



THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

MEMORANDUM

To: Priests and Parishioners of the Diocese of Oakland

From: Very Rev. Brandon E. Macadaeg, Rector of the Cathedral, on behalf of Bishop Michael Barber, SJ

Subject: Diocesan Chrism Mass Update #2

Date: March 19, 2020

The memorandum serves as the second update regarding the 2020 Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral of Christ the Light on April 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be closed to the public, but the faithful may participate in the Chrism Mass via live-stream broadcast at www.facebook.com/ctlcathedral.org.

Due to the restrictions on large gatherings, Bishop Barber has invited the Vicar General, the Rector of the Cathedral, the Vicar for Clergy, and the Chairman of the Presbyteral Council to be the only concelebrants at the Chrism Mass. Other supporting ministers will be present as well.

Though we cannot be physically together, but in order to continue to express the unity with the bishop and the entire diocesan presbyterate, the Bishop asks the priests to spiritually unite themselves to the celebration by attending via livestream. The Bishop will still ask the priests gathered, both physically and via livestream, to renew the promises they made at their ordination; a ritual proper to the Chrism Mass.

The Holy Oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism) for the entire diocese will be blessed at the Chrism Mass.

The Holy Oils will be made available for pick-up by parish representatives at the Cathedral EVENT Center (Lower level of the Cathedral), on Friday, April 3, 2020 between 10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please see the attached document for the specific instructions.

For further questions or for more information, please contact Fr. Brandon Macadaeg at bmacadaeg@oakdiocese.org



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PICK-UP OF THE HOLY OILS AFTER THE CHRISM MASS 2020

1. The Pick-Up of the Holy Oils will take place at the **CATHEDRAL EVENT CENTER** (lower level of the Cathedral), 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA **on Friday, April 3, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**
2. The Cathedral Parking Garage will be open free of charge.
3. Representatives enter the Cathedral Event Center via the main doors right on Harrison Street. In order to practice social distancing, a volunteer will manage how many people may enter the Event Center at one time. Please follow the directions of the volunteers.
4. Each parish, chapel, or other place of worship that needs Holy Oils for their use should appoint **one representative** to pick up the oils.
5. **OIL OF THE SICK (OS/OI) AND OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS (OC)**
 - Please **bring your empty, clean Oil of the Sick (OS/OI) and the Oil of the Catechumens (OC) vessels with you.** A volunteer will fill your vessels with only enough oil that you will use during the year.
6. **THE SACRED CHRISM (SC)**
 - Please leave the clean, empty Sacred Chrism (SC) vessels at your parish. Do not fill the vessel with oil. **DO NOT bring this empty vessel to Pick-Up Process.**
 - **You will receive a bottle already filled with Sacred Chrism** (as we have done in previous years).
7. If you have the clean Sacred Chrism bottle and the screw-top lid that your parish received last year, please have your parish representative return it. Though you will receive a new bottle, we can recycle your old bottle for use in 2021. If you lost it, do not despair. We are simply trying to re-use as many as possible for next year.
8. Unused Holy Oil should be disposed of by either burning it (many parishes use the old Holy Oils to burn in the fire at the Easter Vigil) or by burying it in the ground. It should NOT be discarded in the trash or down the drain. Cloths used for cleaning should be handled and cleaned in the same manner as with purificators. **As a safety measure, we recommend that parishes dispose of their unused Holy Oils only after they have received the new Holy Oils.**