

Epiphany Home Blessing

You are invited to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 17. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross. The 20 at the beginning and the 17 at the end is the year (2017).

Items Needed

Chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Blessing the Exterior of the Home:

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

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

LEADER: 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.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing the Interior of the Home

After entering the house, say:

LEADER: Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*

ALL: May Christ bless this house. Amen.

LEADER: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart,

all your soul, all your strength. These commandments I give you are to be in your hearts. Place them on the doorframes of your home and on your entry gate."

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

[Each room is sprinkled with holy water.]

In the Living room:

LEADER: Bring us to live with You one day in heaven.

ALL: Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

In the Kitchen:

LEADER: You prepare for us a rich feast.

ALL: Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

In the Dining room:

LEADER: Feed us at the heavenly banquet.

ALL: Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

In the Bedrooms:

LEADER: In You alone we rest securely.

ALL: Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

In the Bathroom:

LEADER: You cleanse us from every impurity.

ALL: Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

[All return to the front door to pray together.]

ALL: Our Father...

[All are sprinkled with holy water.]

LEADER: Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.





Benedición Epifanía de la Casa

Le invitan a adoptar esta costumbre en su familia. La familia se reúne para pedir la bendición de Dios en su hogar y en los que viven o visitan la casa. Es una invitación para que Jesús sea un huésped cotidiano en nuestro hogar, nuestras idas y venidas, nuestras conversaciones, nuestro trabajo y juego, nuestras alegrías y tristezas. Una manera tradicional de hacer esto es usar la tiza para escribir encima de la entrada de la casa, 20 + C + M + B + 17. Las letras C, M, B tienen dos significados. Son las iniciales de los nombres tradicionales de los tres magos: Caspar, Melchior y Balthazar. También abrevian las palabras latinas *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "Que Cristo bendiga la casa". Los signos "+" representan la cruz. Los 20 al principio y los 17 al final es el año (2017).

Artículos Necesarios

Tiza y una pequeña botella de agua bendita. Reúnase con miembros de la familia, amigos y quizás algunos vecinos en la puerta principal.
Bendecir el caballo

Benedición del Exterior de la Casa

Usando la tiza bendecida marque el dintel de su puerta delantera (o paso del porche delantero) como sigue: 20 + C + M + B + 17 mientras que dice:

TODOS: Los tres Reyes Magos, Caspar, Melchior y Balthazar siguieron a la estrella del Hijo de Dios que se hizo humano hace dos mil dieciséis años. Que Cristo bendiga nuestro hogar y permanezca con nosotros durante el nuevo año. Amén. Luego ofrezca la siguiente oración:

LÍDER: Visita, oh bendito Señor, esta casa con la alegría de tu presencia. Bendice a todos los que viven o visiten aquí con el don de su amor; Y concédenos que podamos manifestar vuestro amor el uno al otro ya todas las vidas a quienes tocamos. Que crezcamos en la gracia, en el conocimiento y en el amor de vosotros;

Guía, consola, y fortalece en paz, oh Jesucristo, ahora y por los siglos.

TODOS: Amén.

Benedición del Interior de la Casa

Después de entrar en la casa, diga:

LÍDER: Oremos: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*

TODOS: Que Cristo bendiga esta casa. Amén.

LÍDER: Una lectura del libro de Deuteronomio.

Oye, Israel: El SEÑOR nuestro Dios, el SEÑOR es uno. Ama al SEÑOR tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas. Estos mandamientos que yo les doy deben estar en sus corazones. Colóquelos en los marcos de la puerta de su casa y en su puerta de entrada.

La Palabra del Señor.

TODOS: Te Alabamos Señor.

[Cada habitación está salpicada de agua bendita.]

En la Sala:

LÍDER: Tráenos a vivir contigo un día en el cielo.

TODOS: Bendice esta habitación, oh Señor. Amén.

En la Cocina:

LÍDER: Nos preparas una rica fiesta.

Bendice esta habitación, oh Señor. Amén.

En el Comedor:

LÍDER: Aliméntate en el banquete celestial.

TODOS: Bendice esta habitación, oh Señor. Amén.

En las Habitaciones:

LÍDER: En usted solo descansamos con seguridad.

TODOS: Bendice esta habitación, oh Señor. Amén.

En el Baño:

LÍDER: Nos limpias de toda impureza.

Bendice esta habitación, oh Señor. Amén. Todos regresan a la puerta principal para orar juntos.

TODOS: Nuestro Padre ...

Todos están salpicados de agua bendita.

LÍDER: Bendice esta casa por todos los días por venir, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, por los siglos de los siglos.

TODOS: Amén.

Oración por el Mundo

Señor Jesucristo, Hijo del Padre, envía tu Espíritu sobre la tierra. Que el Espíritu Santo viva en los corazones de todas las naciones, para que sean preservados de la degeneración, del desastre y de la guerra. Que la Señora de Todas las Naciones, la Santísima Virgen María, sea nuestra defensora.

Religious Education begins on Thursday, Jan 12, OLS

Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina

911. On one occasion, God's presence pervaded my whole being, and my mind was mysteriously enlightened in respect to His Essence. He allowed me to understand His interior life. In spirit, I saw the Three Divine Persons, but Their Essence was One. He is One, and One only, but in Three Persons; none of Them is either greater or smaller; there is no difference in either beauty or sanctity, for They are One. They are absolutely One. His Love transported me into this knowledge and united me with Himself. When I was united to One, I was equally united to the Second and to the Third in such a way that when we are united with One, by that very fact, we are equally united to the two Persons in the same way as with the One. Their will is One, one God, though in Three Persons. When One of the Three Persons communicates with a soul, by the power of that one will, it finds itself united with the Three Persons and is inundated in the happiness flowing from the Most Holy Trinity, the same happiness that nourishes the saints. This same happiness that streams from the Most Holy Trinity makes all creation happy; from it springs that life which vivifies and bestows all life which takes its beginning from Him. In these moments, my soul experienced such great divine delights that I find this difficult to express.

The First Five Saturdays Devotion

On the first Saturday during 5 consecutive months, the devotion consists of (in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary):

1. Going to Confession,
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary,
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

History

During the third apparition on July 13, 1917, Our Lady revealed that she would come to ask for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and for the Communion of Reparation of the Five First Saturdays. Consequently, she asked for the devotion in 1925 and the consecration in 1929.

While staying at the House of the Dorothean Sister in Pontevedra, Portugal, Sister Lucia received a vision on December 10, 1925 where the Blessed Mother appeared alongside a Boy who stood over a luminous cloud. Our Lady rested one hand on the Boy's shoulder while she held on the other hand a heart pierced with thorns around it.

Sister Lucia heard the Boy say, "Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother which is covered with thorns with which ingrate men pierce it at every moment with no one to make an act of reparation to pull them out."

Our Lady expressed her request in the following words, "See, my daughter, My Heart surrounded with thorns with which ingrates pierce me at every moment with blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, make sure to

console me and announce that all those who for five months, on the first Saturdays, go to confession, receive Communion, say five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to Me, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

A few days afterward, Sister Lucia detailed this vision in a letter addressed to Monsignor Manuel Pereira Lopes, her confessor when she resided in the Asylum of Vilar in the city of Oporto, Portugal.

First Saturday Masses available at OLS May to June.

US Air Force Academy Cadet Choir Coming

On Martin Luther King weekend, the cadets will sing at St. Bernard, Sat, 7:30 p.m. and St. Peter, Sun, 10 a.m.

To those housing the cadets: they will arrive at Our Lady of the Snow on January 13 after 8 p.m. We will call you close to 7 p.m. to give you an update of their arrival time.

Calendar of Events

-Jan 14-15. Cadets sing at StB (Sat) and StP (Sun).

Mass Collections, December 31 – January 1

St. Anne	\$ 2737
St. Bernard	2375
Our Lady of the Snow	3616
St. Peter	1587
St. Ignatius	334
Total	\$10649

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat--Jusin Doerr & Christopher Marbury

Sun--Christian Mast & Nicolas Nunez

Mon--Cristian Rivera & Daniel Wolbach

Tue--John Almeida & Adam Bradshaw

Wed--Christpher Considine & Tommy Croghan

Thu--Felipe da Silva & Peter Francis

Fri--Men and women applying for formation

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Jan 7, StA, 5 p.m., Garry and Kristina Wise

-Sat, Jan 7, StB, 7:30 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 8, StB, 7 a.m., Joe Biller

-Sun, Jan 8, OLS, 9:30 a.m., +Steve Wassmer

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Jan 9, StA, 8:30 a.m., +John Negri

-Tue, Jan 10, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Jonathan/Laureen Creath

-Wed, Jan 11, StB, 8:30 a.m., +Ernest and Ilmae Epley

-**Thu, Jan 12, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** +Fr. Mel Thompson

-**Fri, Jan 13, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** +Fr. Mel Thompson

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Jan 7, StI, 4 p.m., Tim and Barb Lytle

-Sun, Jan 8, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors