





## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Come join us as the Archdiocese sends us forth on a mission to be this light of Christ

Friday, December 10, 2021, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption 1111 Gough St, San Francisco, CA 94109

Principal Celebrant: Father Angel Quitalig (Pastor of St. Mark Catholic Church)

Light Filipino Food Fare served immediately after the mass

Each year, the Archdiocese of San Francisco holds a Mass with Commissioning Rites to herald the beginning of "Simbang Gobi Masses" widely celebrated in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese, in the days leading up to Christmas. "Simbang Gabi" is a centuries-old Filipino Catholic faith practice dating back to the 1600's. With the country's agricultural roots, the practice traditionally began as a novena of pre-dawn masses, but more recently, has been adapted to evening celebrations.

We encourage you to attend our Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass. Bring your own Filipino Christmas "Parol", and your family "Creche" (or Nativity scene) to receive a special blessing during the mass. Please verify the dates and times of Simbang Gabi Masses that may be celebrated at your parish of choice.