



ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

What did the Apostles anoint people with?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

The apostles anointed people who were sick with oil and prayed for them. We continue to do this in the Church through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH **II. WHO RECEIVES AND WHO ADMINIS- TERS THIS SACRAMENT?**

In case of grave illness . . .

1514 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."¹³⁰

1515 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 for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

" . . . let him call for the presbyters of the Church"

1516 Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick.¹³¹ It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. The sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention.

DURING THE WEEK

Look up James 5:14-15 in the bible.

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (*Jas 5:14-15*).



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ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

What do shepherds do?