



Masses for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Gabi, and Christmas During the Coronavirus Pandemic December 2, 2020

While the ongoing coronavirus pandemic continues to impact so many aspects of our lives, we continue to hold fast to our faith and belief in the power and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. With that faith, we continue to celebrate our faith and Sacraments safely, even if in an adapted way.

In order to assist pastors and parishes, please find below norms helpful in planning the celebrations of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Gabi, and Christmas Masses in the time of the coronavirus pandemic. Please be aware that Health Orders are constantly changing, and parishes are asked to exercise great flexibility in ensuring compliance with these Orders for the health and safety of all.

Masses for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- The [Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) in Mexico City announced that the Basilica will be closed to all pilgrims from December 10-13, 2020 for the health, safety, and well-being of all people. In order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the Basilica will livestream its festivities on their social media platforms.
- The [Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels](#) will livestream the rosary, *serenata*, and Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 11, 2020 at 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM (Mass 9:00 PM) on its social media platforms. EWTN will also broadcast the events and Mass from the Cathedral on its network. There is no in-person attendance for this Mass.
- Parishes are encouraged to provide livestream options for their Masses and other related religious services to allow those in vulnerable populations, high-risk individuals (e.g., people who are 65 and older, who are immuno-compromised or who have underlying health conditions) to participate virtually in the celebrations.
- At all times, for the health and well-being of all, parishes must make it a priority to provide a safe and healthy environment for all people present on their campus. Therefore, parishes must continue to follow all [Parish Liturgical Guidelines](#).
- While not limited to the following, parishes are reminded:
 - No social sharing of food or drink before or after Mass or any other gathering.
 - Even outdoors, parishioners must wear face coverings and practice social distancing (6 feet apart, unless they are family members who live together in the *same* house).
 - Mindful of the health and well-being of all people, parishes need to be particularly aware of time limitations, weather conditions, etc. when scheduling their outdoor *mañanitas* or Masses. Parishes are strongly urged to schedule during the day when conditions may be more favorable for an outdoor celebration and avoid scheduling too late into the night or too early in the morning between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

Masses for Simbang Gabi

- The [Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels](#) will livestream the Archdiocese Simbang Gabi Mass on December 15, 2020 on its social media platforms. The Mass begins at 7:00 PM.
- A virtual procession of *parols* will be shown prior to the Mass. There is no in-person attendance for this Mass.
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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

- Based on the Memorandum (October 26, 2020) issued by the Committee on Divine Worship, Archbishop José H. Gomez permits Christmas Vigil Masses (December 24, 2020) to be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as early as 2:00 PM. This permission is granted for Christmas 2020 only.
- Based on the indult (Prot. N. 522/20) granted by His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, Prefect, Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Archbishop José H. Gomez permits priests serving with faculties in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to celebrate up to four Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. This permission is granted for Christmas 2020 only.
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