

JOIN US FOR THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: FEB. 9 + 10, 2019

DURING MASS on this weekend, we will celebrate this sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Through this sacrament people receive forgiveness of their sins and comfort in their suffering; they are restored in spirit; and sometimes they even experience the return of physical health. Suffering is part of life, but Jesus unites our suffering with his passion and death so we can participate in his saving and healing work. With Vatican II, the sacraments were revised. This sacrament is no longer the “Last Rites” (Extreme Unction), reserved only to the dying or dead. The Sacrament of the Anointing is open to all the baptized who are seriously sick. This sacrament reminds us that God wants to give comfort and relieve suffering.



WHO MAY BE ANOINTED? This Sacrament of the Sick is for baptized children or adults who are seriously sick. This sacrament may be repeated if health is failing. The Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated before surgery, or with both terminal and serious illnesses. Serious mental illnesses also qualify for anointing. Feb. 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes) is our annual “World Day of Prayer for the Sick” so this weekend celebrates our Sacrament for the anointing of our sick.

ARRIVE EARLY for any of the Feb. 9/10 weekend masses for a “show and tell” orientation, if possible. Please identify yourself as seeking this sacrament. Seating will be reserved for family and friends of those to be anointed. Join us for our communal prayers for healing. In the Rites of the Anointing of the Sick, the sick person is anointed on the head and hands, with prayer: “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” The “raising” refers to spiritual healing, as well as any physical healing that may take place.