

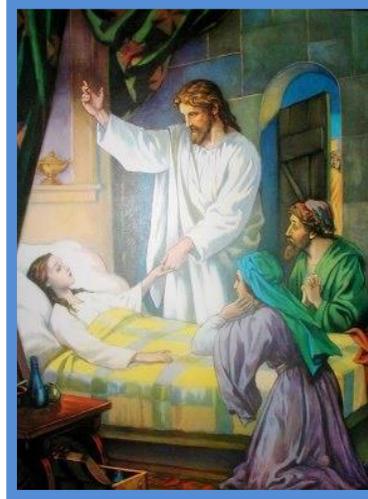
At Holy Family Parish, the **Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated each month on the 1st Wednesday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

At the Long Term Care Centres where Holy Family Parish provides outreach, the **Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated as needed when a resident's condition changes, or at the request of either a resident or their family member.

If a resident wants to receive **Anointing of the Sick** at any time please call the Office at Holy Family Parish 519-472-0057 ext.260 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please Note: Holy Family Parish provides spiritual support to three Long Term Care facilities: People Care Oakcrossing, Horizon Place, and Chelsey Park. Every Sunday, Lay Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion visit the residents bringing them Holy Communion.

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, residents at these facilities are invited to celebrate either Mass, or a Communion Service which is led by fellow parishioners, where they can pray together and receive the Eucharist. Please check the bulletin for time and location of Mass/Communion Services.



"I was sick and you took care of me ...
Truly I tell you, just as you did it
to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me. "
(Mt. 25.36 - 40)



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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



"Is any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord..." James 5:14-15

What is the 'Anointing of the Sick'?

The **Anointing of the Sick** is a sacrament which serves as a channel for special graces from God that comfort and heal, physically and/or spiritually, people who are seriously ill and/or in danger of death. It is rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

Who can receive this Sacrament?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Severe asthma, or other respiratory illness
- Injured in an accident
- Advanced age
- Chronic illness
- Addiction
- Fear or anxiety
- Cancer
- Faith crisis
- Anyone in danger of death

"The **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 fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."

Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1514

"If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds true for the elderly whose frailty has become more pronounced."

Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1515.

What are the effects of the Sacrament?

- provides courage, strength and peace
- helps the person to trust in God, no matter what happens
- gives the sick person the grace to unite his/her suffering to the passion of Christ
- provides physical and/or spiritual healing according to God's will
- pours out consolation and hope
- provides for the forgiveness of sins even when the sick person is too ill to receive the sacrament of reconciliation
- offers necessary graces so that the sick person may prepare for death

If someone has received the Sacrament of the Sick, they may receive it again as their condition changes, but it is not necessary that they receive it again.

At Holy Family Parish:

The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated:

In an Emergency - In a case where death is imminent, please call the office or if the person is in hospital, ask for the Roman Catholic clergy on call.

For All Parishioners - If you, someone in your family or a friend wishes to receive the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**, please contact the Parish office. If you have any questions about this or any other sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

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At Long Term Care Centres, conditions change. If a resident wants to receive the Anointing of the Sick **Please Note** -, *Holy Family Parish keeps a current list of the names of the anointed for our reference and also provides the Long Term Care Facility with the current list so that they may note this in the resident's record, if you want to check to see when the person was last anointed, please call our Office.*