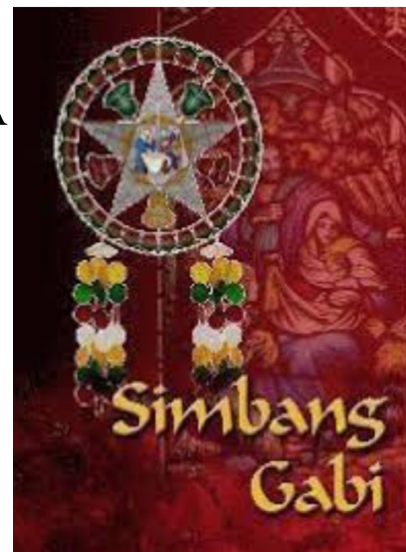




YOU ARE INVITED TO A FILIPINO TRADITION OF NOVENA MASSES IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS



**“Every year Advent reminds us that grace - - and that is God’s will to save us - - - is more powerful than sin.”
St. John Paul II**

“In Mary Immaculate we contemplate the reflection of the BEAUTY that saves the world: the beauty of God that shines on the face of Christ. In Mary, this beauty is totally pure, humble, free of all pride and presumption.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

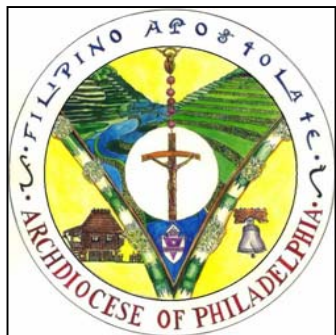


“ We are all invited to build together that communion in diversity that constitutes a distinctive trait of the Kingdom of God, inaugurated by Jesus Christ, Son of God made man. We are all called to proclaim the Gospel together, the Good News of salvation, in all languages, so as to reach as many people as possible.”

Pope Francis

**Join us for PASKUHAN!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 at 1:00 P.M.
Main Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson Perez**

Your generous donation to our Simbang Gabi collection will benefit our FIAT Sto. Niño Mission in the Philippines.



FILIPINO APOSTOLATE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

SIMBANG GABI - SCHEDULE OF MASSES: December 15 – 23, 2020

| DATE | COORDINATORS |
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| Tuesday, Dec. 15 7 00 PM | Ferdie & Hermie Aczon |
| Wednesday, Dec. 16 7:00 PM | Lucy de Simone |
| Thursday, Dec. 17 7 00 pm | Redem Alvarez |
| Friday, Dec. 18 7:00 PM | Rose Concepcion |
| Saturday, Dec. 19 5: 00 PM | Ching Harvey |
| Sunday, Dec. 20 1:00 PM PASKUHAN | Maria Buyag |
| Monday, Dec. 21 7:00 PM | Beth Quero |
| Tuesday, Dec. 22 7:00 PM | Felissa Hausner |
| Wednesday, Dec. 23 7:00 PM | Gemma Oniate |
| Thursday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 7:00 PM | |

Year of St. Joseph

Simbang Gabi will also meditate on the life of St. Joseph.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis marked December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 as a “Year of Saint Joseph.”

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pope closely compares the resemblance our of “ordinary” front-liners to St. Joseph - “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence” who played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” The Holy Father continues in his Apostolic Letter (*Patris corde*) recognizing St. Joseph as an obedient father who welcomed the will of God and valued the joy of work.

At the conclusion of his letter, Pope Francis encourages us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.*



**MALIGAYANG PASKO AT MASAGANANG BAGONG TAON!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

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