

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Quinceañeras Information.

The Virgin Mary is a model for women of every class and age group. The Quinceañera ritual is valuable for the religious message it sends, not only to young people, but also to parents, grandparents, Godparents, and the entire parish in calling us to prayerfully join with youth in making a commitment to God and the Church.

Celebrating your daughter's Quinceañera is a wonderful event for you, your family, friends, and the Church. It is a special day to celebrate what God has accomplished in your daughter over the last 15 years. The world was blessed when God created her. The Church was blessed when you as parents presented her for Baptism. Holy Trinity Catholic Church is blessed as you present her to God on the day of her fifteenth birthday.

We, as the family of God, congratulate you. We are committed to making this day memorable.

To help with this, please read our guidelines carefully so that you may prepare for this celebration in a meaningful way. We pray that this day will be a blessing for you.

General Information

Parents who are registered at Holy Trinity Catholic Church may request a Quinceañera for their daughter by calling the parish office at least twelve to six months in advance.

The Quinceañera candidate and her parents must attend Mass every Sunday.

The candidate must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist before the ceremony is scheduled. The candidate is to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation or be in the process of receiving this Sacrament at Holy Trinity Religious Education Program and in good standing with attendance.

The candidate must attend Faith Formation classes for at least 2 years. Complete 12 Service to the Church hours before Mass date.

Reconciliation

All Quinceañeras must receive reconciliation no later than two weeks prior to their celebration.

Please note that NO confessions are heard before the celebration. Confessions at Holy Trinity are Saturday, 4-4:45 PM, or by appointment. In order to accompany you during the ceremony, your court must receive reconciliation. Let them know about the confession times. You/your court may go to confession at any Catholic church.

Photographs and Videos

We gather together for Quinceañeras in the context of a sacred ceremony. For that reason, only the professional photographer functioning under strict guidelines is permitted to take photographs during the Quinceañera. Flash photography is not allowed during the ceremony. No extra lighting is permitted. All photographers/videographers must sign a guideline agreement sheet. Altar is to be respected.

Flowers and Decorations

Flowers are the responsibility of the family. The florist must sign a guideline agreement sheet.

Due to the danger to yourself and your guests, we do not allow aisle runners, the throwing of rice or birdseed, glitter, confetti or lighted candles. Decorations may not be taped, nailed, glued, tacked, or stapled to the end of pews. They may only be clipped with florist clips or tied. You may not change or move any of the décor within the church. Décor must be approved by Church.

Music

Music is an integral part of your ceremony. Since your Quinceañera is a religious event, all musical selections are to be of a religious nature. If you plan to have any music in your celebration, all music must go through and be approved by Bradley Kohles, Holy Trinity Director of Music Ministries. It is your responsibility to pay the musicians two weeks before the event.

Miscellaneous

On the day of the Quinceañera, everyone involved in the ceremony must arrive 15-20 minutes before the rehearsal time. The liturgy will begin promptly at the scheduled time and only those in line 15 minutes prior to the celebration will be able to participate. Gifts can only include the Bible, rosary, medal, crown, and candle; all other gifts should already be worn or presented at the reception.

\$250.00 Cleaning Fee must be paid 2 weeks prior to event to the office. Should additional be required after the service parents are responsible.

We highly recommend that all the Catholic members involved in the celebration receive Holy Communion on that day. Please select Sponsors who can and will receive Communion; this is mandatory for the official "Sponsor /Velacion," since you can choose them and make sure they are able to join you in receiving Communion.

Dress Code

All attire must be appropriate for the house of God.

Men/boys involved in the Quince años may not wear shorts or hats in the sanctuary.

Women/girls involved in the Quince años may not wear strapless dresses, shorts, or short dresses. If a dress is strapless, a shawl must be worn.

Assure dress code is honored prior to Quincenera. Photos may be submitted for approval. We look forward to celebrating such a beautiful day with you and give thanks to our loving God for all the blessings received.

Scheduling

Quinceañeras may be scheduled on Saturdays at 10:30 or 1pm. Quinceañeras may not be celebrated on Sundays or during the Lenten season. Nor on the First Saturday of the Month.

Please note that the celebration begins promptly since there may be other liturgies the same day. Therefore, punctuality is a must; otherwise, your event will be shortened or even canceled.

Booking is for 90 minutes to permit Mass & photos.

6-9 Months in Advance: Schedule meeting with Minerva Moncais at the parish office.
Fee: \$100 of that due at time of scheduling; \$250 cleaning fee must be paid 2 weeks prior to Quinceañera date. **Checks made payable to Holy Trinity Catholic Church.**

3 Months in Advance: Schedule meeting with Minerva Moncais
Candidate, court, and family must attend 1 one-hour sessions.

Day of Event: Attend rehearsal one hour prior to Mass.

Event Coordinator, Youth Minister (reporting service hours): Melissa Koebcke

Quiceanera Talks: Minerva Moncais

Faith Formation: Dora Cortez

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