

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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Quinceanera Celebration

The celebration of the 15th Birthday (Quinceañera) has its origins in the person of Our Blessed Mother, Mary. When Mary was 15 years old she was visited by the Archangel Gabriel to announce to her that she would be the mother of the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38). Mary, filled with God's grace, responded with, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary, then pregnant with Jesus, goes in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary brings Jesus with her. In December of 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico. Mary was pregnant with Jesus, just as she was when she visited her cousin Elizabeth.

The celebration of the Quinceanera with the Holy Mass is a celebration of a living faith of the young lady and her family. What does it mean to have a living faith? As a Baptized Catholic, the life of faith begins for the child with her parents as her teachers and guides as to how to live the Catholic faith. After Baptism the child grows and matures in the family of faith, the Church. This means that the young lady attends Mass every Sunday with her family and is well prepared to receive Holy Communion at Mass. To receive Holy Communion at Sunday Mass presumes that she is going to confession regularly.

After receiving First Holy Communion, when the young lady has graduated from eighth grade, she should be registered for Confirmation Classes that begin in September of her first year of High School.

Please provide the following information:

Name of the Quinceanera: _____ Today's date _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Church and date of Baptism: _____

Church and date of First Holy Communion:_____

What Parish Church do you attend Holy Mass every Sunday and what time is the Mass and what language do you attend Mass in?_____

Please provide the registration number found on your Sunday donation envelope:_____ (if you aren't registered at St. Joseph you are not eligible to request a Mass at this time)

Father's Name:_____

Mother's Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email Address:_____

When you have completely filled out this form hand it in to the parish office with a copy of the Baptismal Certificate and First Holy Communion Certificate.

Family MUST be registered and active members of St. Joseph Church in order to apply for a quinceanera Mass.

The coordinator will call you to schedule an orientation.

Mass time is restricted to 11:30am only (if date is available).

Date is assigned AFTER orientation and deposit payment is made.