



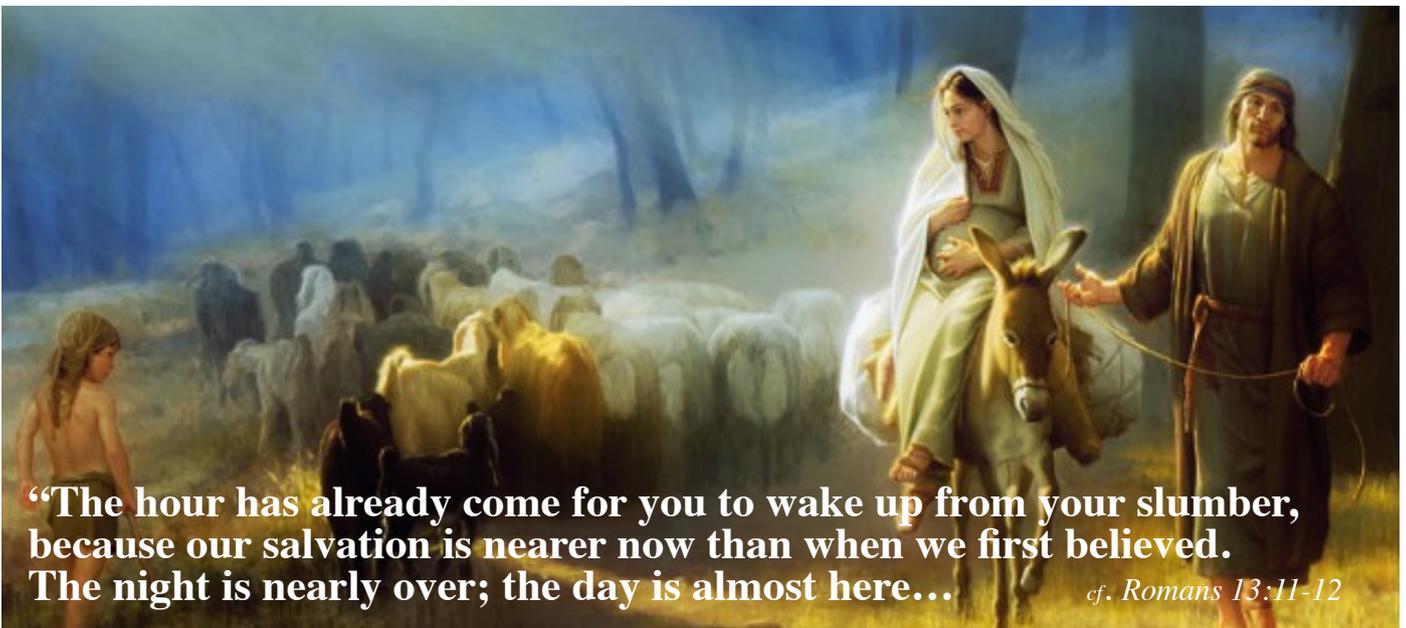
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH MARAYONG

Parish Vision Statement

We are an active and welcoming Catholic community,
where people of all ages draw closer to God.
His love is expressed through each one of us by prayer,
liturgy and reaching out in service to one another.



MISA DE GALLO 2025



**“The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
The night is nearly over; the day is almost here...**

cf. Romans 13:11-12

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WHAT IS “MISA DE GALLO”?

The name “Misa de Gallo” literally means “Rooster’s Mass” in Spanish. It is called this because of the time it is traditionally celebrated—very early in the morning, around dawn, when roosters are crowing. The idea is that people wake up before sunrise to attend Mass in anticipation of Jesus’ birth.

The tradition started in Spain and spread to the Philippines and much of Latin America. Over time, the name stuck, even though it is part of the Christmas celebration, because the early-morning timing is its defining feature. This distinctive dawn ritual is what gives it its special name. During the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church had a similar liturgy to prepare for Christmas. It was celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This liturgy is called the “Rorate Caeli” Mass.

What is the significance of this celebration?

Vigil Expectation of the Messiah

The celebration reflects the ancient Christian tradition of keeping vigil, by staying awake in joyful anticipation of the Lord’s coming. Just as Israel waited for the Messiah, the faithful gather before dawn to symbolize spiritual watchfulness (cf. Matthew 25:1–13).

