

To: Our Priests and Deacons

Here's the outline to refresh your memories. Joann

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1. Before Mass (Be sure to make this advance announcement and be clear about who is invited. This gives people time to reflect on whether they will come forward to be anointed.)

* In the Gathering Prayer announce that we will have the anointing today and note that this is for people seriously or chronically ill due to sickness or old-age or debilitating physical or mental illness.

2. After the Homily

* Invite those who wish to be anointed to come forward in two rows down the center aisle. They can return to their seats after being anointed.

3. Anointing

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Laying On of Hands (Deacon)

- **Usher then directs people up to the Priest. Keep the line forward and moving.**

* Anointing with Oil (Priest) (If people start holding their hands far apart, as they sometimes do, you might want to add an instruction about holding your hands together.)

* Final Blessing (those who were anointed should stand up at this point)

Note: You may want to place the Oil of the Sick and a small towel on the altar before Mass begins. The Prayers of Blessing, Anointing & the Final Blessing will be in the Presider's Book. *There's only one line (which is optional) for the Deacon, so I haven't provided an extra script for him.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
(After the Homily at all Masses)

*Invite those who wish to be anointed – those who are seriously or chronically ill - to come forward and stand in two rows in the center aisle.
Also instruct them to return to their seats after being anointed.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon: Our response is “Blessed be God.”

Presider: Praise to you, almighty God and Father.
You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son.
You humbled yourself to share in humanity, and you desired to cure all our illnesses.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.
You heal our sickness, with your mighty power.

All: Blessed be God.

Presider: Lord God,
with faith in you
our brothers and sisters
will be anointed with this holy oil.
Ease their sufferings
and strengthen them in their weakness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS: Deacon

Note to Musicians: You may provide music during both the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing.

ANOINTING WITH OIL: Priest

*Through this holy anointing
may the Lord in his love and mercy help you
with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*May the Lord who frees you from sin
save you and raise you up. Amen.*

FINAL BLESSING (*ask those who have been anointed to stand*)

Presider: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
ease the sufferings of our sick brothers and sisters
and make them well again in mind and body.
In your loving kindness forgive their sins
and grant them full health
so that they may be restored to your service.
For you are Lord for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

Now all stand for the Intercessions.