

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN  
& MASS SCHEDULE

5 JANUARY 2020

FEAST OF THE MOST  
HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**Confessions:** 30 minutes before  
Sunday Masses;  
Thursdays and Fridays: 17:45;  
Saturdays: 11:00.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month *for the  
chapel loan reimbursement.*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month *for the  
chapel/priory maintenance.*

**Children's Catechism on  
Saturdays:**

14:00-14:45  
*Post 1<sup>st</sup> Communion I (Eiko)*  
*Pre Confirmation (Catherine)*  
*Post Confirmation (Father)*

14:45-15:30  
*Post 1<sup>st</sup> Communion II (Catherine)*  
*Older Group (Father)*

**Mass Stipends:**

One Mass: \$25  
Novena: \$250  
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

SUN 5 January	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, white</i>	8:00 — Low Mass 9.30 — Rosary 10:00 — Sung Mass
MON 6 January	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD <i>1<sup>st</sup> Class, white</i>	18.30 — Rosary 19.00 — Sung Mass
TUE 7 January	Feria <i>4<sup>th</sup> Class, white</i>	7.15 — Low Mass
WED 8 January	Feria <i>4<sup>th</sup> Class, white</i>	7.15 — Low Mass 11.30 — Sung Mass
THU 9 January	Feria <i>4<sup>th</sup> Class, white</i> <i>Monthly Requiem Mass</i>	7.15 — Low Mass 18.20 — Rosary & Benediction 19.00 — Low Mass ( <i>Requiem</i> )
FRI 10 January	Feria <i>4<sup>th</sup> Class, white</i>	7.15 — Low Mass 18.20 — Stations of the Cross 19.00 — Low Mass
SAT 11 January	Feria <i>4<sup>th</sup> Class, white</i> <i>St. Hyginus, Pope, Martyr, (Comm.)</i>	7.15 — Low Mass 11.30 — Low Mass
SUN 12 January	Feast of the Holy Family <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, white</i>	8:00 — Low Mass 9.30 — Rosary 10:00 — Sung Mass

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cry room.** If your infants, babies or young children cry, make noise or talk during Mass, kindly bring them to the designated place, out of respect for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and out of charity towards the other faithful. Thank you for your understanding.

**M.I. Corner.** Kindly do not take away any laminated material, catalogues or sample books. Thank you.

**Farewell Fr Wailliez Lunch.** Registration is open now. You can approach either Eiko or Melly to make payment. Please refer to poster for more details.

**Farewell Parish Album.** We will be taking pictures of individuals or groups to put together an album so that Fr Wailliez will never forget us. :) Also, little cards are available for you to write your farewell message to him. This exercise will take place on two Sundays - 29th Dec and 5th Jan.

**2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage.** The District of Asia organises a pilgrimage to France from Monday, 19th October 2020 to Wednesday, 28th October 2020 (10 days / 9 nights). Register online.

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Rev. Fr. P. Summers (District Superior), Fr. B. Wailliez (Prior & District Assistant), Fr. E. Demornex (District Bursar)

Donation: "Friends of the SSPX" (cheque and bank transfer) - 0039073844 (DBS bank acct) - 1433004952 (UOB bank acct)



## THE CHALKING OF THE DOORS

You've probably seen it mostly among Traditional Catholics: a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Maybe you thought you could figure it out. Maybe you were too embarrassed to ask, "What the heck is that?"

If you don't know what the chalk is all about, don't be ashamed. You're certainly not alone.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2020 — is simple: take chalk of any colour and write the following above the entrance of your home:

**20 + C + M + B + 20.**

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 mansionem*

*benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year's Day. More commonly, it is

performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — 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 the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and

out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of the welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming as they.

However you do it, it's a rich tradition, a worthy invocation of God's blessing, and a great conversation starter for your guests. For every person who asks about the inscription, there's an opportunity to spread this authentically Catholic practice during the Epiphany.

<https://onepeterfive.com/the-chalking-of-the-doors-an-epiphany-tradition-explained/>