Misa de Gallo embodies the virtue of hope, expressing longing for Christ’s birth and His second coming.

Marian Devotion

Misa de Gallo has strong Marian undertones. The early dawn Masses recall Mary’s own early rising and her readiness to respond to God’s call (cf. Luke 1:38). In the celebration of Misa de Gallo, the Church honors Mary as the model of Advent waiting in open, obedient, and joyfully expectant of Christ.

The Mystery of Incarnation

The novena of Masses prepares families and community for the mystery of the Incarnation: God becoming human in Jesus Christ (cf. John 1:14). Through nine days of Eucharist, the faithful enter more deeply into this saving mystery.

The themes of the liturgy and scriptures of Misa de Gallo renews the understanding that Christ enters human life, history, and community.

Eucharistic Spirituality

At its heart, Misa de Gallo is a Eucharistic celebration. Gathering at dawn emphasizes sacrifice, discipline, and devotion, showing that encountering Christ in the Eucharist is worth every effort. It expresses the Communion of the faithful who share in Christ, the “true light” rising upon the world.

Communal Solidarity and Mission

Traditionally, the novena unites families and communities. It renews friendship, initiates collaboration and animates the community. It strengthens bonds of charity and encourages acts of kindness and service. It reflects the Church’s mission to build the Kingdom of God by living out love, justice, and generosity.

Misa de Gallo is rooted in:

- a. Hopeful vigilance for Christ’s second coming
- b. Deep Marian spirituality
- c. Preparation for the mystery of the Incarnation
- d. Eucharistic devotion and sacrifice
- e. Communal unity and mission

It is both a celebration and a spiritual discipline that prepares hearts to receive Christ fully and joyfully at Christmas.

(References: Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 524, 1095, 522–526, 2676–2677; GNLIC 39–42; SC 102–105)



DAY 01
16 December 2025
TUESDAY

A Call to Begin Again

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 16, 18-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32.

Sponsoring group:
Legion of Mary (Mother of God)

Presenter of Offerings:
Van, Therese and Majella Nguyen

First Reading:
Vinetta Lobo

Responsorial Psalm:
Martin Zammit

Prayers of the Faithful:
Luz Tiqui

Commentator:
Therrie Chin

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Legion of Mary (Mother of God)
Nayana Lobo & team

Ministers at the Altar:
Joy Kakodkar
Ferdinand Chin

Ministers of Communion:
Henrietta D'sa
Geraldine Pereira

Warden:
Elvira Clark and Rose Rotik

Mass Servers:
Amber Chin

Projectionist:
Jerome Chin

Mass Presider:
Fr. Lauro Arcede SM
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DAY 02
17 December 2025
WEDNESDAY

Faith in God's Promises

Scripture Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalm 71:1-4, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Sponsoring group:
Social Justice Group

Presenter of Offerings:
A family from the congregation

First Reading & Responsorial Psalm:
Therrie Chin

Prayers of the Faithful:
Brenda Payne

Commentator:
Erna Ferrer

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Therese, Maxi Victoria,
Nayana Lobo & team

Ministers at the Altar:
Ferdinand Chin

Ministers of Communion:
Romeo Gapud
Brenda Payne

Wardens:
Rose Rotik
Marilou & Zosimo Gatchalian

Projectionist:
Nenette Gapud

Mass Presider:
Fr. Floyd Gatana SM
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WHY CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON?

Spiritual Preparation

Advent invites Christians to slow down, reflect, and prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ. It calls believers to repentance, conversion, and deeper prayer so that Christmas is celebrated not just outwardly, but spiritually and meaningfully.

Renewed Hope

Advent focuses on **hope**, reminding the faithful that Christ, the Light, enters human darkness. It strengthens trust in God's promises—both the celebration of Jesus' birth and the anticipation of His second coming.

Recalling God's Faithfulness

By remembering the long waiting of God's people for the Messiah, Advent teaches the Church about patience, perseverance, and God's fidelity throughout history.

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Mary: Model of Hopeful Waiting

In a world that rushes into commercial Christmas, Advent teaches a different rhythm: quiet preparation, intentional waiting, and spiritual focus rather than materialism.

Advent highlights Mary's role—her faith, humility, and openness to God's will—offering the Church a model of how to welcome Christ.

