

January 5, 2025



# The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

### 20 + C + M + B + 25

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious grafitti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20+C+M+B+25." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door has the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

We invite you 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 + 25. 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 this house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2025 is the year.

## **Instructions for Blessing the Home**

Using the blessed chalk mark your front door as follows:

#### **20** + C + M + B + **25** while saying:

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

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. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words,

"Christus mansionem benedictat." "May Christ bless this house."

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# TODAY (SUNDAY) BLOOD DONOR MONTH

# DONATE BLOOD

Sunday January

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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The Epiphany of the Lord Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. — Isaiah 60:1



### LOOKING FOR A STAR



Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped of the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

*— Matthew 2:7-12* 

#### **START WITH GRATITUDE**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. —Henry Van Dyke

#### **Prayer for Peace**

O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a god like you. You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures.

Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you, your love for us still shines through. We ask your blessing upon all first responders today and ask you to protect them and their families. Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism.

We ask all this in your peace. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.

Amen.

#### REMEMBER in your prayers

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# **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



### GINA GAY

#### JOHN SINTICH

**JOHN ROHRICH** (Brother of Fr. Bob Rohrich)

#### **RICHARD VASQUEZ**

#### LEONARD KOLPAK, SR.

**MERCEDES VALENTIN** 

LORETTA NAPOLEON (Mother of Sam Napoleon)

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

All parents having a child in the near future are asked to attend ONE Baptismal class. It is mandato-



ry that parents attend the baptismal preparation class before making arrangements for the Baptism. The Class is held in the Ministry Center building (Formation Room). Please call the office to make arrangements 708.974.3336, Press 0.

The next Class is scheduled for Tuesday, JANUARY 28, 2025 ~ 7:00PM

#### Katecheza przed Chrztem, STYCZNIA 28, 2025 Wtorek ~ 7:00PM

Jeżeli w najbliższym czasie planujecie chrzest swojego dziecka to prosimy o kontakt z naszym biurem parafialnym 708-974-3336, wew 0. Ponadto zapraszamy rodziców oraz chrzestnych na katechezę przygotowującą do tego ważnego wydarzenia. Katecheza jest prowadzone w języku angielskim.

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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 4	Sunda
7:30 AM – Bertie Witalka	12:00
Trinidad Moreno (1st Anniversary)	
<b>4:30 PM</b> – Russ & Angeline Miller	
MaryBeth Smalarz	
Bertie Witalka	
Trinidad Moreno (1st Anniversary)	
Special Intention for John & Irma Palo-	Mond
mo (50th Wedding Anniversary)	Tuesda
Sunday, January 5	
8:00 AM – Arlene Kuzdas	Special
Mary Ann Popelka	Thurse
Sister Juanita Regine Ujcik, OSF	Friday
Mr. George M. Popelka, Sr.	Special
Jacek Fryzlewicz	Saturd
Henryk and Michael Dabrowski	7:30 A
10:00 AM – Leopold Michniak	4:30 P
Joseph Sobczak	
Living and Deceased Members of the	
Holy Name Society	
Patricia Potocki	
Krystyna Pyrzanowski	
Leonard Kolpak	
Anthony Werr	Sunda
Jan Skobel	8:00 A
Stanley Przybocki	10:00
Mercedes Valentin	
12:00 PM – Piotr Strzok	Special
Roman Strzok	12:00
Alfred Darłak	
Teresa Michniak (3rd Anniversary)	

ay, January 5 (Continued) **PM** – Danuta Łowisz Józef Bartoszek Krystyna Ligeska Krzysztof Cyburt Władysław Ligas Sacred Heart Parishioners day, January 6 – Arlene Kuzdas ay, January 7 – Steve Jelinek, Sr. esday, January 8 – Joseph T. Tomasko, Jr. al Intent. For Spiritually Adopted Baby day, January 9 – Poor Souls in Purgatory y, January 10 – Myron Hallberg al Intention for Jozef Zurowski day, January 11 M – Sacred Heart Parishioners **PM** – Gary Witalka Please secure Mass Gina Gav Intentions 2 weeks in Julie Jaworski advance. Dennis Jasik Tony Werr Healing Intentions for Dee Richards Sacred Heart Parishioners ay, January 12 **M** – Jan Pach (6th Anniversary) AM – Loretta Napoleon, Anthony Werr Leonard Kolpak al Intention for Karolina (22nd Birthday) **PM** – Danuta Łowisz Maria & Jan Kowalski Józef Łukaszczyk

#### GARDENS OF MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING

January is a special month to remember those loved ones who are gone but not forgotten. Honor their memory for the 2025 New Year by creating a brick for them in our memorial gardens. What better way to begin the New Year than by giving thanks to God for those who have made a special impact in your life.

Brochures containing information you need to order a memory brick are available at the parish office or on the parish website at https://sacredheartpalos.org/memorial-gardens/paver-brick-forms. Completed forms with payments can be can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office or placed in the drop box 24/7 (located in the wall outside of the parish office). Please write "Pavers" on the envelope. Completed forms without payment can be sent to pitguy8245@gmail.com.

Verification of design will be sent via email. Note that all the bricks in a phase are processed at the same time after the cut-off date and not individually.

Thank You! Paul Mikula





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Counseling services are available with Fr. Bob Rohrich. Anyone interested is asked to please call 630-257-9235 to make an appointment.

The available times are 10am, 11am, and 5pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm at the DePaul Center, 212 Custer St, Lemont. Father Bob counsels engaged & married couples, individuals for depression, anxiety, grieving, separation, divorce, and other personal problems. The cost for each session is \$10. Sacred Heart Parish 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills, IL 60465

> <u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday—4:30 PM (English)

Sunday—8:00AM, 10:00AM (English)

Sunday—12:00 PM (Polish)

Visit our website for live-stream of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses

<u>Weekday Masses</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday—7:30 AM

<u>Adoration Chapel Hours</u> Monday - Friday—8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday—7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturdays—3:00 PM to 4:00 PM or by appointment

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u> First Monday of the month after 9:00 AM Mass or by appointment

#### <u>Baptisms</u>

In Polish—first and third Sundays During 12:00 PM Mass (Maximum of four) and 1:30 PM (Maximum of six)

In English—second and fourth Sundays 1:30 PM (Maximum of six) All Baptisms are scheduled following completion of a Baptismal preparation class.

> Weddings Friday—4:00 PM

Saturday—12:00 PM and 2:00 PM Pre-Marriage instruction is required. Arrangements should be made, according to Archdiocesan policy, at least six months prior to desired date. Wedding date and time are not set at initial phone call, but must be confirmed by the officiating priest or deacon.

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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#### **Ministry Center Office**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday-9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

First and Third Saturday—9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Closed Sunday and Monday** 

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Due to the Holiday Schedule/Early Deadlines, the Stewardship of Our Resources will be printed in the January 12, 2025 bulletin.

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Renata Chlebek, Director of Operations/Business Manager



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