

## January 6, 2026 - EPIHANY BLESSING FOR THE HOME

The Epiphany blessing for 2026 involves blessing your home on or near the feast of the Epiphany (Tuesday, January 6, 2026). Traditionally, the family gathers near the front door and uses blessed chalk to write **20 + C + M + B + 26** over the doorway, symbolizing Christ blessing the home. The family can say prayers for protection and blessing for the year ahead, often including the sprinkling of holy water and blessed salt.

### Key Elements Of the Blessing

- **Date:** The Feast of Epiphany is January 6, 2026, a Tuesday, but blessings often happen on the weekend before (January 4) or around the day itself.
- **The Chalking:**
  - Use blessed chalk to write **20 + C + M + B + 26** (or 2026) over the main entrance.
- **The Prayer:** A common prayer asks for God's blessing and protection for everyone in the home, inviting Christ to dwell there.
- **Holy Water & Salt:** Sprinkle holy water and blessed salt at thresholds and corners, praying for purity and positive energy.
- **Participation:** Many churches provide blessed chalk and prayers for families to perform the blessing at home, a tradition with roots in Exodus.

### How To Participate In The Home Blessing

- **Gather:** Have your family together at your main door.
- **Pray:** Say a prayer asking God to bless the home and its occupants.
- **Chalk:** Write the inscription (20 + C + M + B + 26) above the door. *(The legendary names of the three Magi are: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials C+M+B also stand for their Latin words, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means: "May Christ bless this dwelling." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.)*
- **Bless:** Use holy water to sprinkle the doorway and any doorways in the house you choose

### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

***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 of all people, forever and ever. Amen.***