



Holy Spirit Catholic Community



The Ambry

Located to the left of the font in the wall are shelves of glass where three large crystal containers hold our sacred oils. This holy place of reserve is called the Ambry.

The first oil reserved in the Ambry is Chrism. Chrism is a mix of oil and perfume and is used at the holiest of moments that define Christian life – baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the dedication of a church and altar.

Next we have the Oil of the Sick. This oil is used to anoint those who are ill.

Finally we have the Oil of the Catechumens. During their initiation into the church, this oil is used to anoint the Catechumens. The catechumens are those individuals who are seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The major significance of anointing a person is to convey the spirit of Christ and to strengthen them to live a Christ-like life.

