

XV Celebrations on Saturday

Contact the Parish office with at least 4 months in advance prior to the celebration.

- Arrive 30 minutes before the Mass begins.
- Find someone to sing and play at the Mass
- The chambelanes & damas will not enter in procession.
- Baptism godparents will enter in procession.
- The Quinceañera will enter with her Mother, Father, or both parents.
- You will be able to practice the day before the celebration if there are two Quinceañeras.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.

XV Celebrations on Sunday Mass

Talk to the priest in advance.

- Arrive 30 minutes before the Mass starts.
- We have a choir. You do not need to find one.
- You do not need to bring flowers or any sort of decorations.
- You will not enter in procession, but you will need to sit near the front.
- During the offering, you will bring the offerings from the back part of the church.
- At the end of the Mass, the Bible and rosary will be blessed and you will be able to offer flowers.

INFORMATION TO CELEBRATE YOUR QUINCEAÑERA



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This brochure is a summary of the guidelines for Quinceañeras. Please request a copy of the complete guide at the parish office.

Celebration for Quinceañera

One of the Hispano-American community traditions is the Quinceañera. This tradition consists of the presentation of a young woman before the community with two purposes:

1. To thank God for the gift of life with a mass and
2. To be presented by parents before society

What do I need in order to have a Mass celebration for my XV?

In St. Joseph's parish, you can celebrate your Quinceañera at the Sunday Mass. You only need to talk to the priest with anticipation.

If you want to celebrate your Quinceañera on a Saturday, you can do this on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 1:00 p.m. along with other Quinceañeras who wish to celebrate on the same day.

You will need

To be baptized and confirmed, or to be preparing for confirmation, and to have already received the Holy Sacrament of Eucharist.

Sponsors

It is not necessary to have Sponsors/ Godparents for the Mass celebration, unless they are your baptism Godparents. Even though sponsors are not necessary, you can have Bible and rosary sponsors if you wish.

Formation

After scheduling a date, you will need to purchase a text book "My 15th Birthday" to prepare for the celebration. The person responsible of the classes will call you and coordinate with you.

Donations and Stipends

Book "My 15th Birthday" \$15.00

	One Girl	Two Girls
Non Parishioners	\$350.00	\$250.00
Parishioners	\$250.00	\$150.00

Priest Stipend \$100.00

Coordinator Stipend \$100.00

*When there is two Quinceañeras—\$75 each girl)

To be able to schedule a date, we need a \$100 deposit. This only applies to celebrations being held on Saturdays.

The donation is minor for celebrations on Sundays.

Music

The people who will be playing at the Mass must be there at least 30 minutes prior to the celebration and they must be prepared.

Decorations and Flowers

If you plan to bring flower arrangements, please bring up to three vases with fresh flowers.

Do not bring an arch or any other decorations. You will not be allowed to place them on the pews.

Video and Photography

It is okay to take photos and videos, because they capture good memories, but we ask that the photographer talk to the priest before the celebration so that he may be instructed.