

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH - TRIANGLE, VA**

**INVITATION FOR ALL**

# **ADVENT POSADA CELEBRATION**



**SATURDAY/SABADO, 21 DEC 2024, 7PM**

**GATHERING POINT: ST CATHERINE ROOM**

**“Las Posadas”** is an important Advent/Christmas tradition in the Latino culture that originated in Mexico and features prominently in Latino holiday festivities. These community celebrations take place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from December 16 to 24th. The word posada means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish. In these traditional celebrations, the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. The tradition also involves a special sung dialog, as well as a variety of Mexican Advent/Christmas carols, piñatas, special foods, family, community, and celebration.

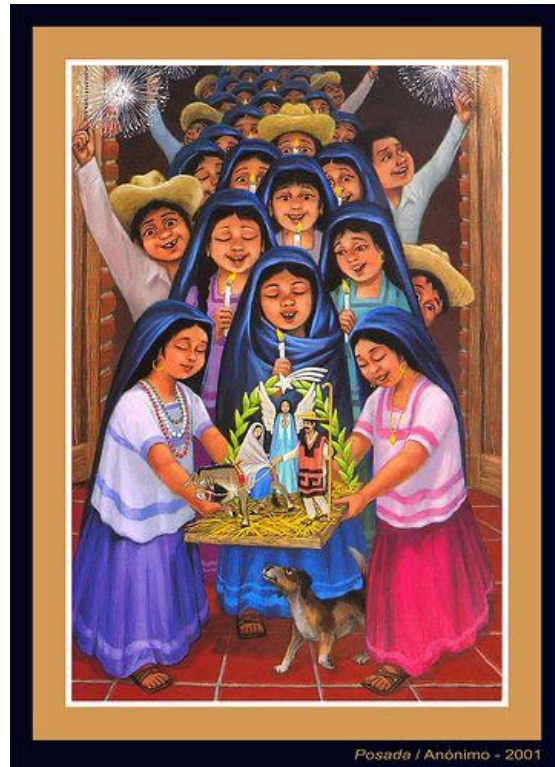
**The Procession or Journey:** Posadas are held in neighborhoods across Mexico//Central America and are also becoming popular in the United States. The celebration begins with a procession in which the participants hold candles and sing Advent carols and songs that remember the journey and rejection that Mary & Joseph experienced along the way to Bethlehem. Sometimes there will be live actors who play the parts of Mary and Joseph who lead the way or sometimes images representing them are carried. The procession will make its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a dialog special song that re-enacts Mary & Joseph's search for housing is sung at the front door.

**Asking for Shelter:** There are two parts to the traditional posada song which is sung in dialog. Those outside the house sing the role of Joseph asking for shelter. The family inside responds, singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room, rejecting Joseph's request. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally, the innkeeper agrees to let them in. The host opens the door, and everyone goes inside. Then there are some brief prayers followed by a neighborhood celebration.

**ENGLISH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=220aQS9Wdko>**

**SPANISH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6U6qTBwfSIY>**

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SONGS, PRAYERS, FOOD, SWEETS, DANCES, & SURPRISES  
FOR YOUNG & OLD

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## CELEBRACION DE LAS POSADAS

PARA NIÑOS, JOVENES Y ADULTOS

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