

“Simbang Gabi”

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St. Gilbert Catholic Church

The **Bayanihan Ministry of St. Gilbert Parish** is hosting their 8th
Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) on
Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7.00 P.M.

The **Simbang Gabi** will be celebrated by
Rev. Gene Nowak, our parish pastor, at the main church,
located at
301 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, Illinois,
between Rte. 83 and Lake Street.

Fellowship will follow at the Parish Center
after the Mass.

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Pasko Na!

“**Simbang Gabi**” literally means “Mass at Night”. It is a cherished Filipino Christmas (Pasko) tradition also known as “Misa de Gallo” after the rooster that crows in the early morning hours to rouse people to their daily labors. Traditionally, Filipinos attend mass for nine consecutive dawns before attending to their daily chores as a gift to God on the occasion of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a gift to Mary whose total obedience to God made Her our model of hope and expectation during the Advent season. The ritual culminates with “Misa de Aguinaldo”, a mass held at midnight on Christmas eve.

In the Midwest, however, *Simbang Gabi* is celebrated as an evening mass, usually held at 7 p.m., as an adaptation to the wintry weather, which can get really freezing in the early hours of the morning.

Participating Parishes	Date/Time	Theme
St. Paul the Apostle 6401 Gages Lake Rd. Gurnee, IL 60031 and St. Mary of Vernon 236 US Hwy 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061	Dec. 15, Thurs. 7:00 PM	“Humility: the key to the Kingdom of God.”
St. Joseph 114 N. Lincoln Ave, Round Lake, IL 60073	Dec. 16, Fri. 7:00 PM	“Becoming a Witness to Salvation”.
St. Anastasia 624 Douglas Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085	Dec. 17, Sat. 5:00 PM	“We all belong to one family, the family of God”
St. Mary of the Annunciation 22333 W. Erhart Rd, Mundelein, IL 60060 and Our Lady of Humility 10655 Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park/Zion, IL 60099	Dec. 18, Sun. 5:00 PM	“Mary: Full of grace! The Lord is with you”.
Most Blessed Trinity (Immaculate Conception) 508 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085	Dec. 18, Sun. 7:30 PM	“St. John the Baptist: Witness to Christ, witness to our Savior”.
St. Dismas 2600 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087	Dec. 19, Mon. 7:00 PM	“Mary: Mother of God, Mother of us all”.
St. Gilbert Church 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030	Dec. 20, Tues. 7:00 PM	“Visitation of Mary: of faith and service”.
St. Patrick 15000 Wadsworth Rd., Wadsworth, IL 60083	Dec. 21, Wed. 7:00 PM	“Canticle of Mary: Guide of all believers”
Prince of Peace 135 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046	Dec. 22, Thur. 7:00 PM	“Listening to God: The fulfillment of life”.