

ORDER OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND OF THEIR PASTORAL CARE

The USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship has announced the confirmation of a **new edition of the *Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care*** by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. This is not simply a new translation. It touches the Church's prayer at some of the most sacred moments of ministry: **serious illness, suffering, and the approach of death.**

Please read the brief points below carefully.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

- A **new liturgical book** for the Anointing of the Sick has been issued.
- It includes **updated translations, expanded pastoral options, and clearer rites** for communal celebrations, hospital ministry, and pastoral care of the dying.

WHEN IT MUST BE USED

- **May be used: February 11, 2026** (*Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick*)
- **Must be used: April 5, 2026** (*Easter Sunday*)
- **After this date, the previous ritual may no longer be used.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

- **Order the new ritual book** as soon as possible.
- Ensure it is available:
 - In your parish sacristy
 - For hospital and home visits

WHERE TO ORDER

- Burgess Church Supply: Click [HERE](#)

A PASTORAL REMINDER

The Anointing of the Sick is **not a “last rite”**, but a Sacrament of **healing, hope, and the presence of Christ**. This revised ritual gives us richer language and clearer structure to serve the sick with reverence, confidence, and compassion.

Thank you for your faithful ministry to the sick and suffering entrusted to your care.