## The Epiphany House Blessing

The Catholic Epiphany House Blessing in 2025 involves writing "20 + C + M + B + 25 on the door with blessed chalk. The blessing is traditionally done on January 6th, but the US Church celebrates it on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. The blessing can be done any time.

## What does the blessing mean?

- The letters C, M and B are the initial of the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- The letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase Christus Mansionem Benedict, which means " May Christ bless this house".
- The "+" sign represents the Cross.
- The numbers 20 and 25 represent the year 2025.

## How do I bless my home?

- 1. Use the blessed chalk included to write the numbers and letters on the door.
- 2. Say a prayer, such as "May my Beloved Lord Jesus Christ bless and protect my home and me, and be with me as Immanuel".

In the vestibule are little plastic envelopes with short instructions and blessed chalk. Please feel free to take one home and when you are done with it, share with family and friends.

This blessing is shared by parishioners Angela and John Ninotti.