

Chrism Mass: The Symbols and Their Meaning

Blessing of Holy Oils

The Chrism Mass is held during Holy Week in every Catholic diocese. It is traditionally held on the Tuesday of Holy Week. During this Mass, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around the bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

These are: *Oil of the Sick *Oil of Catecumens *Sacred Chrism

Whenever the Holy Oils are used in a diocese, the ministry of the bishop who consecrated them is symbolically present.
