

# Chalking the Door for Epiphany

the calendar year

20 + C + M + B + 25

crosses to symbolize Jesus

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The letters C, M, and B carry a dual meaning:

- They represent the traditional names of the Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchoir, and **B**althazar.
- They are an abbreviation of the Latin blessing, “**C**hristus **m**ansionem **b**enedicat,” meaning, “May Christ bless the house.”

The chalking of the front door is traditionally done on or around January 6<sup>th</sup>, with chalk blessed by a priest.

