

*After each room is blessed, all return to the front door to pray together.*

**LEADER:** Together as one family, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**ALL: Our Father...**

*The leader sprinkles all present with Holy Water (if available) and concludes:*

**LEADER:** Let us pray. O God, You once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is Your Son. May the light of that star, that once guided Wise Men to honor His birth, now, also, guide us to recognize Him, to know Him by Faith, and to see Him in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**ALL: Amen!**

**LEADER:** Bless this home through all days to come, (+) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen!**

**LEADER:** Let us go in Peace to love our God and neighbor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**



# *Epiphany Blessing of the Home*



*Wishing you and your  
Family a Blessed New Year!*

TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2024

During the New Year, we ask God's Blessing on our home and on all who live, work with, and visit us. In this way, we invite Jesus to be a guest in our home, a listener to each conversation, a guide for troubled times, and a blessing in times of thanksgiving. Chalking the door, lintel, or a step riser may be used as a way to celebrate and literally "mark" the occasion.

*Materials needed: A piece of chalk and a small container of Holy Water (if available). Family members, friends, and/or neighbors gather at the front door of the home or residence.*

**LEADER:** In the (+) Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. It is Christ, Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us, and may we seek and serve Him in everyone we meet.

**ALL: Amen!**

**LEADER** *(or another person):*

Let us listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to John:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.*

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**LEADER:** Human legend gives the names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar to the Magi who followed the star to the manger of Jesus. From the East they came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord. Opening their treasures, they offered their precious gifts: Gold for the great King, Incense for the true God, and Myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Father of Light, bless our house and our family. May this home be a place of peace and health. May each member of this family cultivate the gifts and graces You have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all.

*Using chalk, the following initials are centrally marked, either on the door lintel, the door itself, or on a step riser – along with four crosses and the numerals of the New Year. Interior doors of the home, e.g., a bedroom, may also be similarly marked.*

**20+C+M+B+24**

C – Caspar,

M – Melchior, and

B – Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son, Who became man

**20** – two thousand and

**24** – twenty-four years ago.

+ – May Christ bless our home

+ – and remain with us throughout the New Year.

*(turn to all present)*

May all who come and go through these doors find Peace, Comfort and Joy, Faith, Hope and Love, and Salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in our hearts.

*All now go to each room of the home. If available, the room is sprinkled with Holy Water. At each room the corresponding response is said:*

*Living Room:*

Where two or three are gathered, You are there.

Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL: Amen!**

*Kitchen:*

You give us Your daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL: Amen!**

*Dining Room:*

Prepare us for the feast of heaven.

Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL: Amen!**

*Bedrooms:*

Stay with us Lord, when night is here.

Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL: Amen!**

*Bathroom:*

Keep us pure in Your sight.

Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL: Amen!**