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Blessing of a Holy Door - For Parish Use
December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent

After the Prayer After Communion, the celebrant makes his way to the door of the church or shrine which has been dedicated as the Holy Door. He is accompanied by a server carrying holy water. They may be preceded by another server leading them with the Processional Cross.

Once there, he says the following prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord, holy Father,
who sent your Son into the world
to gather all men and women,
wounded and scattered by sin,
into one body through the shedding of his blood.

You appointed him both shepherd and gate for the
sheep,
so that whoever enters may be saved,
and whoever comes in and goes out
will find pasture for eternal life.

Grant that your faithful may pass through this gate,
and be welcomed into your presence,
so that they may experience, O Father, your abundant
mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.
Cf. Book of Blessings, 1229

Response: Amen.

*He then sprinkles the door with holy water.
Afterward, the procession goes back to the chair, where he will give the final blessing
and dismissal.*