

# EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Chalk is customarily blessed on the feast of the Epiphany by a priest using the *Rituale Romanum*. (Though nowadays this is typically only done by more traditional parishes.) The chalk is a sacramental, intended for the blessings of homes. If a priest is unable to visit your home at this season, a simple blessing may be given by the father of the family. He should mark the year and the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar) on the lintel of the main door. The initials C, M, and B also stand for *Christus mansionem benedicat* (*May Christ bless the house*).

Write with blessed chalk above the door like so:

**20 + C + M + B + 25**

Then say the following prayer:

*O Lord, almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may Your blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*