



CELEBRATING QUINCEAÑERA AT SANTA ROSA PARISH

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 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 you over the last 15 years. The world was blessed when God created you. The Church was blessed when your parents presented you for Baptism. Our parish of Santa Rosa is blessed as you present yourself to God on the day of your quinceañera.

We, as the family of God, congratulate you. We are committed to make that day memorable. To help with this, please read our guidelines carefully, so that you may prepare for your celebration in a meaningful way. We pray that this day will be a blessing for you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parents who are active and registered at Santa Rosa Church may request a quinceañera for their child by calling our parish office. The quinceañera and her parents must attend Mass every Sunday and be involved in Mass with a ministry of choice each month. The quinceañera also needs to complete a community service project.

The candidate must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Communion before the ceremony is celebrated. The candidate is to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation or be in the process of receiving this sacrament and must attend all the quinceañeras classes before the celebration of her quinceañera.

Preparation, documents and fee:

- 1) The candidate must participate in a preparation program/class as the Diocese requires. Santa Rosa has its own preparation class. Each candidate must provide a certificate that indicates that she has completed this class in our parish or elsewhere. The above documents must be in our files one month prior to the celebration.
- 2) Each candidate must complete an application form and pay the non-refundable reservation fee of \$150 to secure the date and time. This must be done at least one month before the celebration.

SCHEDULING AN EVENT

Quinceañeras may be celebrated within a Mass or within a Liturgy of the Word. We celebrate quinceañeras on Saturdays at 10 am, 12 noon, or 2 pm. However, we may celebrate on any other day depending on the family's need and the availability of the church. We do not celebrate quinceañeras on Sunday or during the Lenten season. Please note that we start the celebration promptly, since there may be other liturgies (Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals) the same day. Therefore, punctuality is a must, otherwise your event will be shortened or even canceled.

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. Anything from the secular repertoire must be performed before the ceremony begins as your guests are being seated. Our parish staff can help you in choosing musicians. You must notify our office of your choice of musicians and songs one month prior to the celebration. It is your responsibility to pay the musicians.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Still photography and videography are allowed; however, they must be discreet and respectful of the church and not interfere with the flow of the ceremony. Flash photography is not allowed during the ceremony. No extra lighting is permitted.

FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

Our parish provides fresh flowers for the Church on a weekly basis. A large arrangement is placed in front of the altar, ambo, and Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you prefer a special flower arrangement, then you can certainly arrange that. We generally recommend two arrangements on either side of the altar.

Due to the danger to yourselves and your guests, we cannot allow aisle runners, the throwing of rice or birdseed, or lighted candles in the congregation. Decorations may not be taped, nailed, glued, tacked or stapled to the end of pews. Some florists have clips that work nicely and others simply tie them. Your cooperation in this is most appreciated. Please inform us if you are planning to leave the flower arrangements in the church.

Flowers arrangements in small containers should not be used because they tend to spill. Make sure flower arrangements are on display at least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.

You may not change or move any of the décor within the church.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDING PRIEST

Make sure to make an appointment and meet with the presiding priest. He will discuss the liturgy in detail. At least one month before the quinceañera celebration, schedule a rehearsal. ALL people involved in the ceremony MUST attend the rehearsal (padrinos, court, etc.), otherwise they will not know what to do and therefore will not be able to participate. All padrinos and court must sign the statement of understanding (below).

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Please note that no confessions are heard before the Mass or at the rehearsal. Confessions at Santa Rosa are on Saturdays at 4 pm. Confessions should be done at least one week prior to the celebration. You may go to confession to any Catholic church you desire. Let your court know about the confession times, if you want them to accompany you during the Mass.

MISCELLANEOUS

On the day of quinceañera everyone involved in the ceremony must arrive 30-45 minutes before the scheduled 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.

Only the quinceañera is permitted in the sanctuary.

Gifts can include only the Bible, rosary, medal, crown and candle; all other gifts should already be worn or presented at the reception.

We highly recommend that all the Catholic members of the court should receive Holy Communion on that day. Please select padrinos who can and will receive Communion; this is mandatory for the official padrinos /“velacion”, since you can choose them and make sure they are able to join you in receiving Communion.

If a visiting priest or deacon is to preside, these policies are to be followed. Permission needs to be granted by the pastor. If the priest or deacon is not of the Diocese of Monterey, permission is needed from our local Bishop or his representative one month prior.

We look forward to celebrate such a beautiful day with you, and give thanks to our loving God for all the blessings received. For further information, please call our parish office.



Please ask each padrino and member of the court to sign the following:

“You are asked to serve as a padrino or as a member of the court for _____, to celebrate my quinceañera on Saturday, _____ at ____ pm at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Cambria. There will be a rehearsal on _____ at ____ pm at Santa Rosa Church. All padrinos and members of the court must attend the rehearsal and then be at the church at least a half hour before the quinceañera celebration is to begin. By signing this, you are saying that you understand and will be at the church at the necessary times. Thank you for helping to make this a special celebration!”

Signed by _____ (padrino or member of the court).

QUINCEAÑERA APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF QUINCEAÑERA: _____ TIME: _____
DATE OF REHEARSAL: _____ TIME: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name: _____

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

First Name Middle Name Maiden Name

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

I agree that the guidelines were explained to me, and I agree to all the rules. Padrinos and members of the court have signed their agreement forms, too. A copy of these policies was given to me, and I will follow Santa Rosa procedures.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

LITURGY *(to be filled out with priest or deacon who will be presiding)*

Mass; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy in English; Liturgy in Spanish; Bilingual

Music Director: _____

Other musicians: _____

Outside Musicians Mariachis Other _____

Name and phone number for outside musicians

Number of Attendants: _____

Gifts: Bible; Rosary; Crown; Medal; Candle; Flower bouquet

CHURCH OFFICE *(for use by the parish)* Date of Application: _____

Baptismal Certificate First Communion certificate

Candidate in Confirmation or Cofirmation certificate Quinceanera class

Date reserved and Church stipend of \$150 paid on _____

Date of Interview with Priest _____ Name of Priest _____