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Quinceañera

The celebration of the Quinceañera is an important traditional celebration for a young woman who turns fifteen years of age in Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean, as well as in parts of the United States. It is a celebration of gratitude to God for the gift of life and constitutes a special blessing given at Mass or accompanied by the gift of significant religious items. It offers an opportunity for the young woman to receive in a special way from the church the spiritual strength and moral orientation she will need to make adult decisions.

The quinceañera, in the presence of her family and friends, and often accompanied by "companions of faith," professes her desire to live the rest of her life according to the teachings of Christ and the church. A special blessing by the priest or deacon is given at the conclusion of the service and then she is presented to the community. Though it is not a sacrament, the celebration is a teaching moment in the life of the family and the young woman and honors the deep cultural tradition that continues to encourage adherence to the Catholic faith.

Requirements

- 1. Quinceañera reservations must be booked 6 months in advance.
- 2. To register for a Quinceñera you must meet all the requirements listed below, you may contact the office staff or email Laura Quiroz quince@stisidore-yubacity.org with any questions you may have.
- **3.** The following are the sacraments and requirements needed for a Quinceañera:
 - Baptism
 - First Communion
 - Confirmation.
 - The Quinceañera must be a parishioner of Saint Isidore.
 - Must attend Mass weekly either Saturday Evenings or Sundays.
 - Be certain of the quinceañera date, limited space for events create circumstances where rescheduling may not be possible.

Donation

- The donation for the Mass is \$ 250.00
- A deposit of \$ 100.00 is required to reserve the date.
- Balance must be paid 1 week in advance of the Quinceañera Mass, no later.
- Form of payment will be in cash, personal checks, or credit card at the Parish Office.
- If there is a cancellation, the money will not be refunded.



• A stipend or donation is acceptable for the presiding priest and/or deacon at your discretion. This stipend or donation is separate from any fee or donation paid for the use of the facility.

Scheduled Mass Day and Times

Saturdays at 12:00 or 2:00 in the afternoon

Friday Evening Mass – Please speak with Quinceañera coordinator

Considerations

- There will be four classes and one rehearsal all which are mandatory by the Quinceañera.
- In the celebration of the Quinceañera, it is important to avoid any aspect that the celebration is a Sacrament, especially a wedding, for example, a veil may not be used by the Quinceañera, and her dress, although it may be white, should not be or look like a wedding dress.
- The Quinceañera dress shall cover the chest and shoulders a shawl or dress jacket may be worn to show reverence during mass.
- The Mass celebration is appropriately celebrated in the church with a priest and at times with the assistance of a deacon.
- During the mass, the procession at the beginning includes only those individuals participating in the mass this may include:
 - o companions of faith
 - o sponsors / godmothers bringing religious gifts that will be presented to the young quinceañera
 - o Lectors
 - o The quinceañera, accompanied by her parents.
- The quinceañera as well as the family, peers and godparents must be seated in the congregation, in the first two reserved pews next to the altar.
- The companions of faith may be fourteen young women and/or young men, or less.
- The religious articles presented to the Quinceañera will be blessed during the service of the mass.
- Photographer(s) and/or Videographers may only take pictures or record in designated areas.
 Photography/video of family members and guests, may not be taken during the ceremony. Flash photos during mass are not permitted.

- The choir or singer costs are not included in the mass. The choir or singer may only sing and play music live. Prerecordings are not permitted.
- If the Quinceañera is late, Mass may be shortened or cancelled.



The Church can be decorated with natural flowers to adorn the altar. Nails or tapes will not be permitted to use on the pews. An evolution around the arch can be used on the pew.

The Church is not responsible for any floral arrangement or materials forgotten in the Church.

Consequences or Reasons for Cancellations

- The Quinceañera and her parents arrive late to the Quinceañera, Mass will be shortened, parts of the Mass eliminated or mass may be cancelled.
- Donation is not made in full.

English / Spanish / Bilingual

- The Quinceañera fails one of the preparation classes or rehearsal.
- The Quinceañera is not dressed appropriately for her Mass.
- If scheduling situations should arise, you must be flexible with the suggested accommodations, or Quinceañera will be cancelled, money will not be refunded.
- If the Quinceañera, her parents, family, or participants act inappropriately toward Church personnel or volunteers.

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