

Saint Anne's Oil

ORIGIN

We have to go back more than a century to trace the origin of St Anne's Oil. In the old stone church of the time, which is commemorated by the present Souvenir Chapel, our forebears who came as pilgrims, used to take home some of the oil that was burning in the sanctuary lamp before the relics of St Anne for the use of sick people who were not able to come to the shrine. It is easily understood that such a practice of devotion was a little inconvenient, so those in charge of the Shrine used to prepare the oil in advance in sufficient quantities for the needs of everyone.

BENEDICTION

Although the actual preparation and delivery of this oil is handled by the Church Store, we carefully follow the traditional ceremony for preparing it. The Oil is blessed with a formula from the Roman Ritual which includes exorcism, or asking God to protect those who use it from the influence of the devil, and blessing, and power, although not infallible, to cure the sick. The Oil burns before the relics of St Anne during these prayers of the Church. So it is not necessary to bless the Oil again after it is received from the Church Store, as in the case of religious articles.

USE

How should it be used? Sick people may use it exteriorly by rubbing a wound or sore place with it. We should not have any superstitious belief that it is certain to bring about a cure. Although St Anne is well able to obtain marvels for us, she is never obliged to do so.

St Anne's Oil and Cords can be had from
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