



In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Chrism Mass (or the Mass of the Holy Oils) will be celebrated on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Santa Fe.

Due to the coronavirus capacity limitations for the Cathedral, those invited to attend the Chrism Mass will be limited to the priests, deacons and wives of the archdiocese. **The Chrism Mass will NOT be open to the general public**; however, it will be **livestreamed** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **Information on Receiving the Oils**

1. Parishes are to properly dispose of their 2020 oils stocks at the parish, either by burying them on church property or by burning them.
2. Each parish will receive an 8-ounce bottle of the blessed **Oil of the Sick**, and the **Oil of Catechumens**, and the consecrated **Sacred Chrism**. They will be pre-poured and in bags labeled with the parish name.
3. The bags containing the oils will be labeled by parish or institution and separated by deanery.

The oils are to be picked up after the Mass by either the parish's priest or by deanery. If a parish will not be represented at the Chrism Mass, the pastor is to prearrange with another parish or the Dean to pick up and deliver their oils.

## About the Chrism Mass:

During the Chrism Mass, Archbishop Wester gathers with the priests of the archdiocese for the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism. The priests will also renew their promises to priestly ministry before the bishop at this liturgy.

The three oils will then be used throughout the next year 2021-22 for the celebration of sacraments and sacramentals. The **Oil of the Sick** (designated with the letters OI) is used for the anointing of the sick and the dying. The **Oil of Catechumens** (designated with the letters OC or OS) is used to anoint those welcomed into the Order of Catechumens prior to baptism. The **Sacred Chrism** (designated with the letters SC) is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests/bishops, and in the dedication of a church and/or altar.