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Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

FILIPINO PARISHIONERS & DEVOTEES of "SIMBANG GABI"

RE: "Simbang Gabi 2020" or the Nine Evening Masses Before Christmas

Dear Filipino Parishioners and Friends:

God's Love and Peace be with you all!

We love "Simbang Gabi" or the Nine (9) Evening Masses Before Christmas, and every year we celebrate it with great devotion. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this year and our county's revert to the "purple level" last November 16, we will celebrate our "Simbang Gabi" in a much simpler and safer way. This doesn't lessen our faith, hope, and love of God and our Blessed Mother Mary. Following Bishop Garcia's safety directives, the county, and the State rules, our parish "Simbang Gabi" will be modified as follows:

1. Our "Simbang Gabi" is neither in-person indoor nor in-person outdoor. Our county prohibits all in-person indoor worship. We cannot do drive-in evening Masses because the cold would be detrimental to our health. Our PA system would disturb our neighbors.
2. Our Nine Masses before Christmas would be a recorded video that you & your family can watch from the safety of your homes in the evening or any preferred time.
3. You can easily access this recorded video from our parish website, parish FaceBook page, and parish YouTube channel.
4. The first of the nine Masses starts on December 15. The last of the nine Masses would be on December 23.
5. Ideally, you may watch the Mass before your family dinner. Parents, I invite you to make the Mass and your family dinner the highlight of your day with your children.
6. If you have any Mass offering and intention for one of our "Simbang Gabi" Masses, please write on an envelope your complete name and address, the date you want the Mass offered for your intention, and please drop it off at our secured black mailbox. You can also mail it to our parish church. Or drop it inside the white secured box during our drive-in weekend Mass. Thank you.
7. If you have poinsettia pot/s to donate to our church, please drop it at my rectory's garage door (priest's residence). Thank you.

Though our celebration this year is externally simpler, our Blessed Mother Mary, and her Son Jesus, gives more importance not to the externalities and tradition but to what is in our hearts. May God and our Blessed Mother find love in our hearts. They appreciate more love of family and one another.

Thank you all for your understanding. I am looking forward to the safe celebration of our virtual "Simbang Gabi."

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Joey R. Buena
Pastor