

## Anointing Outside of Mass

- “Those who are seriously ill need the special help of God’s grace in this time of anxiety, lest they be broken in spirit and, under the pressure of temptation, perhaps weakened in their faith. That is why, through the sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens the faithful who are afflicted by illness, providing them with the strongest means of support” (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 5).
- “The anointing may be repeated in accordance with the conditions for other kinds of serious illness,” (PCS 53) that is, “the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious” (PCS 9).
- “Some types of mental illness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and who would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed” (PCS, 53).
- While the Church has not further clarified the types of mental illness which qualify, opioid addiction is without a doubt a potentially fatal condition, and so the celebration of the anointing of the sick is certainly appropriate.
- Priests will want to prayerfully consider the condition of a person when determining whether to anoint them or not.

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### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/. And with your spirit.

### Sprinkling

*If it seems desirable, the priest may sprinkle the sick person and those present with holy water.*

Like a stream in a parched land, may the grace of the Lord refresh our lives.

### Instruction

The sick came to Jesus for healing. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: “Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.”

Let us therefore commend our sick brothers and sisters to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save them and raise them up.

### Penitential Rite

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this holy anointing, let us call to mind our sins. (silence)

Lord, Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord have mercy  
R/. Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ have mercy  
R/. Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength.  
Lord have mercy.  
R/. Lord have mercy

### Reading

At that time Jesus answered,  
“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.  
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

### Response

(silence)  
Pastoral reflection

### Litany

121 *The priest may adapt or shorten the litany according to the condition of the sick person.*

My brothers and sisters, in our prayer of faith,  
let us appeal to God for our brothers and sisters.

Come and strengthen them through this holy anointing: Lord have mercy.  
R. Lord have mercy

Free them from all harm: Lord have mercy  
R. Lord have mercy

Free them from sin and all temptation: Lord have mercy

R. Lord have mercy

Relieve the sufferings of all the sick who suffer from addiction:

Lord have mercy

R. Lord have mercy

Assist all those dedicated to the care of the sick: Lord have mercy

R. Lord have mercy

Give life and health to our brothers and sisters

on whom we lay our hands: Lord have mercy

R. Lord have mercy

### Laying on of Hands

122 *In silence and, if so desired, the priest may lay his hands on the head of any person suffering from addiction.*

### Prayer over the Oil

123 *The priest says a prayer of thanksgiving over blessed oil, or he may bless the oil himself, using one of the following:*

*Thanksgiving over the Blessed Oil – If the oil is already blessed, the priest says the following prayer of thanksgiving over it:*

Praise to you, God, the almighty Father.

You sent your Son to live among us  
and bring us salvation.

R. Blessed by God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son.

You humbled yourself to share in our humanity  
and heal our infirmities.

R. Blessed by God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you, God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.

Your unfailing power gives us strength  
in our bodily weakness.

R. Blessed by God who heals us in Christ.

God of mercy,

ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness  
of your servants

whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

*Blessing of Oil – When the priest blesses the oil during the rite, he uses the following blessing:*

Let us pray.

God of all consolation,  
you chose and sent your Son to heal the world.  
Graciously listen to our prayer of faith:  
send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler,  
into this precious oil, this soothing ointment,  
this rich gift, this fruit of the earth.

Bless this oil + and sanctify it for our use.

Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it;  
heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit,  
and deliver them from every affliction.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen

### Anointing

124 *The priest anoints the sick person with the blessed oil.  
First, he anoints the forehead, saying:*

Through this holy anointing  
may the Lord in his love and mercy help you  
with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen

*Then, he anoints the hands, saying:*

May the Lord who frees you from sin  
save you and raise you up.

R/. Amen

### Prayer after Anointing

Let us pray.

Father in heaven,  
through this holy anointing  
grant them comfort in their suffering.  
When they are afraid, give them courage,  
when afflicted, give them patience,  
when dejected, afford them hope,  
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen