

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick



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Since Adam and Eve, Man is prone to sin.

- God's supernatural life in our souls can be destroyed by sin.
- Yet, God is full of mercy
- By this sacrament, Jesus gives us hope in our search for holiness.
- By forgiving our sins, He restores us to our intimacy with our Heavenly Father.



God's Forgiveness is Always Present

- God's mercy is cited in the Old Testament (Lam 3: 22-23)
- Father sends the Son to redeem us and restore us to the Father.
- The mercy of the Father is culminated in His Son, Jesus.
- Jesus tells us of the Father's mercy & forgives executioners.
- Jesus empowers apostles to forgive sins.



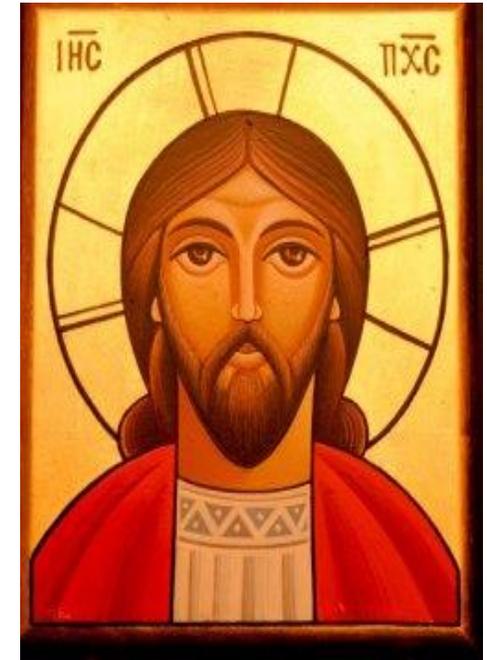
Repeatable Sacrament of Healing

- *Form* of reconciliation is the priest's prayer of absolution.
- *Matter* is the audible confession with intention to reform
- Sacramental absolution is conferred by a priest or bishop.
- Priest acts in *persona Christi* so it is Christ who forgives thru priest
- Penitent's confession is confidential, seal is absolute.



Elements by Penitent and the Priest

- Penitent examines conscience diligently: serious sins confessed
- Penitent's contrition may be imperfect. Should be perfect.
- Penitent's firm purpose is reconciliation...not to sin again.
- Confess all mortal sins for growth in holiness
- *Examination of Conscience*
- Absolution by priest...F, S, HS
- Satisfaction: penance by priest.



Effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Sins are forgiven & guilt is wiped away so soul returns to God's grace
- Penitent is reconciled to the Church for wounds & sinful acts
- Penitent grows in holiness with the sacrament of Confession.
- Penitent now stronger to avoid temptation and occasions of sin.



Penance an Ongoing Conversion

- Prayer, fasting, almsgiving are ways for spiritual discipline
- Indulgences eliminate or shorten temporal punishment due to forgiveness of sins entrusted to Peter and his successors.
- Christ instituted the sacrament since He knew we could falter in our faith and needed forgiveness
- Know that He is with you. Always



Closing Prayer: Act of Contrition

- O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee & I detest all my sins because of thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend thee, my God who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen



Let's take a Break!

.....And have some refreshments.

Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament of Healing

- Anointing of the sick strengthens those who are ill or dying.
- Sacrament calls Christians to accept suffering in faith.
- Essential to our own growth and understanding of the sanctity to the Body of Christ.
- Jesus suffered with his death on the cross & defeated death with His resurrection.



Anointing of the Sick: Scripture Reflections

- Divine care for wellness (1Ptr2:24)
- Suffering servant heals us by his wounds is prophesied (Is 52: 13-53)
- Father's mercy and infinite love are revealed in the divine healer, Jesus.
- Jesus came as the divine healer to heal sinners (Mk 2:17)
- Jesus heals the blind, deaf, sick, and afflicted (Lk 4: 16-21)
- Jesus sends his apostles to preach and heal the sick (Mk 6: 7-13)



More on Anointing of the Sick

- Anointing of the Sick is a repeatable sacrament of healing (James 5:14-15)
- Led by the Holy Spirit, the early Church confers the sacrament for salvation & forgiveness of sins.
- Form is the prayer of the priest.
- Matter is the anointing by the priest with oil of the sick., usually on the forehead.