(A Marist Advent Reflection)

DAY 03

18 December 2025

THURSDAY

DAY 04

19 December 2025

FRIDAY

Joy in the Lord's Coming

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-24

Sponsoring group:
Youth Works

Presenter of Offerings:
Jeremy, Gian and Jessica Portelli

First Reading:
Bradley Dwyer

Responsorial Psalm:
Jacob dela Cruz

Prayers of the Faithful:
Gian Portelli

Commentator:
Derica Elogious

Song Leaders & Musicians:
FIFY Choir

Ministers at the Altar:
Zain Chaudry

Ministers of Communion:
Gian Portelli

Wardens:
Jeremy Portelli

Projectionist:
TBA

Mass Presider:
Fr. Kevin Redmond SM
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Proclaim the Good News

Scripture Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Psalm 70:3-6, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Sponsoring group:
SRE Catechists

Presenter of Offerings:
From the congregation

First Reading:
Maricor Espinosa

Responsorial Psalm:
Julie Nuñez

Prayers of the Faithful:
Brenda Payne

Commentator:
Therrie Chin

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Nayana Lobo & team

Minister at the Altar:
Ferdie Chin

Ministers of Communion:
Rose Rotik
Maricor Espinosa
Brenda Payne

Wardens:
Rose Rotik
Marilou & Zosimo Gatchalian

Projectionist:
Abigail Chin

Preacher:
Deacon Charles Hyson

Mass Presider:
Fr. Lauro Arcede SM
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DAY 05
20 December 2025
SATURDAY

Obedience to God's Will

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14
Psalm 23:1-6
Luke 1:26–38

Sponsoring group:
Couples for Christ Australia

Presenter of Offerings:
Efren & Myrna Adrales

First Reading, Responsorial Psalm & Prayers of the Faithful:
Andrea Bentoy

Commentator:
Tess Macaraeg

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Couples for Christ Australia

Ministers at the Altar:
Morie Balisbisan
Noe Adan

Ministers of Communion:
Aida Jamolin

Wardens:
Melvin Mediana
Glenn Macaraeg

Projectionist:
Elvira Clark

Mass Presider:
Fr. Floyd Gatana SM
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We are called to wake up and recognize the nearness of God.

The Season of Advent invites us to awaken to God's nearness. *"The night is far gone; the day is at hand"* (Romans 13:11–12), reminding us that Christ's light is already breaking into our world. As we wait, Scripture calls us to readiness: *set your hope fully on the grace to be revealed* (1 Peter 1:13). This hope is not passive—it shapes how we live. Peter urges us to *live holy and godly lives as we wait* (2 Peter 3:11–14), letting our conduct reflect the coming Kingdom. In this season, may our hearts be watchful, our hope steadfast, and our lives aligned with Christ's promised dawn.

(A Marist Advent Reflection)

DAY 06
21 December 2025
SUNDAY

God is with us

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14 Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 1:1–7
Matthew 1:18–24

Sponsoring group:
Hearts of Jesus and Mary Community

Presenter of Offerings:
Paulo & Virgie Emperado

First Reading:
Mercy Aquino

Responsorial Psalm:
Lorie Atienza

Second Reading:
Doris Barrios

Prayers of the Faithful:
Rod Limguangco

Commentator:
Nenette Gapud

Song Leaders & Musicians:
HJM & Volunteers

Ministers at the Altar:
Romy Gapud
Joy Kakodkar

Ministers of Communion:
Merlie Domingo
Esther Viola

Wardens:
Noel Tolentino
Jackie Tolentino
Oscar Viola

Projectionist:
Len Limguangco

Mass Presider:
Fr. Kevin Redmond SM
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DAY 07
22 December 2025
MONDAY

**God favors the humble
and the lowly**

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–28
1 Samuel 2:1, 4–8
Luke 1:46–56

Sponsoring group:
Legion of Mary (Mystical Rose)

Presenter of Offerings:
Yacquelin Metcalfe and Family

First Reading & Responsorial Psalm:
Aileen Sebastian

Prayers of the Faithful:
Agnes Zabala

Commentator:
Erna Ferrer

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Adora Cabral

Minister at the Altar:
Ferdie Chin

Ministers of Communion:
Virgie Salom
Brenda Payne

Wardens:
Eden Luna
Mila Santos

Mass Server:
Amber Chin

Projectionist:
Therrie Chin

Mass Presider:
Fr. Kevin Redmond SM
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DAY 08
23 December 2025
TUESDAY

