decision. Nor should someone carry out the wish of one who ordered his body to be cremated.

However, since cremation is not intrinsically evil nor prohibited by divine law, exceptions may be allowed. Such would be the case in countries where the civil law imposes cremation or it is done against the will of the person. Ignorance before death of the teaching of the Church on cremation, which in the living can easily be expelled, may be an exonerating cause if the person is already dead. Likewise, the fact that some accept cremation out of extreme poverty, or necessity, and others might have some kind of psychological disorder with a dire fear of burial, a funeral may also be an exonerating circumstance. Any granting of a funeral in such exceptional cases as those mentioned must be sanctioned by the District Superior of the Society of St. Pius X, on a case by case basis, so as to ensure there is no scandal, leading others to choose cremation.

Even in exceptional cases, the funeral is to be performed with the body present or using at catafalque, and never at the place of cremation. Ashes must be treated with respect; they cannot be dispersed, divided or kept in a private home, but rather deposited in a place that has been blessed or into consecrated ground, (i.e. a columbarium or a cemetery).

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Mass in Vernon is almost always a 10 am on Sunday. Verify via one of the phone #s above.

# Christ the King Bulletin

## of the Priestly Society of St. Pius X (SSPX)

February 2024 - Septuagesima - Lent



### Ashes or Dust?

On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our death: "Remember man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." The thought of death is a call to do penance and change our lives to conform them to what we would have wanted them to have been when we reach our final hour. Certainly, the main part of this preparation for Lent is that the soul conforming itself to Christ, becoming an image of the crucified in its own.

Still there is a preparation of the body for death which we should all consider. Will our body become dust or ashes? It is the question of Cremation. The Church tells us in imposing ashes (cineres in Latin) that body must return to dust (pulvis in Latin). It is important, that we follow the will of the Church on this matter and not deliberately allow our temple of the Holy Ghost to be violently subject to flames.

Cremation is not intrinsically evil but cremating bodies of those who were baptized (temples of the Holy Ghost, is not according to the spirit of the Church based on Tradition.

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Upcoming Parish Recollection Day, Langley  
With Father Stephen Reuter, SSPX, Prior, in Calgary, AB  
**8 AM - 5 PM, Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024**

Holy Mass, Breakfast, Conference, Confessions and Consultations  
Lunch with Reading  
2nd Conference, Confessions and Consultations, 3rd Conference

# Monthly Mass and Event Schedule

February (Langley- Nanaimo)

The times are for Langley unless otherwise noted. If Nanaimo time is not stipulated there is no Mass there that day.

Thur 1 7:15 am

**Fri 2 6:30 pm \* Nan. 6 pm  
PURIFICATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN**

**Sat 3 8:00 am \* Nan. 9am  
1st Saturday - Blessing of Throats**  
followed by Holy Hour of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (and OLPHD, after Mass in Langley)

**Sun 4 BF 9:30 am \* Nan. 10 am  
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY**

Mon 5 11 am ; Nanaimo 8am  
Tues 6 7:15 am  
Wed 7 7:15 am  
Thur 8 7:15 am

Fri 9 6:30 pm \* Nanaimo 6 pm  
Sat 10 8 am \* Nanaimo 9 am  
+ OLPHD, after Mass in Langley.  
12 Noon TIHM15: Chilliwack 5 Corners & at Newton Bus Exchange, Surrey.

**Sun. 11 9:30 am \* Nan. 10 am  
Quinquagesima Sunday**

Mon 12 11 am: Nanaimo 8 am.  
Tues 13 7:15 am

**Wed 14 7:15 am & 6:30 pm  
ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thur 15 7:15 am  
Fri 16 † 6 pm \* Mass 6:30: Nan. 6 pm  
Sat 17 8 am \* Nanaimo 9 am  
+ OLPHD, after Mass in Langley. TIHM in church following.

**Sun 18 SJB 9:30 am\* Nan. 10 am  
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Blessing of religious objects after Mass, enrollment in the scapular.

