

HOME BLESSING ON EPIPHANY

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to hand out blessed chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

Use the blessed chalk to write

"20+C+M+B+26"

above the doorways

C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* – (Latin for "May Christ Bless this House")

2026 for the year

As you are writing, pray the following prayer:

God of Light, bless our home.

Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. When we leave from this place,

may we never lose sight of Christ's light.

We mark our door with the symbol of blessing.

May all who enter find love and light,
for Christ dwells in this home and in our hearts.

Amen.

Pray the Our Father.