



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : *SIMBANG GABI*, SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS), AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

DATE : 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Simbang Gabi is a typical Filipino way of spiritually preparing for the great **Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World**, who is the great gift or “*Aguinaldo*” of Christmas.¹ It is also an expression of the filial devotion of the Filipinos to **Mary, the Mother of God**. For nine consecutive days, Filipinos join and accompany her, so to speak, as she awaits the birth of her Son. For this reason, the Masses on these days are celebrated as *solemn votive Masses* in honor of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST and the University shall celebrate the following Masses²:

A. SIMBANG GABI

- The 8:00 PM Masses shall be held at the UST Chapel.
 - Depending on the weather condition, the 4:30 AM Masses shall be held at the Plaza Mayor, in front of the UST Main Building, or the UST Chapel.
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| ❖ December 15, 2022 (Thursday) | 8:00 PM |
| ❖ December 16, 2022 (Friday) | 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM |
| ❖ December 17, 2022 (Saturday) | 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM |
| ❖ December 18, 2022 (Sunday) | 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM |
| ❖ December 19, 2022 (Monday) | 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM |
| ❖ December 20, 2022 (Tuesday) | 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM |

¹ cf. Tagle, Luis Antonio, *Guidelines on the Celebration of ‘Simbang Gabi’ in the Archdiocese of Manila*, 2013.

² The Masses shall be live-streamed through the official Facebook pages of the University (UST1611official) and the Parish (SantisimoRosarioUST).



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- ❖ **December 21, 2022 (Wednesday)** 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM
- ❖ **December 22, 2022 (Thursday)** 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM
- ❖ **December 23, 2022 (Friday)** 4:30 AM and 8:00 PM
- ❖ **December 24, 2022 (Saturday)** 4:30 AM

B. SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

1. Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 2022 (Saturday) | 10:00 PM | UST Chapel

Presider and Homilist:

Very Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, OP
Prior, Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas

2. Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022 (Sunday) | *Holy Day of Obligation* | UST Chapel
6:00 AM | 7:30 AM | 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | 7:00 PM

C. SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1. Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2022(Saturday) | 6:00 PM | UST Chapel

Presider and Homilist:

Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP
Rector, University of Santo Tomas

2. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2023 (Sunday) | *Holy Day of Obligation* | UST Chapel
6:00 AM | 7:30 AM | 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | 7:00 PM

All Thomasians and parishioners are enjoined to observe the minimum public health standards (i.e., handwashing, wearing of facemask, physical distancing).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL
Secretary-General