



CONCERNING THE SERVICE

It is appropriate that the holy oils, having been consecrated by the bishop, are presented and received in the parish during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This reception is most appropriate on Maundy Thursday, especially if there are to be baptisms at the Great Vigil of Easter, but may be observed on any day when the Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the parish. The oils, after their reception, should be stored in suitable vessels and kept in an ambry, in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font.

RECEPTION OF HOLY OIL IN A PARISH

The oils are brought up at the offertory, before the bread and wine, and are received as follows, each being placed on a table or in a suitable vessel in the sanctuary:

Presenter The Oil of the Sick.

Priest May those who are anointed with this oil know the love and mercy of God in the restoration to wholeness of body and soul.

People Blessed be God forever.

Presenter The holy Chrism.

Priest May those who are anointed with this chrism, perfumed with the sweet savour of salvation, be filled with the power, grace, and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

People Blessed be God forever.

The bread and wine for the Eucharist are then received at the altar and the liturgy continues in the usual way.