The mercy and fidelity of God

Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24
Psalm 24:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14
Luke 1:57–66

Sponsoring group:
Couples for Christ Australia

Presenter of Offerings:
Glenn & Tess Macaraeg

First Reading, Responsorial Psalm & Prayers of the Faithful:
Tess Macaraeg

Commentator:
Lita Pickart

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Couples for Christ Australia

Ministers at the Altar:
Noe Adan
Morie Balisbisan

Ministers of Communion:
Mario Pickart

Wardens:
Glenn Macaraeg
CFCA

Projectionist:
Elvira Clark

Mass Presider:
Fr. Floyd Gatana SM
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Let us bring Christ back to the heart of Christmas

In the midst of bright lights, rushing schedules, and endless preparations, Christmas gently invites us to return to its heart—Christ Himself. We often fill this season with many good things, yet the Child in the manger whispers a quiet reminder: Do not forget why you celebrate. Christ comes not to add to our busyness but to bring peace to our restless hearts.

To bring Christ back into Christmas is to make room for Him again—through prayer, through silence, through small acts of love. It means letting Mary teach us how to ponder God's presence, and letting Joseph guide us in faithful obedience. It means noticing Emmanuel—God with us—in the people we encounter and the moments we easily overlook.

When Christ is at the center, Christmas becomes more than a holiday; it becomes a grace. May His humble birth renew our hearts, deepen our compassion, and lead us to share His light with the world.

(A Marist Advent Reflection)

DAY 09
24 December 2025
WEDNESDAY

Christ: the Light from on high

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalms 88:2-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79.

Sponsoring group:
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Presenter of Offerings:
From the congregation

First Reading & Responsorial Psalm:
Ike Enriquez

Prayers of the Faithful:
Katharine Velasco

Commentator:
Melvina Vaz

Song Leaders & Musicians:
Nayana Lobo & Team

Minister at the Altar:
Joe Doyle

Ministers of Communion:
Sam Cassar
Myra Estrera

Wardens:
Rita & Joe Vella
Sinead Morgan

Projectionist:
Louisa Velasco

Mass Presider:
Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

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ADVENT PRAYER

O Lord, stir up your power, we pray, and come. Purify my heart and mind so that I may be worthy to prepare a dwelling place for your Divine Son. As the days grow longer and the world waits in hope, fill my soul with holy expectation and gentle repentance. Grant that I, trusting in your promises, may walk in the light of your grace and turn from all that draws me away from you.

O Divine Redeemer, come quickly and save us. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who awaited your birth with perfect faith, lead me ever closer to your Sacred Heart. Strengthen me to persevere in prayer, to embrace sacrifice, to remain steadfast in charity, justice, and compassion, and to seek holiness in all things.

O Emmanuel, God-with-us, draw near to your people. Bring peace to my heart, love to my home, unity to your Church, and salvation to the world you have redeemed. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O Christ, Light of the world, awaken within me the grace of holy charity. As I remember your sacred birth, grant that I may serve the poor with mercy, lift up the afflicted with love, and show your compassion to all who are in need. Amen.

Heartfelt gratitude to the entire St. Andrew the Apostle Parish community for your generous participation in and support of our parish's meaningful Advent and Christmas celebrations, and for your faithfulness and dedication in supporting our mission and parish throughout the year.

May the light of the Christ Child, God-with-us, fill your hearts and homes with joy, peace, and love.

-Fr. Kevin Redmond SM, Fr. Floyd Gatana SM, and Fr. Lauro Arcede SM

Christmas @ St. Andrews



MISA DE GALLO

4:30 am December 16-24

Nine Dawn Masses with Mary, Mother of God.

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, 24th December

Christmas-Vigil Masses

6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Carols at 11:15 pm

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, 25th December

Midnight Mass - 12:00 am

Christmas Morning Masses

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am

New Year Vigil Mass

Wednesday, 31 December

6:00 pm

Second Rite of Reconciliation (Advent)

9:30 am Saturday, 6th December

9:30 am Saturday, 20th December

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 9:00 am Weekday & Saturday morning Masses,
Before Vigil Mass 4:00-4:30 pm Saturday afternoon,
or by appointment.

