



QUINCEANERA GUIDELINES

Prerequisites

A quinceañera celebration is NOT a sacrament but a blessing. If the candidate would like to have a blessing only at end of the regular Sunday Mass, she doesn't need to follow all the guidelines and only need to inform the Pastor at least a week before or 15th birthday. If she would like to have private celebration of Mass, the celebration is a privilege permitted and prerequisites must be met:

- Each Quinceanera will be enrolled in religious education classes, known at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, at least 6 months prior to the celebration.
- The Quinceanera must be baptized and must have received First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and be enrolled or confirmed in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Non-parishioners will need a letter from their parish concerning enrollment in religious education classes.
- The candidate must attend the class taught by a deacon or others.
- The candidate for quinceanera must pass the take home exam on the basic catholic faith. **This test will be turned in with the liturgical planning form two weeks before the celebration.** You will be exempt if you are in youth group for at least 6 months, or serving at Mass as altar server.

Fee:

- The cost for a member of Our Lady of Grace Church in Artesia is \$200.00. The member should be registered at least 6 months prior to the beginning of this registration.
- Non- parishioner is \$400.00
- Exemptions:
 - The fee can be reduced if the family only wants to celebrate the Mass and can't afford to have a party or reception.
 - The fee will be exempt for those who only want to have the blessing at the regular Sunday Masses.
- **You are required to pay all or half of the fee at reservation date. If not paid in full, the remaining is due at least a week prior to your celebration date.**

Quinceañera Celebration of Mass Guidelines

- There will NOT be any celebration of Quinceanera on Sunday and any day during Lenten Season.
- Punctuality is very important at the rehearsal and the celebration of the Mass. Must be on time.
- A mandatory rehearsal is scheduled the evening before (Friday) at either 5:00p.m., 6:00p.m. and must be attended by the Quinceaneras and their parents.
- The role of the candidate's escort is more proper to the fiesta than to the Mass. Therefore, the Quinceañera is to be accompanied only by their parent(s) and god parent (s) in the procession, on entering and leaving, NOT by their escort.
- We highly recommend that the candidate receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before the day of the Quince Años.
- The throwing of flower petals, rice, confetti, bird seed, etc., is not permitted on Church property, inside or outside the Church, before, during, or after the Mass.

- Only one photographer and one videographer are permitted. However, it can only be done from the right or left side of the sanctuary at the floor level. They are NOT permitted to move around, especially in front of people, during the Mass. No photographer may enter the sanctuary space to take photos. (The sanctuary is an area that is raised above the main floor). No artificial lighting is to be used and the use of flash photography is **prohibited** during the ceremony.
 - Time permitting, the priest will stay for one or two pictures immediately following the Mass.
- Since a Quince Años is a commitment to one's faith and the reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism, it is an important religious celebration. We hope that the young people chosen as escorts will have an appreciation of the commitment being made by their friend and will be able to participate fully and respectfully in the liturgy. The style of dress chosen will be appropriate for any ceremony to be held in a sacred space.
- Proper Attire:
 - The Quinceanera and her courts should dress modestly & respectfully demonstrating reverence for our Lord and respect to all in this holy celebration. *****White Quince Dresses Preferred*****
 - Young Men: Dress shirt, tie, dress pants, dress shoes.
 - Young Ladies: Dress (long or short). Short dress hem should touch top of the kneecap when seated. Uncovered shoulders and backs, low cut, or high slits are inappropriate. No strapless or spaghetti straps unless worn with a **jacket or shawl**.
 - If the quinceañera party is not modestly dressed, they will not be allowed to participate in the Church celebration.
- Decoration: (The church may be decorated but not required)
 - two (2) arrangements may be used on the pedestals on both side of the tabernacle table.
 - Uses of plastic clips, tape, Velcro, staples, clamps, floral pins, etc., **are not allowed** for pew decoration. Bows, greenery or floral sprays may be used only if attached with a **ribbon loop**.
 - Runners are not allowed. The church should be left in the same order it was found.
 - If there is a wedding before the Quinceanera on the same day, the wedding will have priority. The Church may be decorated after the wedding and no earlier than 60 minutes before the ceremony
 - If there is a wedding after the Quince Anos celebration, the decoration must be removed within 30 minutes after the ceremony ends.
 - If the quinceanera takes place during the season of Advent, Christmas or Easter, the Church decorations may not be disturbed and must remain intact.
- Food, beverages (including alcohol), and tobacco are not permitted inside the Church.
- The following quinceanera gifts are permitted: Bible, Rosary, medals.
- If a Quinceanera wishes to wear a crown and jewelry she can; however, if she wishes to have it blessed, she should do so at the rehearsal. She will not be put them on during Mass.
- Since music is a very important part of liturgy, the hymns that will be played need to be liturgical hymns. **Secular music, even if it is Christian music, will not be allowed**. Visiting musicians/choirs are allowed but they will need to get in contact with the coordinator a week prior to the quinceañera Mass to discuss what hymns will be played.

