



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : INSTITUTIONAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION AND
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
DATE : 1 December 2023

The University, through the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, the Center for Campus Ministry, and the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST, will celebrate the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, Patroness of the Philippines, and of the Archdiocese of Manila, through the following activities and events:

A. Institutional Advent Recollection | 7 December 2023 (Thursday)

- The Thomasian Community is *highly encouraged* to participate in the Institutional Advent Recollection, *in-person* (UST Chapel) or *online* (via official [UST Facebook](#)), at **2:00 pm**.
- The Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary will follow at **3:30 pm**.
- **Rev. Fr. Christian Dale E. Dakila**, member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Dominic, and Parochial Vicar of the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Los Baños, Laguna, will be the recollection master and mass presider/preacher.
- Theme: "*Joyful in Faith, Enlightened with Hope, Glorious in Love: Our Advent Journey with Mary*"

B. Masses in Honor of the Immaculate Conception | 8 December 2023 (Friday)

- The schedule of Masses at the UST Chapel is as follows:
 - 1) AM Masses: 6:00 am; 7:30 am; 9:00 am;
 - 2) PM Masses: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm; and 7:00 pm

C. 52nd Foundation Anniversary of the Dominican Province of the Philippines

- Kindly include in your prayer intentions the mission of the Dominican Province of the Philippines, which was inaugurated on 8 December 1971.

D. 24th Anniversary of the Reconsecration of the Altar of the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church

- The Church sanctuary of Santísimo Rosario Parish was renovated in 1999, and on December 7 of the same year, His Eminence, Jaime Cardinal Sin, reconsecrated the altar.
- Kindly include in your prayer intentions the mission of the Santísimo Rosario Parish, which was established on 21 March 1942.




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December 8 is officially declared as a special non-working holiday in the Philippines, and has been observed as a NO-CLASS, NO WORK DAY by the University to provide the members of the Thomasian community the opportunity to observe this holy day of obligation for the Catholic faithful.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you.

Ora pro nobis, intercede pro nobis ad Dominum Jesum Christum!
(Pray for us, intercede for us to the Lord Jesus Christ)


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Secretary-General

