

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS- MAY 23, 2026

An ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS will be celebrated on SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> @ 11:00 AM. at St. Margaret Mary Parish. A reception and time for socializing in the Heath Room will follow after Mass. Anyone suffering from a serious or chronic illness or elderly persons in a general state of infirmity is welcome to receive this Sacrament. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick expresses the faith of the entire Catholic community. All are welcome to join us, as we offer prayers and support for those who are sick and their families.

Please register those to be anointed by completing the form below. Early registration is appreciated.

### REGISTRATION FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to receive the Anointing.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to register a friend or family member to receive the Anointing.

Name of Person to be Anointed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Limited mobility (scooter, walker)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Good mobility

If you are registering a friend or relative, please provide the following contact information:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms should be returned by Tuesday, May 19, 2026



ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



*O gentle Jesus, You cured the sick laid Your healing hands upon the lame, the blind, and the crippled. Look with compassion upon me in my time of need. Instil in me the strength to carry this heavy cross to its final destination without losing hope and faith. If it is not Your will to cure me, then give me enough strength to bear my burden and offer it up to the Father as You did when you suffered so much for me.*

*Amen.*

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# The Sacrament of the ANOINTING OF THE SICK



In St. Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus sending out the Apostles to heal the sick by anointing them with oil (Mark 6:13). Further on in Scripture, the letter of James (5:13-16) presents us with a significant community practice, anointing the sick with oil linked with prayer by the Church elders. This practice has been preserved along with a number of other signs of Christ's love for His body, the Church. This sign in particular, however, expresses the same concern the Master had for the sick.

But why use oil? In ancient civilizations, oil had a number of uses. One of these was notably a cure for illness. It is this aspect that favored the choice of using oil for anointing of the sick. Since the body and the spirit are not distinct but mutually form one person, the anointing of the sick addresses the bodily and spiritual well-being of those who receive it.

As the centuries passed, however, this sacrament became more associated with preparation for dying. The healing aspect of this sacrament was lost. Vatican II revived this healing aspect by stating:

“Extreme Unction, which may also and more fittingly be called ‘Anointing of the Sick’, is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the appropriate time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”

The Anointing of the Sick is for:

- Sick persons whose illness is serious
- Those undergoing surgery for a serious illness.
- The aged whose health is failing.
- Those who are suffering from mental health difficulties.
- Those who are unconscious or who have lost the use of reason, if the judgement can be made that were they conscious they would desire to receive the anointing.

The sick person is permitted to receive the sacrament more than once; in the case of a relapse, or deteriorating health, or in the instance of an elderly person growing physically weaker. Persons who have already died do not receive the sacrament (at least when there is any real doubt about their still being alive). In the face of death, it is the duty of baptized Christians to pray that the Lord will receive the sick person into His Kingdom.

Whenever possible, the anointing of the sick should be celebrated within a community. In this way, the unity of the members of the Body of Christ will be evident; and it is the whole community, at the side of the sick person, which brings its support and hopes for a speedy recovery.