

The Quinceañera celebration is a Mexican tradition that comes from the Aztec culture. It consists of giving thanks to God for allowing the young lady to pass from her childhood to her teenager years. This done to celebrate the young lady's faith - for this reason we mark the occasion with a Mass.

Frequently Asked Questions

My daughter will be 15 years old in the next six months. We are active Catholics and we come to Mass regularly. We would like to have a Mass in her honor to celebrate her Quinceañera.

- **What should I do to schedule a date for my daughter's Quinceañera Mass?** *You must fill out the registration form and pay a minimum deposit of \$150.00 to reserve the date and time. Note: if you cancel your Quinceañera we will issue a partial refund of \$75.00 only.*
- **What are the Parish dates and times for a Quinceañera Mass?** *Quinceañera Masses are usually celebrated on Saturday. The time slots available for Quinceañeras are 12:00pm and 2:00pm.*
- **What are the church use fees?** *The total fee is \$450.00 for all parishioners, this includes a \$100.00 cleaning deposit (refundable if the Church is left clean & free of debris). The balance is due no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Quinceañera.*
- **Are there any requirements that my daughter should do before her Quinceañera date?** *Yes, she must demonstrate faithfulness to God through attendance at Sunday Mass. Also, she must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) regularly, please see the bulletin for times. Do not wait until the last minute.*
- **Is there a rehearsal before the Quinceañera?** *No, there is no rehearsal prior to the event. Please contact the Parish Office and / or presiding priest with any questions or concerns you may have. Note: Remind everyone to show proper respect during the entire time they are in the Church. This means absolutely no food, drinks or gum. Please ask guests to dress properly (no spaghetti straps, no sleeveless*

dresses, and no miniskirts.) Children involved in the procession who are less than six years old should be seated with a parent or guardian after they process into the Church.

- **Am I allowed to throw petals, confetti, shiny sparkles or other "thrown objects"?** *We do not allow any thrown objects as they may cause an accident. Note: There is a \$100.00 cleaning deposit included in your fee. In order to receive your full cleaning deposit refunded, please make sure to clean up any shiny sparkles left on the pews, pick up petals or garbage from the Church, and if you moved furniture put it back where it belongs.*
- **What are the preparatory and departure times?** *You will be allowed a maximum of one half hour (30 minutes) before the Quinceañera to set up flowers, cameras, video equipment, etc. and one half hour (30 minutes) after the Quinceañera for pictures and the removal of equipment and flowers. The Church must be completely vacated by 1:30pm for the 12:00pm or 3:30pm for the 2:00pm Mass.*

Please note that your ceremony will last for one hour starting at the time you have scheduled. If you or anyone in your party arrives late, your ceremony time will be adjusted accordingly. For example if your ceremony is scheduled for 12:00pm and you arrive at 12:30pm, then your ceremony will last only 30 minutes in order for us to finish at 1:00pm.

Decorations, Photographers, Videographers and Music

If you were invited by one of our parishioners to perform any of these duties, please read carefully the following requirements so your job is efficient, of good taste to the person who asked for your service, and according to parish regulations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Decorations

- You will have a maximum of one half hour before the ceremony to set-up flowers and one half hour after for the removal of the flowers.
- Pew bows are permitted, but must be attached to the pews using clips, ties or other material (no tape) which will not leave marks on the wood. No “runners” are allowed for safety reasons.
- Parish liturgical seasonal decorations (Advent Wreaths, Easter flowers, banners, etc.) are not to be removed.
- Flowers can be placed in front of the ambo (pulpit). Only low floral arrangements are allowed in front of the altar.
- No rice, birdseed, rose petals or other “thrown objects” are permitted before, during or after the ceremony.
- If you need to move the kneeler or chairs for the ceremony you must put it back where it belongs at the end of the ceremony. Any damage done to pews or the floor will be the sole responsibility of the participants and / or family.

Photographers and Videographers

- The church will be available one half hour prior to the ceremony for set up and pictures. All photography must be completed and equipment removed from the Church one half hour after the ceremony. *No exceptions.*
- Pictures may be taken in the Church using natural light or camera flash. No additional lights, umbrellas or screens may be set up. Studio type portraits should be taken at the studio or at the reception.
- During the ceremony, the photographer or videographer is to show proper respect for the religious rites. Photographers are not permitted to be in the sanctuary area around the altar during the ceremony and are expected to remain stationary during the entire ceremony.
- Videographers are limited to two cameras. Videographers may not “plug into” the existing sound system of the parish. No video editing equipment is allowed in the Church. Again videographers must remain stationary during the entire ceremony.

Music

- Should the participants and / or family want music at the ceremony, you are welcome to employ appropriate musicians.
- The choice of music should be in good taste and in keeping with the religious nature of the occasion. All music must be approved by the celebrating priest. Please contact the parish office for suggested local musicians.



Celebration

Requirements

St. Mary of the Angels Church

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Name of the Quinceañera: _____

Event Date: ____/____/____ Event Time: _____ am / pm