

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING WITH CHALK

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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 the following prayer:

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.

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