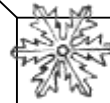




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Montgomery, Alabama
10:45 AM
First Sunday of each
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9:30 AM
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FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME
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Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus



Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ



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Thursday January 6, 2011

This is a Feast of the utmost importance ~ the day when Our Savior
manifested Himself to the world.

Let us all pray that His Presence will not be wasted in today's
world



All nations shall serve Him

Happy New Year



1. There will be NO Catechism class until further notice.
2. Thursday of this week is the First Thursday of the month of January.
3. Friday of this week is the First Friday of the month of January.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. Pray for all people who are in need. Please pray for Alfred Kresbach, Frank Nash and Father Abbot Leonard, OSB
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Sunday Mass schedule)**

SUNDAY: For all the Faithful people of our Chapels

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:



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A Thought To Remember ...
**The Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ
teaches us how to Love.**

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(20 + Gaspar + Melchior + Balthazar + 11)



THE CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF EPIPHANY CHALK



(Epiphany Chalk is used to write the inscription over all the doors of one's house. Soft classroom chalk of any color is best for writing on varnished or painted surfaces. A priest should bless the chalk on Epiphany Day, before the celebration of the main Mass of the day, using the following Blessing, which is taken from the Roman Ritual.)

- ✧ Behold, the Lord, the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His hand, and power, and dominion.
O God, with Your judgment endow the king, and with Your justice, the king's son.
- ✧ Glory be to the Father ... *R.* *As it was in the beginning ...* (Repeat the above: Behold, the Lord ...)
- ✧ All nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. *R.* *All nations...*
- ✧ Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to worship the Lord. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ The kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay Him homage; all nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*

Priest: LET US PRAY:

O Lord God, bless ✧ this chalk which Thou hast created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Thy most holy Name all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Thy Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ Our Lord. *Amen.* *(Priest now sprinkles chalk with Holy Water.)*

(Later that day - or any day within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany - at home, the ceremony is completed by a priest or the father or senior member of the family. The following prayer is said once and at the main entrance of the house. All the family members should be present, and should accompany the priest or the head of the family as he or she goes from door to door - everyone keeping a respectful silence, or better yet, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.)



THE CEREMONY FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME



- ✧ Peace to my house. *R.* *And to all who live here.*
- ✧ The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✧ Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors. *R.* *All nations ...*
- ✧ O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* *And let my cry come unto You.*

Father: LET US PRAY:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

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Some Hints for Religious:

Our divine Saviour has said: "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2, 27). So too, rules and statutes are for man, not man for rules and statutes. The letter in many cases seems to be all that matters! In this connection, the Old Dispensation does not appear to have been superseded in all particulars and by all persons. "He (Christ) hath made us fit ministers of the new testament, not in the **letter** but in the **spirit**. For the letter killeth but the spirit quickeneth" (2 Cor. 3, 6). It may be that one or two of the group are unable of themselves to fill out the whole time allotted to prayer. But why, for the sake of these few, should the prayer of the others be disturbed? All can surely read to-day; if some fail to make headway with their meditation they can bring a book along and glean fresh thoughts from it. In case of need they can say their beads or make the Stations of the Cross in spirit. All unnecessary disturbance of the community should be avoided. Strict method is only a means; it may be dropped when the end in view can be reached without it. "I need not injure my teeth on the husk if I can reach to the core in some other way," says St John of the Cross.

This business of reading out and dividing up of points is, one might almost say, "a sin against the Holy Ghost"! The reason alleged for the practice, namely, it has always been done, does not hold. The contrary, indeed, is the case: in much earlier times it was not so. "Happy times of old that knew neither our methods nor our formulas," writes Bremond. "The word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2, 9). According to that principle "It was always so" a veto is put on a Protestant becoming a Catholic to-day. A Protestant once said to Count Friedrich von Spee who had entered the Catholic Church: "I cannot understand how a person can disown the faith of his fathers." "That is just it, replied von Spee: If my forbears had remained true to the faith of their fathers then I would not have to-day to be returning to the faith of my ancestors." "Our divine Lord has taught all how to pray and has made it a simple, direct and obvious practice. No imposing methods or systems are indicated. And he has promised that such simple, direct prayer will be fulfilled without 'ifs' and 'buts,' without restriction and without condition!"

