

# LITURGY BYTES

## The 3 Kings



One of the many customs centering around the feast of the Epiphany is the blessing of the doorposts in people's homes. Some use chalk to mark the year and the initials of the Kings over their front doors. Others prepare a simple sign and hang it over their door. Here is what it would look like this year:

**20 + C + M + B + 23**

The year is marked by the year of blessing—2023. The cross marks the points on the compass; the initials stand for the Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters CMB can also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means “***May Christ bless this house.***”

Here is a simple prayer of blessing for you to use for your front door:

*Lord, God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week~~~~~*Michele Hall*

**P.S. The Christmas season officially ends tomorrow (January 9) with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**