



THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the presbyters of the Church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his. (James 5:14-15).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Catholics believe that a time of sickness can be a time to recall God's presence and to celebrate God's healing in our lives. The rites of the Church serve to remind us of God's presence and our dependence upon God. The Anointing of the Sick helps us to remember our need for spiritual and physical healing.

WHY ISN'T IT CALLED THE "LAST RITES" ANYMORE?

The renewed rites of the Church call this sacrament the Anointing of the Sick. It is no longer called "Extreme Unction" or "the last anointing." This reflects the Church's belief that this sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill or elderly. This sacrament can be celebrated several times in a person's lifetime, whenever an illness or advanced age causes persons to be concerned for their spiritual welfare.

WHO SHOULD CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK?

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age, or who feels the need for the comforting presence of the Church's sacramental prayer life may be anointed. This sacrament may be repeated if an illness progresses or if new illnesses develop.

WHEN IS THE SACRAMENT CELEBRATED AT ST. MAURICE?

The Sacrament will be offered beginning on Sunday, December 6, after the 12:00 Noon Mass and continuing on Sunday, January 3, February 7, and March 6.

If you cannot come to Church because of physical limitations and desire anointing, please call the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809.

If you have any questions, please call Joyce at 412-351-6008 or Jo Ann at 412-271-6606.