

# Epiphany House Blessing

20+C+M+B+22

## Introduction:

As we say goodbye to 2021 and welcome in 2022, we invite you to bless your home during the Season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season between Christmas and Lent and begins on January 6, when we celebrate the Wisemen visiting the Holy Family. In blessing your house, you invite God's blessing on you, in your coming and going, in your home, in your lives, in our conversations, in our work and play, and in our joys and sorrows. .

## Background:

We write **20+C+M+B+22** above the entrance of the door. The numbers on the ends represent the year. The letters C, M, B represent the names of the 3 magi (kings, wisemen) – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this house.”

## Instructions:

- 1) Write **20+C+M+B+22** above your door in chalk.
- 2) Have one person read:  
*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-two years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*
- 3) Then say this prayer together:  
*Visit, O blessed Lord, 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.*