



On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, here is the an explanation of the traditional house blessing

Epiphany Inscription over the doorway of the home

**20 + C + M + B + 18**

The letters have two meanings.

They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: **Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar**. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat**. May Christ bless the house.”

The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ and also the holiness of the Three Magi made holy by their adoration of the Infant Christ.

The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing.