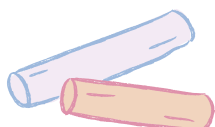


THE TRADITION OF CHALKING THE DOORS ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



PRIEST'S PRAYER TO BLESS THE CHALK

Priest: Our help is in the name of The Lord. **All: Who made heaven and earth.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



The chalk is sprinkled with holy water.

Using the blessed chalk (which many parishes will bless and make available) mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 23 saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human 2023 years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

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 for ever. Amen.

