



Ignite the F.I.R.E.



Families Involved in Religious Education

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

Don't take down your tree just yet! ;) The Christmas season is still upon us and we celebrate for 8 days after the Nativity of our Lord. In that time, we will recognize another Holy Day of Obligation on January 1st which recognizes the teaching of Mary as Mother of God. On January 6th, we celebrate the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi at the birth of the Christ child, which will conclude the Christmas season and the Church's liturgical year.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The blessing truly brings CHRISTMAS to your home in a way that reminds everyone who enters that the world changed in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. **What do you need? Just three things:**

1. Holy Water (get it at your parish)
2. Chalk (get it blessed by your priest if he can't come himself)
3. Every person who lives in the house (the Rite for Blessing Homes specifically states that a home should NOT be blessed unless those who live in it are present)

Here is a full blessing rite if you would like to look it up

<http://www.holyheroes.net/hhfun/Epiphany-Blessing-of-a-Home.pdf> or the prayer on the next page until you have time to do the full blessing.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS *More Saint information can also be found on www.catholic.org.*

- Jan 2 - St. Basil the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Jan 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Jan 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

F.I.R.E. is a desire to involve more families in the investment of teaching our children to live and love the Catholic faith, through education, family events and opportunities to build up our relationship with Christ and His Church.

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!” ~ St. Catherine of Siena

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Lord God almighty, bless + this home,
and under its shelter let there be
health, chastity, self-conquest, humility,
goodness, mildness, obedience to your
commandments, and thanksgiving to
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
May your blessing remain always in
this home and on those who live here;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE ROMAN RITUAL EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

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