

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the text [HERE](#).

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#).

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#).

2. PRAY

One of our Catholic traditions for Epiphany is the blessing of the home, also known as "chalking of the doors," where we dedicate our year to God. For today's prayer we invite you and your family/group to bless your home. While the presence of a priest is not necessary, you are welcome to invite your parish priest. Also, check with your parish if they will have a blessed chalk available, if not regular chalk will do. And be sure to have holy water on hand to bless your home.

BLESSING OF THE HOME

On entering the home,

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray the Magnificat. During the Magnificat, the door is sprinkled with holy water.

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Leader: Our Father who art in heaven. . .And lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

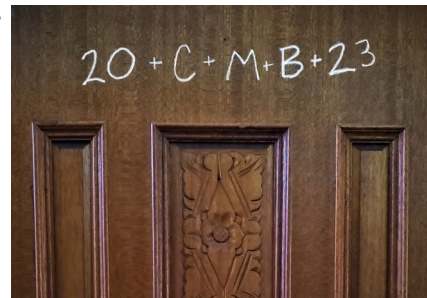
Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee— Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with holy water. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Example: 20 + C + M + B + 23



[Click here to learn more about this tradition.](#)

3. TALK

- How do you want to be a gift to all who enter your home in the coming year, so that they might encounter Jesus through you?
- How do you want to be a gift to all who encounter you?