

**EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK:**

**A Resource**

The chalk to be blessed may be placed in a basket for the faithful to take home with them after Mass. The blessing prayers may be included on a card with the chalk or reproduced in the bulletin.

The blessing of the chalk takes place just before the final blessing and dismissal. The following prayer may be used:

**May God,  
who provided a safe dwelling place  
for the eternal Word,  
bless this chalk,  
the homes of the faithful,  
and the people who live there,  
through Christ our Lord.**

The prayer card or bulletin insert could include the following information and prayers → →

Note: Because the blessing of the chalk takes place before the final blessing, it would be best to proclaim the Date of Easter after the homily in order to avoid “overloading” the concluding rites.

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

The home blessing can be done as follows:  
Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+XX

above the doorways: 20XX for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ Bless this House.”

As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.  
Amen.

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.  
Amen.

Lord our God, bless this household.  
May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law.  
We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
Amen.