

The Chrism Mass

At this solemn liturgy, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated by Bishop Hurley, and all are distributed for use in all our parishes and faith communities.

This year's Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption.

Please make sure that the Holy Oils of the Sick and Catechumens and Sacred Chrism are properly disposed of and that, by the time they are presented at the Chrism Mass, the vessels are:

(1) Properly identifiable/labeled:

- **OI = Oleum Infirmorum/Oil of the Sick** (generally designated by the color green)
- **OS = Oleum Sanctum/Oil of Catechumens [-or-] OC = Oleum Catechumenorum/Oil of Catechumens** (generally designated by the color purple)
- **SC = Sacrum Chrisma/Sacred Chrism** (generally designated by the color gold)

NB: Also include the name of the Parish/Institution & Vicariate (either on the vessel, the identification tag or the lid).

(2) Suitable vessels and suitable for presentation:

- As described in the Roman Missal, the vessels must be worthy of their function and closed in such a way as to prevent spillage and maintain freshness.
- The container housing these vessels should likewise reflect the dignity of its purpose and be made of worthy material suitable for presentation at the Cathedral and be labeled as mentioned above.

(3) Properly Cleaned:

- The three vessels must be empty, clean and without water or other oil residue.

NB: Please remember that the Cathedral reserves the Holy Oils and Chrism in great supply and any parish may come to the Cathedral to receive extra Oils when needed.