



Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary, because of the anniversary of the birth of the little St. John the Baptist and the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is the month of the Rosary.

Stewardship Devotional Calendar

January

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas, January 6, 2023.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Circumcision, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors."

The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2023 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 21**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus in domum benedictus*, "May Christ bless the house." The "21" signifies both the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "21" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is perfect for us to dedicate our year to God from the very outset, asking His blessing on our home and on all who live, work, or visit them.

The traditional feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or a family member. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription with blessed chalk, offering a prayer, or more elaborately including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

Develop little bags of blessed chalk, holy water, Frankincense & Myrrh (incense), and a prayer.

EPIPHANY BLESSING With Chalk

20 + C + M + B + 21



Lent

Letting Go and Letting God Work

- Use the pencil and the dissolving piece of paper in this bag
- write down what you need/want to let go and let God work (a burden, addiction, worrying about a family member, anything)
- Place the paper in the water by the altar and watch it dissolve
- Ask God to carry this for you and use it with God.

