

Mysterious Encounters: Unveiling the Power of the Sacraments

Week 5: Anointing of the Sick

1. Redemptive suffering: Colossians 1:24
2. Scriptural witness to the sacrament
 - a. Matthew 10: 5,8; Mark 6:7, 12-13; Luke 9:1-2, 6
 - b. Mark 16:17-18
 - c. James 5:14-15
3. When to receive the sacrament
 - a. “‘Extreme unction,’ which may also and more fittingly be called ‘anointing of the sick,’ is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one 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.”

(Second Vatican Council, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 73)
 - b. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1514-1515
4. Elements of the sacrament
 - a. Ordinary minister
 - b. Matter

c. Form

5. *Viaticum* (John 6:54)

6. Effects of the sacrament – From an option in the Roman rite: “Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant N. comfort in his suffering.

When he is afraid, give him courage, when afflicted, give him patience,

when dejected, afford him hope, and when alone, assure him of the

support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.”

7. How we assist in carrying on Christ’s healing ministry