



Saturday, March 28, 2020  
*Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

**TO:** All Priest and Deacons

**FROM:** Fr. John Grant, *Director of Worship*

**SUBJECT:** Holy Triduum 2020

## Memorandum

As you know, Bishop Konderla has extended his decree suspending all public liturgies beyond Easter. This means that the Triduum liturgies will be celebrated without the People, but only with the assistance of a deacon and necessary ministers, maintaining social distancing and limiting the number of participants to 10 or fewer in keeping with the Governor's Executive Order. The Holy See has granted that the liturgies of the Holy Triduum may be exceptionally celebrated without the People according to certain guidelines which are applied herein for our diocese.

The Triduum may only be celebrated in parish churches, not chapels or oratories. Permission has been granted by Bishop Konderla that the Triduum may also be celebrated at Clear Creek Abby, St. Joseph Monastery, St. Rita of Cascia Chapel, and St. Francis and St. Josh Hospital chapels for the good of the religious communities and the patients. (*Clear Creek Abby is exempted from observing the liturgical guidelines below, except the requirement to disallow outside participants.*)

**The Chrism Mass** will continue to be celebrated according to the directives of Bishop Konderla's March 18th Decree with only the Vicars Forane in attendance and live-streamed for the benefit of everyone else.

### **The Paschal Triduum:**

- Parishes should inform the faithful of the times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves to the liturgy in their homes, with the aid of live-streaming where available.

- The Alcuin Institute has also provided additional resources to support the Domestic Church of the faithful observing these holiest of days at home.

### **Maundy Thursday:**

- The faculty to celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in a parish church without the People, excepting a deacon and necessary ministers, is granted exceptionally to all priests by the Holy See.
- The washing of feet is omitted.
- Likewise, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to an altar of repose is omitted and so the following should be observed:
  - The ciborium with the Eucharist should remain on the altar after communion as indicated in the Missal.
  - It should then be placed in the main tabernacle and incensed while *Tantum Ergo* is sung, after which the door of the tabernacle is closed and locked.
  - Then, after a period of adoration the Priest and ministers genuflect and depart in silence to the sacristy.
- Those clergy who are unable to celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper should instead pray Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours.

### **Good Friday:**

- When celebrating the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, the attached petition is to be added to the Universal Prayer: **XI. For the Sick, the Dead, and Those Feeling Lost or Dismayed**

### **Easter Vigil:**

- No celebration of the Easter Vigil may take place in the Diocese of Tulsa before 8:30pm on April 11th.
- The lighting of the Easter fire is omitted. The Paschal Candle is prepared according to the diagram in the Missal, simply lit, and put in its place without the procession which is also omitted.
- After the Candle is put in place, the Exsultet is sung or said, and the Liturgy of the Word continues as usual.
- After the homily, “The Blessing of Water”(n. 54) takes place followed by “The Renewal of Baptismal Promises” (n. 55).
- And then the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual.
- Those clergy who have no possibility of celebrating the Easter Vigil should pray the Office of Readings for Easter Sunday from the Liturgy of the Hours.

### **Easter Sunday:**

- A Priest who celebrates or concelebrates the Easter Vigil Mass may also celebrate Easter Mass during the day.

- Those who celebrate the Easter Mass during the day without the People omit the Renewal of Baptismal vows and instead say the Creed.

**Initiation of the Elect:**

- Since none of the Catechumens will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, they should receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation on a suitable Sunday, preferably in the Easter Season. Pentecost may be most appropriate, and can even be celebrated with the Extended Vigil (cf. Pentecost Sunday, At the Vigil Mass, Extended Form, n. 3-ff.). In that case the sacraments are celebrated after the homily according to the ritual in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA, n. 218-ff.) augmented with the attached revised Rite of Confirmation (*The Order of Confirmation*, n. 24-29).
- Bishop Konderla grants delegation to all Pastors to celebrate the Baptism of those who have been preparing in RCIA who are fourteen years of age and older for the remainder of the Easter Season (cf. CIC, 863) and the priest who confers baptism is authorized to Confirm those he is initiating (RCIA, 232; CIC, 883.2).
- As far as possible, the scrutinies and presentations should be celebrated with the Elect according to their proper intervals, if not on Sundays then at least during the week, in preparation for their Initiation (cf. RCIA, 26, 29).

**Reception of Candidates into Full Communion:**

- Those who are Candidates for Full Communion and already baptized should not receive their sacraments at the same Mass as the Catechumens (RCIA, *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, n. 31-33).
- Pastors, by their office, possess the faculty of Confirming those already baptized whom they admit into full communion with the Catholic Church and do not need to seek delegation from the Bishop (CIC, 883.2), and should use the ritual in *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA, 487-ff.) augmented with the attached revised Rite of Confirmation (*The Order of Confirmation*, n. 24-29).

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2 Attachments:

XI. For the Sick, the Dead, and Those Feeling Lost or Dismayed  
 Selections of The Order of Confirmation within Mass.

XI. **For the Sick, the Dead, and Those Feeling Lost or Dismayed**

**Let us pray also for those who are suffering from the  
coronavirus pandemic,  
that the divine physician may heal the sick and protect all  
those who care for them,  
that God may shepherd all who have died to eternal life,  
and may deliver us from all anxiety.**

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

**Almighty ever-living God,  
heal those who are ill,  
comfort those who mourn,  
give solace to all who are afraid and alone,  
and protect those who are providing medical care.  
In your mercy, alleviate our fears  
and eliminate this scourge,  
so that we may come together again  
to give you praise and thanksgiving.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**R.** Amen.

## The Laying On of Hands

**24.** Then the Bishop (while the Priests associated with him remain by his side) standing, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Dearly beloved,  
let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,  
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them  
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,  
and through his anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

And all pray in silence for a while.

**25.** Then the Bishop lays hands over all those to be confirmed (as do the Priests who are associated with him). But the Bishop alone says:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R.** Amen.

Text with music, p. 000.

## The Anointing with Chrism

**26.** The sacred Chrism is brought by the Deacon to the Bishop. Each of those to be confirmed goes to the Bishop; or, if appropriate, the Bishop goes to each of those to be confirmed. The sponsor who presents the person to be confirmed places his (her) right hand on his (her) shoulder and says the name of the one to be confirmed to the Bishop; or the one to be confirmed alone says his (her) own name.

**27.** The Bishop dips the tip of the thumb of his right hand in the Chrism and, with the thumb, makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

**N.**, BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The newly confirmed replies:

Amen.

The Bishop adds:

Peace be with you.

The newly confirmed:

And with your spirit.

**28.** If Priests assist the Bishop in conferring the Sacrament, all the vessels of sacred Chrism are brought to the Bishop by the Deacon or by the ministers. As each of the Priests comes to the Bishop, he gives each a vessel of Chrism.

Those to be confirmed go to the Bishop or to the Priests; or, if appropriate, the Bishop and Priests go to those to be confirmed. The anointing is done as described above (no. 27).

**29.** During the anointing a suitable chant may be sung. After the anointing the Bishop washes his hands (as do the Priests).