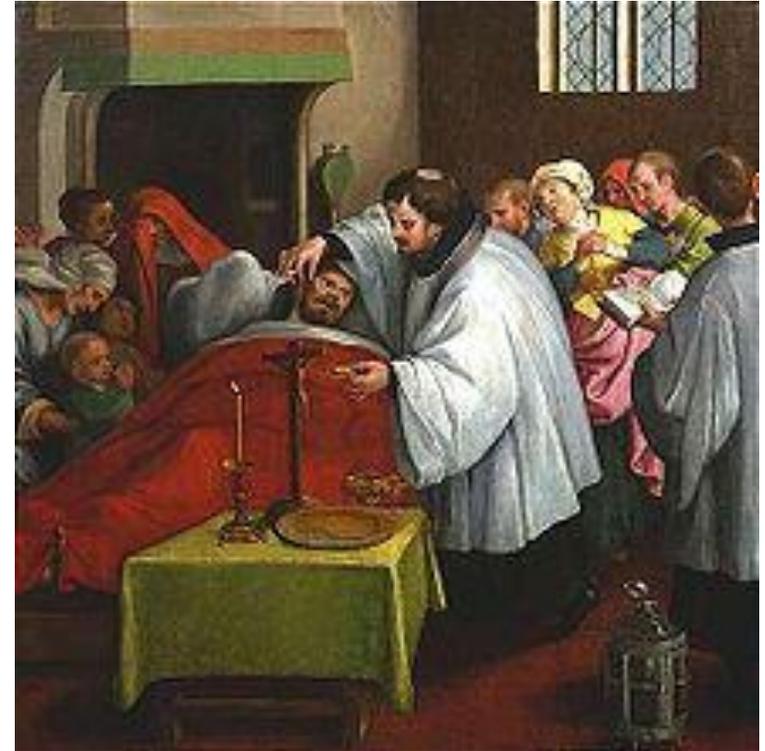
Effects of Anointing of the Sick

- Confers sanctifying grace for strength, courage, healing soul & healing the body.
- Consecrates the one receiving to be united with Jesus suffering.
- Given for serious illness as well as when one is expected to die.
- The sacrament can be given as many times as is necessary.



Heaven Bound...Final Journey

- Church prepares the person for the final suffering of death and entry to Heaven (Psalm 33:18-22)
- Prayers for the dying and for family asking for God's mercy and peace.
- Viaticum...final reception of Eucharist as one prepares for Eternal Life.
- Apostolic Pardon: Grant full pardon and remission of sins for the dying person. Plenary indulgence.



Redemptive Suffering

- Sin and sickness are both evils in life, but sin is the worse evil.
- Sin & sickness cause physical, emotional, & spiritual stress, & can lead to sorrow, bitterness, and loss of hope.
- Jesus did not come to banish suffering but to give us redemptive power.
- Through redemptive suffering, we are given dignity to share in Jesus suffering for the sake of the church.



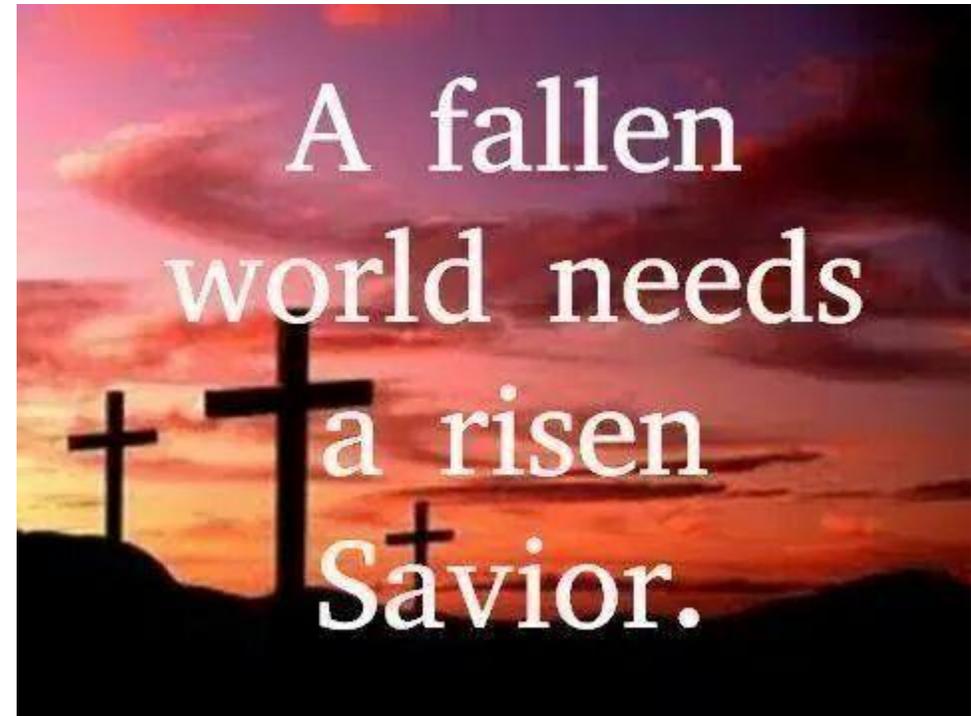
More on Redemptive Suffering

- Suffering is needed for purification (Wis 3: 1-7)
- Suffering is needed for holiness & is a primary tool of the Holy Spirit to bring us to Christ (1 Peter 4:1-2)
- Suffering provides benefits to the Body of Christ.
- When we perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we imitate Jesus the healer and are transformed in him by the Holy Spirit.



Closing Prayer

- Father, your Son accepted our suffering to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen



Thanks for listening and now go
in peace to glorify the Lord with
your life. God bless!

