

2026 Epiphany Blessing of the Home

(If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the family is the leader.)

A suitable song may be sung.

The leader makes the Sign of the Cross, and all reply, “Amen.”

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love and peace. May all who enter this home find Christ’s light and love.

Leader: The Son of God made His home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon Him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph, You formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know You as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: **R/. Stay with us, Lord.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: **R/. Stay with us, Lord.**

Leader: The Leader invites all to pray “Our Father....

Leader: “Let us pray” Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

All present go from room to room, blessing each room with holy water and praying the following prayer:

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness and peace, love and affection. May the spirit of pardon and affection reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of joy and laughter, hope and faith, playfulness and prayer, compassion and love be perpetual guests in our home. May God’s holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R/. Amen.**

Inscription for the Year 2026: 20 + C + M + B + 26

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways for the year 2026, using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God’s loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. **R/. Amen.**

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross and praying:

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. **R/. Amen.**



Epiphany House Blessing

Christus Mansionem benedicat

May Christ bless the house

Peace to this house.

And to all who dwell herein.

From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord - and opening their treasures, they offer precious gifts - gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Chalk the Door - Epiphany House Blessing

20 C+M+B 26

"Christus Mansionem Benedicat"

The equation is written as the first two digits of the year, followed by the initials C, M, and B, followed by the last two digits of the year. Each portion is split by plus signs.

For this year, the equation is written: "20 + C + M + B + 26."

The chalking holds two meanings. The C, M and B, refer to the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house."

The plus signs represent the cross and the 20 and 26 simply refer to the year.