

Anointing of the Sick: Ministry, Magic, or Encounter?



November 3

11:45 am – 2:30 pm

Why do we anoint the sick and dying?

When should this sacrament take place?

What does this anointing bring about?

All are welcome to learn more about this sacrament of healing
and its importance in our lives.

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If you are interested in joining us, please call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. (James 5:13-16)

The Mission of the Twelve

He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits...So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. (Mark 6:7, 12-13)

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

(From the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*)

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