

The Feast of the Epiphany

—The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8—

Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by using chalk to mark your door (or the space above or next to your door) with:

20 + C + M + B + 26

The numbers represent the new year, and the letters in the middle represent both the Latin phrase "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" ("May Christ bless this house") as well as the names of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). It serves as a reminder to your family and all guests who pass through your door to seek Christ each day and share His light and love with everyone you meet.

After you mark your door, use the prayer below to bless your home.

You may end the celebration by singing a suitable song, for example "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."



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 them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may
reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by making the
sign of the cross and saying:

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