



Epiphany tradition:

Chalking of the doors

Inviting God to bless and indwell our houses

Read the following:

“The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.”

Chalk above or beside your door:

20 + C + M + B + 21

Explain to your family that the numbers 2021 are this year’s date (2,021 years since the coming of Jesus). The crosses represent Jesus, who lived and died for us. The letters C, M and B remind us of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also refer to the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, “May Christ bless this house”.

Offer the following prayer:

“Blessed Lord, visit this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.”