



## CHALKING OF DOORS

### HOUSE EPIPHANY BLESSING

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After the celebration of the Epiphany liturgy  
use the blessed chalk to write:

20 + C + M + B + XX

over the inside or outside of every entrance to  
your home (where “XX” is the year, i.e “23”)

The initials C, M, and B have a double meaning:  
they represent the names of the Three Wise  
Men, viz. Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, and  
they are acronymic of the Latin “*Christus  
Mansionem Benedicat*”, which means “May  
Christ bless this house”.

While the entrance is being inscribed, the father  
of the family prays:

O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house that it  
may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-  
conquest, humility, goodness, mildness,  
obedience to the commandments, and  
thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell  
herein may Your blessing remain forever,  
through Christ our Lord.

All respond: **Amen.**

*Do NOT discard blessed chalk! Store it with  
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