



Aida & Nonoy Mendoza

5310 MacArthur Blvd NW - Washington, D.C. 20016 (MAIN RESIDENCE)
1600 North Oak St. - Unit #719 - Rosslyn, VA 22209
(202) 370-6446 • (202) 364-4488 • Fax (703) 465-8708 • (703) 465-9368

*Archdiocese of Washington
Complete Schedule of the Filipino
"Simbang Gabi" 2007 Advent*

December 15 • Saturday • 5:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
4835 MacArthur Blvd., NW • Washington, D.C.

December 16 • Sunday • 5:00 P.M.

Nativity Church
600 Georgia Avenue, NW • Washington, D.C.

December 17 • Monday • 6:00 P.M.

St. Dominic Church
630 E Street, SW • Washington, D.C.

December 18 • Tuesday • 5:00 P.M.

Georgetown University Chapel
Georgetown University Campus • Washington, D.C.

December 19 • Wednesday • 5:30 P.M.

Cathedral of St. Matthew
1725 Rhode Island, NW • Washington, D.C.

December 20 • Thursday • 7:00 P.M.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW • Washington, D.C.

December 21 • Friday • 6:00 P.M.

Epiphany Catholic Church
2712 Dumbarton St., NW • Washington, D.C.

December 22 • Saturday • 5:00 P.M.

St. Anne Catholic Church
4400 Wisconsin Ave., NW • Washington, D.C.

December 23 • Sunday • 3:00 P.M.

Shrine of Blessed Sacrament
6001 Western Ave., NW • Washington, D.C.

#





"Simbang Gabi"

A Philippine Tradition of Advent

Sponsored by the
Philippine Community of OLV
&
Our Lady of Victory Parish

•

The Opening Mass of Simbang Gabi
Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 • 5:15 p.m. Holy Mass
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
4835 MacArthur Blvd., NW • Washington, D.C. 20007

•

December 16 to 24 is the usual tradition of celebrating Christmas, the coming of the birth of Jesus. Known as the "*Misa de Gallo*" (Rooster's Mass), it is called as "*Simbang Gabi*" or "Night Mass", a very important Filipino Christmas tradition. It is considered as the nine-day novena by the Catholic faithfuls. In some parishes, the masses begin as early as four in the morning; others start in the late afternoon or in the evening. Completing the nine-day novena is a manifestation of the Catholic faith to most devotees.

After hearing the usual mass, Filipino families partake of traditional Philippine Christmas delicacies, either during breakfast, or immediately outside the church where "vendors" offer a wealth of Filipino delicacies, including "bibingka" (sweet rice), "puto bumbong" (purple sticky rice), "salabat" (ginger tea) and "tsokolate" (thick Spanish cocoa).

•

"Simbang Gabi"

-Filipino Contacts-

OLV Parish Office: (202) 337-4835
Aida & Nonoy Mendoza: (202) 346-6618
Danny & Marirose Batto: (301) 570-1019
Elaine & Jes de Leon: (703) 759-3014
Letty & Roger Jacinto: (202) 821-9301





Aida & Nonoy Mendoza

5310 MacArthur Blvd NW - Washington, D.C. 20016 (MAIN RESIDENCE)

1600 North Oak St. - Unit #719 - Rosslyn, VA 22209

(202) 370-6446 • (202) 364-4488 • Fax (703) 465-8708 • (703) 465-9368

News Release

Contact:

Aida Mendoza (202) 370-6446

Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerle, Washington Archbishop, is invited to start Philippine tradition "Simbang Gabi"

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov 21 - The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerle, S.T.D., Archbishop of Washington, spiritual leader to 580,000 Catholics in 140 parishes throughout the District of Columbia and five Maryland counties, has been invited to be the main celebrant of the Holy Mass commemorating the start of "Simbang Gabi" to be held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church starting at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. To date, the Archbishop has not confirmed his acceptance to lead the opening of the traditional Philippine celebrations.

The "Simbang Gabi" is a popular Philippine tradition will start December 15 and ends on December 23, instead of the usual December 16 to the 24 in celebrating Christmas and of the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Known as the "Misa de Gallo" (Rooster's Mass), it is called "Simbang Gabi" or "Night Mass", a very important Filipino Christmas tradition. It is considered as the nine-day novena by the Catholic faithfuls. In some parishes, the masses begin as early as four in the morning; others start in the late afternoon or in the evening. Completing the nine-day novena is a manifestation of the Catholic faith to most devotees.

After hearing the usual mass, Filipino families partake of traditional Philippine Christmas delicacies, either during breakfast, or immediately outside the church where "vendors" offer a wealth of Filipino delicacies, including "bibingka" (sweet rice), "puto bumbong" (purple sticky rice), "salabat" (ginger tea) and "tsokolate" (thick Spanish cocoa).

The "Simbang Gabi" complete schedules of the Holy Mass which are all held at the District of Columbia start Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; Dec. 16 Sunday at 5:00 P.M. at Nativity Church; Dec. 17 Monday at 6:00 P.M. at St. Dominic Church; Dec. 18 Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. at Georgetown University Chapel; Dec. 19 Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. at Cathedral of St. Matthew; Dec. 20 Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; Dec. 21 Friday at 6:00 P.M. at Epiphany Catholic Church; Dec. 22 Saturday at 5:00 P.M. at St. Anne Catholic Church; and Dec. 23 Sunday at 3:00 P.M. at the Shrine of Blessed Sacrament. #

