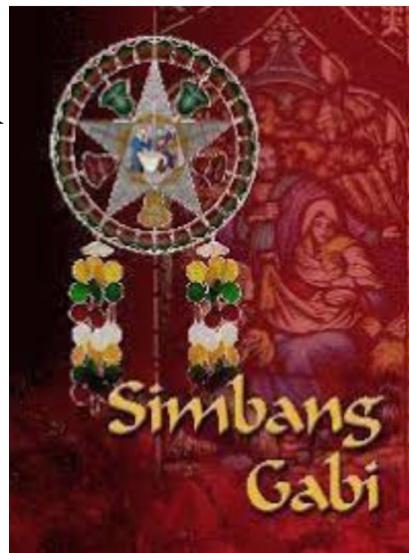




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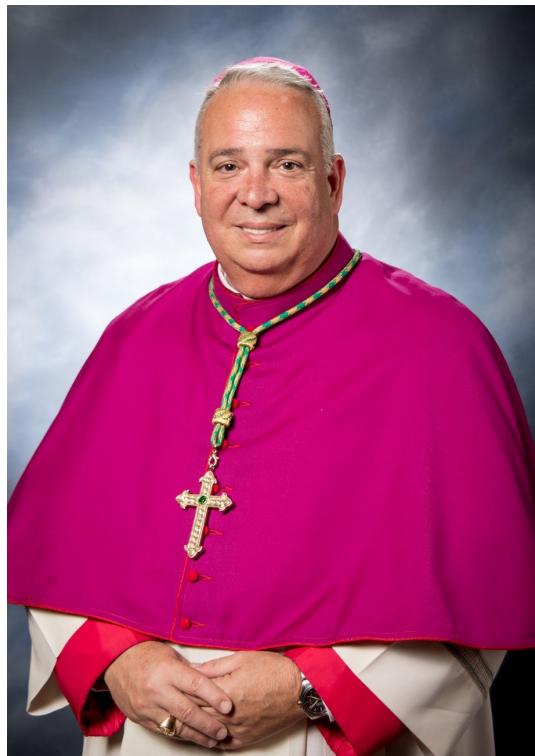


**“Every year Advent  
reminds us that grace --  
and that is God’s will to  
save us - - - - is more  
powerful than sin.”**

**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**

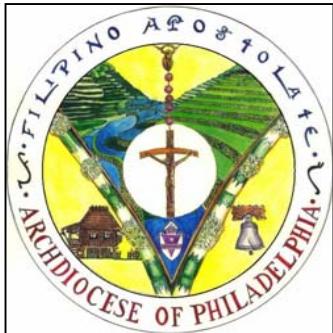


**Join us for PASKUHAN!  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 at 1:00 P.M.  
Main Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson Perez**

**“ 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**

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## FILIPINO APOSTOLATE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

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

DATE	COORDINATORS
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 <b>5: 00 PM</b>	Ching Harvey
<b>Sunday, Dec. 20 1:00 PM PASKUHAN</b>	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
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24 7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASS</b>

#### 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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