

Sacraments of Healing

Chapter 21

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The Healing of a Paralytic

Matthew 9:1-8

- 1 He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town.
- 2 And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When **Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.”**
- 3 At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”
- 4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, “Why do you harbor evil thoughts?
- 5 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
- 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic, “Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.”
- 7 He rose and went home.
- 8 When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to human beings.

A Woman Caught in Adultery

John 8:1-11

Then each went to his own house,

1 while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.

3 Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

4 They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.* So what do you say?”

6 They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

7 But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

8 Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

9 And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him.

10 Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

11 She replied, “No one, sir.” **Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more.”**

The Pardon of the Sinful Woman

Luke 7:36-50

36 A Pharisee invited him to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.

37 Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment,

38 she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty.

42 Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly."

The Pardon of the Sinful Woman

Luke 7:36-50

44 Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

45 You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered.

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment.

47 So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love.*
But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

48 He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 The others at table said to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 23:33-34

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."
They divided his garments by casting lots.

Receiving Penance and Reconciliation

- We should confess serious sins at least once a year.
- If we are guilty of a mortal sin, we must not receive the Eucharist until we have confessed the sin.
- We should be sorry for our sins, and we should have a firm conviction to sin no more.



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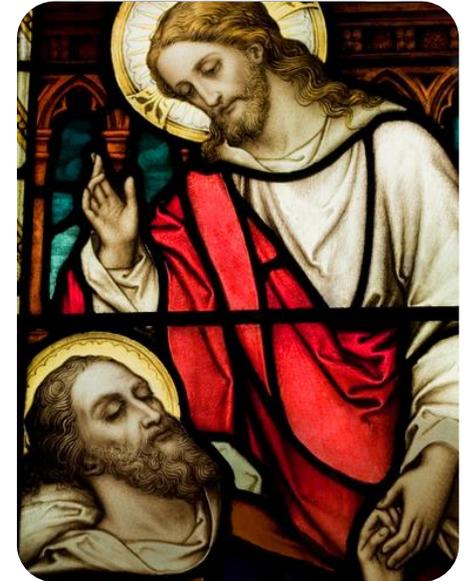
Fr. Mike: Making a Good Confession



MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

History of Anointing of the Sick

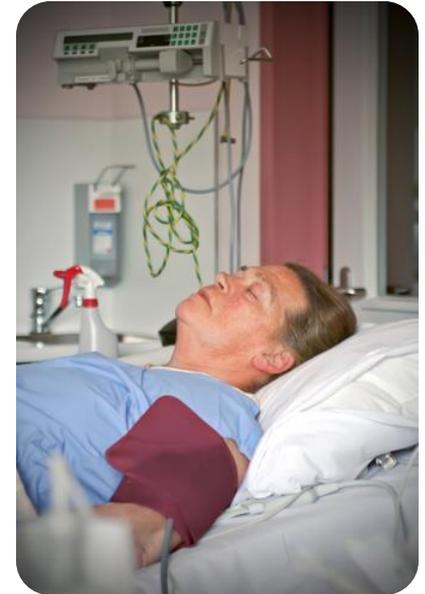
- There are more than twenty accounts of healing in the four Gospels. Examples:
 - The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead
 - Jesus heals Bleeding Woman
- Around the ninth century, the Sacrament was used to prepare people for death.



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Receiving the Sacrament

- Danger of death
- Seriously ill or preparing for a serious medical procedure
- No limit to the number of times you can receive this Sacrament



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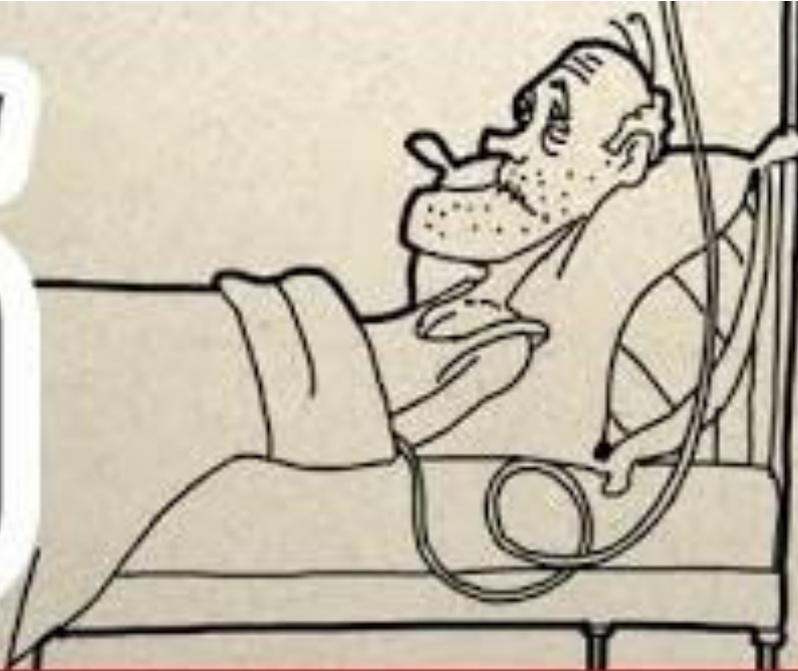
The Effects of Anointing of the Sick

- Strengthens us and gives us peace and courage
- Helps a person regain mental and physical health if this is God's will
- Helps a person prepare for his or her death



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