Mon 19 11 am; Nanaimo 8 am  
Tues 20 7:15 am  
Wed 21\*\*\* 7:15 am EMBER DAY

Mass for the deceased of our parishes.  
Thur 22 7:15 am  
Fri 23 7:15 am & † 6 pm \* Mass 6:30  
EMBER DAY 7:30 pm Plan to Protect

Refresher Course

**Sat 24 8 am EMBER DAY &  
DAY OF RECOLLECTION IN  
LANGLEY WITH FR. REUTER**

**Sun 25 SJB 9:30 am\* Nan. 10 am  
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mon 26 11 am; Nanaimo 8 am  
Tues 27 7:15 am  
Wed 28 7:15 am  
Thur 29 7:15 am

March

Fri 1 † 6:30 pm \* Mass 7 pm Nan. 6 pm  
Sat 2 8 am \* Nanaimo 9 am  
+ OLPHD, after Mass in Langley.

**Sun 3 BF 9:30 am \* Nan. 10 am  
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mon 4 11 am; Nanaimo 8 am  
Tues 5 11 am  
Wed 6 7:15 am

**The above schedule is subject to change  
due to unforeseen circumstances.**

Abbreviations: Nan. = Nanaimo // Lang. = Langley // BF=Building Fund // SJB=St. Joseph Bursary // OLPHD = Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion // TIHM = 5 decade Rosary for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary // TIHM15 = Public 15 decade Rosary. TBA- To be announced // † Stations of the Cross

**\* CONFESSSIONS.**

After 7:15 am morning Masses 30 min. before Stations/evening Masses & 8 am morning Masses. 50 min. before all Sunday Masses and Days of Obligation

Contact Fr. Rusak to subscribe to email notices of changes in schedule, etc.

# Helpful Notes

Modesty

**Out of respect for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and of all our faithful, all those attending Mass must dress modestly. The proper dress code for Masses and church devotions is posted in the vestibule.**

Religious Instruction and Catechism

In Langley, Richard Moore teaches children after Mass, in view of First Communion. Garry Moore teaches online catechism new people to our parish. Fr. Rusak provides an online course to newcomers. Contact him for details. In Vernon and Nanaimo, Frs. DeLallo and Guéguen give parish catechism after Mass.

Washrooms / Cry room / Seating

Washrooms are located downstairs. There is one upstairs adjacent to the cry room for persons with mobility issues. The cry room is usually for nursing mothers with small children. Unruly children may be taken downstairs or outside. The back pews in the church are reserved for parents with small children who may need to exit quickly.

Restricted activities / Security / Parking

Smoking is tolerated only outdoors. Cellphones need to be at least, in a mode which will not distract anyone from prayer. No audio, video recording, or photography is allowed during Mass or on our property without the express permission of the priest celebrant. We have security cameras for the protection of vulnerable persons, children and property. Report any suspicious activity to the priest or to the usher. Parking is available in our parking lot or on the street. Please do not park on the lot of the businesses next door unless you are a patron of the same, since your car may be towed away.

Mass Intentions - Donations

Mass intentions must be accepted by the priest and are not tax deductible. The regular offering or stipend is \$25 per Mass. Collection donations in the church are made by cheque to "SSPX" or by cash. There are envelopes available at the door. Receipts are prepared at the end of the year. Donate online to the Sunday collection through Zeffy: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/74f71075-b259-44ac9cf9-69049e059aaa> Zeffy provides an immediate rec

**Here are the results of collections taken up in December:**

Langley: Main Collection \$11666.50. Second Collections: \$784.

Nanaimo: Main Collection \$6336. Second Collections: \$707.

Vernon: Main Collection \$4735. Building Fund: \$385. Oliver: \$120.

Upcoming 2nd Collections: Building Fund Feb 4, St Joseph Bursary Feb. 18

Eucharistic Crusade for children

Eucharistic Crusade Intention - February: For Priestly and Religious Vocations\*\*\*

**SPECIAL DAYS OF NOTE THIS MONTH: FEB 2, Purification, bring candles to be blessed, Feb.14, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24 Recollection**