

Directions from the Diocese regarding Chrism Mass, Holy Oils, Holy Week and Easter

The Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7 will NOT be celebrated publicly at the Cathedral. (The Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass and the Holy Week Liturgies in the Blessed Sacrament chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, which will be streamed for the benefit of the faithful to view in their homes.)

Holy oils will not be distributed until the current health crisis is abated.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Liturgies – including Easter Sunday – will not be celebrated publicly in our parishes.

- There are NOT to be any public celebrations, even outside, including live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
- There are NOT to be any distribution of blessed palms. However, priests should bless the palms privately. Those palms should be reserved for distribution at a later date to be determined by Bishop Braxton.
- Easter sacraments for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults candidates and catechumens are to be postponed – guidance will be provided later on when they might be celebrated after this crisis subsides.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper (without the washing of feet), the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated by Bishop Braxton and the Rector in the Cathedral of Saint Peter without a congregation and will be livestreamed. If/when the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated privately in your parish, it is not to include the ritual of the washing of feet.
- There should be no Communion services currently nor during Holy Week until we are cleared to return for public liturgies.
- **Note: Guidelines and restrictions on public liturgies and gatherings are inclusive of Easter Sunday and all liturgies after Easter until further notice.**

LIST OF LOCATIONS TO FIND LIVE-STREAMING, STREAMING OR VIDEO-TAPED MASSES:

- Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo – Go to the parish website for a link to their Facebook page. Their website is www.sppcc.org/ and scroll down to the various links.
- St. John the Baptist, Red Bud – Go to the parish website for a link to You Tube. Their website is www.sjbcatholicredbud.com/ and click on the link.
- St. James, Millstadt – Go to the parish website, www.stjamesmillstadt.com/
- Immaculate Conception, Columbia – Go to the parish website, www.icscolumbia.org/
- Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis – Go to www.cathedralstl.org
- Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire – Go to www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/