

Message From The Pastor

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Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick

Just a few reminders about the healing sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

1. It is our bishop who ordinarily blesses the oil for the administration of the sacrament.
2. The common manner to receive the sacrament is the priest administers the blessed oil on the forehead, then on the palms of the recipient's hands.
3. Any baptized Roman Catholic, if he/she has reached the age of reason, may receive the sacrament whenever there is a serious illness, not just if he/she is danger of death
4. A baptized non-Catholic may also receive the sacrament under the same circumstances, if the following is true:
 - He/she requests it.
 - He/she cannot approach a minister from his/her Christian church.
 - Demonstrates a Catholic faith in regard to the reception of the sacrament.
 - Is properly disposed to receive it in spirit.
5. An unbaptized person may not receive the sacrament.
6. If a person received the sacrament, he/she may receive it again, if the illness increases in severity or if another serious illness occurs after the first.
7. The sacrament can be administered anywhere and at any time.
8. Only an ordained presbyter (priest or bishop) may administer the sacrament.
9. The blessed oil utilized in the administration of the sacrament is kept in the parish church, stored in an ambry..
10. If needed, it also may be kept in the possession of the priest. Stored with reverence in a convenient location.

Peace

Fr. Marc