

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- WHEN?** Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM Mass
- WHAT?** The Anointing of the Sick is one of the sacraments of the Church. As such, it is rooted in the actions of Jesus, whose ministry was one of healing and reconciliation. Furthermore, there is evidence of this practice in imitation of Jesus within the New Testament Church. The Letter of James states, "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the priests of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."
- WHY?** The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, like the other sacraments, is an opportunity to both more deeply encounter the Lord Jesus and to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. Like the other sacraments, Anointing has a particular focus – the reality of sickness and our human frailty – and provides the opportunity for healing on several levels: physical, emotional, and spiritual.
- HOW?** Each person receiving the sacrament will be anointed individually with blessed oil on the forehead and hands while the priest prays over the person.
- WHO?** All those suffering from serious illness, physical or mental, are encouraged to receive anointing; also, those who are planning to have surgery in the near future or anyone over the age of 65 who is in a weakened condition, even without serious illness. The instruction regarding this sacrament notes that anyone whose health is seriously impaired is encouraged to receive the anointing.
- WHERE?** The sacrament will be offered during the Mass listed above. It is appropriate that the sacrament occur when the community gathers to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. The sacrament will occur during Mass as a visible sign for all that there are members who are ill and that the community is concerned about them.

If you would like to come to Mass to be anointed and need transportation, please call the Parish Office (366-4400) and a ride can be arranged. If you are unable to leave your home and would like to be anointed, call the office and we will arrange for Fr. Ray to come to your home.

If your situation changes during the coming year and you need to be anointed at a later date, please Call the Parish Office.