

BLESSING FOR HOMES ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Please take a piece of blessed chalk with you if you wish, to ask God's blessing on your home for the New Year.

The chalk was blessed by a priest with the following prayer:

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who made heaven and earth.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: Bless O Lord God this creature chalk to render it helpful to man. Grant that those who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the name of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthassar, may through their merits enjoy health of mind and body and protection of soul. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Home

While the words of the blessing are said in the home, the top of the door frame is marked with the date of the year, the initials of the names of the three wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthassar) and crosses in the following manner.

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Leader: Peace be to this house.
All: And to all who dwell therein.
Leader: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord, and opening their treasures offered precious gifts: gold, for the highest king
incense, for the true God
myrrh, symbol of his burial
Leader: Let us pray: O God, who by the guiding star made known and manifested your Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who know you by faith, may attain the vision of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen
Leader: Bless, O Lord God Almighty, this home (mark the doorpost as noted), that in it there may be health, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of your law, and thanksgiving to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain with us and on this house. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.