

Young Apprentices

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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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**Brother Jesus,
you walked the earth
preaching the Good News
and healing the ill.**

**Help us share in
your work of healing
by caring for the sick
with our prayers
and with acts of kindness.**

Amen.



Sunday Word

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. Lepers had to announce themselves as unclean and keep themselves apart from others.
2. The leper in today's Gospel knew that Jesus could make him clean.
3. When Jesus cured the leper, the leper spread the Good News that Jesus had healed him.

Key Teachings



Celebrating the Anointing of the Sick

During the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest meets and prays with the sick, those caring for them, and the family. This is what happens:

- The priest reads the Word of God.
- All join in praying a prayer of faith.
- The priest lays hands on the sick person, just as Jesus often laid hands on sick people.
- The priest anoints the forehead and hands of the sick person with the Oil of the Sick.

Faith Words



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick celebrates God's love and healing power. It strengthens our faith and trust in God when we are seriously ill, dying, or weak because of old age.



Oil of the Sick

The Church uses the Oil of the Sick in the celebration of Anointing of the Sick. The Oil of the Sick helps to heal us.

Faith-Filled People



Saint Damien de Veuster (1840–1889) was a missionary priest in Hawaii. He went there to help those with leprosy who had been forced to live all alone on an island. Saint Damien helped the sick people care for each other, and he showed them God's love.

With My Family



We Listen

Jesus is a caring and compassionate healer. He worked a healing miracle for the man with leprosy. Why do you think that Jesus did not want the cured man to tell anyone? And why did the man disobey Jesus' request? What would you have done if you had been the one to be healed?

We Believe

The oil used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the Church's holy oils. It is called the Oil of the Sick. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Oil of the Sick heals and unites us to Christ.

We Live As Disciples

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells us to imitate Christ. We can imitate the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by speaking words of kindness to those who are hurting emotionally as well as physically. Think of someone you know or someone you have seen who has few, if any, friends. What kindness can you extend to that person?

We Pray

Light a candle to represent Christ and then pray the following:

Lord Jesus,
you healed the man with leprosy.
Send your comforting
and healing Spirit
to all those sick,
especially (name).
We ask this in your name.
Amen.