## **ANNOUNCEMENT:** ST MARY'S 2024 SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Simbang Gabi, 9 days Novena Mass starting on December 16, 2024. [SEE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIMES]

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Simbang Gabi in the Philippines is held daily from December 16 to 24, and occur at different times. It has an important role in Philippine culture. The tradition of Simbang Gabi traces back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines about 500 years ago. At the time, they had a tradition of celebrating pre-Christmas novena Masses in honor of the Annunciation.

This event is in cooperation by the Couples for Christ-Red Deer.