Quinceañera Registration Form

Candidate Name: _____

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Current Church attend: _____ City _____

Readings options:

First Reading: Ecclesiates 11:7-12:9; Judith 13:18-20; Isaiah 7:10 – 14; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 4:4-7; Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 1:3-6; 1 John 4:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144; Psalm 123; Psalm 121; Psalm 116

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-55; Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 10:38-42

To complete the registration the following documents are needed:

Baptism certificate First Communion certificate Confirmation Certificate

Letter that she is enrolled in Confirmation program

The fee of the church: ___\$200.00 ___\$400.00(Non-registered Parishoners)

Initial payment: _____ Last payment: _____

Quinceanera class certificate and take home exam of Catholic faith.

I understand and agree with the above guidelines:

Signature of one of the parents: _____

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(to be completed by the parish office)

Application Date: _____

Rehearsal date: _____ Time: _____

Quinceañera date: _____ Time: _____

NAME _____

Quince Take Home Quiz

Following are questions about the Church and about the Catholic faith that you should be able to answer by the time you are confirmed. Some of the questions can be answered from memory and some will require research. The answers can be found in places such as: the books of the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Catholic websites, etc. You are strongly encouraged to get your family and sponsor involved in helping you find the answers;

1. What is the name of our current Bishop?

2. What is the name of our current Pope?

3. List the Ten Commandments:

4. What are the two “Great Commandments” that contain the whole law of God?
(Hint: See Mark 12: 28-31)
(1)
(2)

5. What word do we use when speaking of the change that occurs when the priest changes the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer?

6. Put these parts of the Mass in their proper sequence (1-11):

_____Holy, Holy, Holy_____Our Father_____Entrance
Rite_____Epistles(s)_____Communion Rite_____Final
Blessing_____Gospel_____Great Amen_____Prayer of the
Faithful_____Consecration_____Homily(General Intercessions)

7. What must Catholics do on the Holy Days of Obligation?

8. List the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

9. List the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

10. List the five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

11. List the five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

12. List the seven sacraments in order:

13. List the six precepts of the Catholic Church:

LITURGICAL PLANNING FOR QUINCEANERA MASS

(This form will be turned in 2 weeks before the celebration)

Name: _____

Date of Mass: _____ Time: _____

Gifts to be blessed:

_____ Bible _____ Rosary _____ Medals _____ Others

Choir: _____ Yes _____ No.

From what church: _____

Procession:

- Quinceanera: _____ Yes _____ No
- Parents: _____ Yes _____ No
- Godparents: _____ Yes _____ No
- Processional song: _____ Yes _____ No

First Reading: _____ English _____ Spanish.

_____ Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:9 _____ Judith 13:18-20
_____ Isaiah 7:10 – 14 _____ Jeremiah 1:4-10
_____ Galatians 4:4-7 _____ Galatians 3:27-29
_____ Ephesians 1:3-6 _____ 1 John 4:7-11

Read by (Catholic): _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ English _____ Spanish _____ Read _____ Sung

_____ Psalm 144 _____ Psalm 123
_____ Psalm 121 _____ Psalm 116

Read by (Catholic) _____

Gospel: _____ English _____ Spanish.

_____ Luke 1:26-38 _____ Luke 1:46-55
_____ Matthew 25:1-13 _____ Luke 10:38-42

Prayer of the faithful: _____ English _____ Spanish

Read by (Catholic) _____

Offertory song: _____ Yes _____ No

Communion song: _____ Yes _____ No

Flower for Blessed Mother Mary: _____ Yes _____ No

Ave Maria song: _____ Yes _____ No

Recessional song: _____ Yes _____ No