SAINT ANSELM CHURCH
COMMUNAL CELEBRATION FOR THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic church in no. 1499 teaches: "*By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them, and indeed, she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."*

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the New Law, instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ to give the sick spiritual aid and strength and to perfect spiritual health, including, if need be, the remission of sins. Conditionally it also restores bodily health to Christians who are seriously ill.

A Catholic does not have to be in danger of death to receive this Sacrament.

The ritual for the Anointing of the Sick gives the following examples of people who can receive this Sacrament:

· *"those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age"*
· *"a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness"*
· *"elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill"*
· *"sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament"*

The Anointing of the Sick can also be repeated whenever the sick person again falls into a serious sickness after recuperation or whenever a more serious crisis develops during the same sickness.

At St. Anselm Church, the Anointing of the Sick will be administered after the 11:00 AM Mass on the **Third Saturday** of the month:

Saturday, August 16, 2025
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Saturday, October 18, 2025
Saturday, November 15, 2025
Saturday, December 20, 2025