

Dear Padre,

How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means "Anointed One." The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God's help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* ("Holy Oils")—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-44 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to "prepare the Passover" of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to "prepare"?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

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From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting "Hosanna to the Son of David" (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

Reflect

How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

MATTHEW 21:9

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of March 30, 2025

Mon.	Mar.	30	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Mar.	31	7:00 AM	SJ	Todd Walz
Wed.	Apr.	01	5:30 PM	SJ	Rain
Thurs.	Apr.	02	5:00 PM	SA	Maurice Andre †
Thurs.	Apr.	02	6:30 AM	SJ	Kerri Brosius †
Thurs.	Apr.	02	6:30 PM	SB	Conrad & Theresa Wildhagen †
Fri.	Apr.	03	3:00 PM	SJ	Vincent & Kaye Venhaus †
Fri.	Apr.	03	5:00 PM	SA	Jimmy Davenport †
Fri.	Apr.	03	6:30 AM	SB	Mary Jane Pandorf †
Sat.	Apr.	04	7:00 PM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Apr.	05	9:30 AM	SA	Jim & Margaret Eastburn †
Sun.	Apr.	05	11:00 AM	SB	Mark Pandorf †



Jennifer Johnston March 30th
Veronica Boeser April 2nd
James Smith April 3rd
Jessica Bollig April 4th

Congratulations

on your recent marriage
Mr. & Mrs. Colton & Lucy McWhirter

Saint John Climacus (525-605) Doctor of the Church

“Happy the man who strives without end to please the Lord as others try to please men.”

Ministry Schedule

Date: April 4-5	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Saturday 7:00 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Toby & Lisa K.	Julie B.	Rod & MaKayla D.
Lector	Jenny J.	Evan B.	Molly P.
Server	Leo W. & Cotter J.		Brecken D. & Ruby K.
EMHC	Steve & Cindy F.	Evan B. & Gary M.	Rhonda P. & Dylan P.
	Music: Choir		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Steve B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church

March 22, 2026
Total Collection: \$425.50

Diocesan Appeal
\$1029 left of \$5179
with 11 of 15 Donors

CCD Wed, April 1
PreK to 5th 3:40 PM
6th -12th Supper 6:30 Dailey
Class Begins 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday April 2nd 6:30 PM
Good Friday April 3rd 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil Saturday April 4th 7 PM

First Communion and Mass
Saturday April 18th

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church
March 22, 2026

Total Collection: \$409.03

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

Thrift Store
Open April 10 9AM to 4PM
CCD Wed April 1
Elementary 3:40 PM
High School 7:30 PM
Stations of the Cross 4:40 PM

Holy Thursday April 2nd 5:00 PM
Good Friday April 3rd 5:00 PM
Easter Sunday April 5th 9:30 AM

First Communion April 12th

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church
March 22, 2026

Total Collection: \$1250.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

CCD Wed, April 1
PreK to 2nd 4-5 PM
Supper 6:10
Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

St. Boniface will host the
Callaway Community Lenten
Service March 31st 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Coffee
April 2 at 9:00 AM Callaway
United Methodist Church All
women are invited to join us for
a light breakfast and devotions.

Holy Thursday April 2nd 6:30 PM
Good Friday April 3rd 6:30 PM
Easter Sunday April 5th 11:00 AM

First Reconciliation Sat. April 11th
First Communion Sun. April 12th

