

### Your Quinceañera

Here is some information that you might find helpful for your upcoming Quinceañera. It includes

- An outline of the liturgy
- The entrance procession
- Other reminders
- The Scripture reading that you will read
- The petitions that you will choose a close friend to read

#### Outline of the Quinceañera Liturgy.

- The 15a mass usually lasts 50 minutes.
- We need to start on time! The musicians often have booked other engagements and they must leave after one hour is up whether your mass is ended or not. Our church schedules other liturgies soon after yours so please be considerate of others and be on time.
- In the entrance procession you will walk with your parents or by yourself (not accompanied alongside a special friend).
- During the Mass you will sit on the altar facing out to the congregation and your parents will sit behind you.
- Choose one of your Damas or Chambelanes to read the First Reading from Jeremiah. The priest will indicate the appropriate time. Have them read with a strong clear voice. There is only one reading and you can choose to have it read in Spanish or in English.
- The priest will eventually invite you to the microphone to read your "compromiso" that you wrote on your retreat. Be sure to bring your copy. Speak into the microphone with a strong voice.
- There will be an opportunity for the priest to bless any gifts with holy water during the liturgy.
- Choose a dama or chambelan to read the "Petitions". They should practice them ahead of time inserting your name in the blank "\_\_\_\_\_". It can be read in Spanish or in English.
- Please ask your Padrinos de Velacion to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory. The Priest will indicate when and where.
- At the consecration you and your parents will kneel on padded kneelers in front of the altar.
- At the sign of peace you can exchange peace with a FEW of your family members but be sure to HURRY back to the kneeler for the Lamb of God and communion!
- After communion the 15ra delivers flowers to the Virgin of Guadalupe. Take your time and say some honest personal prayers for her help and guidance.

### The Entrance Procession

People will certainly be noticing you and your family as you enter the church for your Quinceanera Mass so you want your entrance to be well done. As the Entrance Hymn begins, the first couple - the Padrinos, begin to walk slowly and deliberately down the aisle. Men on the right side of the women. Women holding the man by the elbow.

A comfortable distance of 6 or 7 pew lengths should be maintained between one couple and the one in front of them. If one stops, then all should stop to avoid a traffic pile up.

As each couple reaches the front of the pews, they should bow in reverence and then QUICKLY enter their pew. They should all know which pew they are entering ahead of time to avoid confusion.

The 15a should wait with her parents at the back of church until ALL of the others are in their places before they begin their walk down the aisle.

### ORDER OF ENTRANCE PROCESSION:

- Padrinos de Velación - they then sit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pews on either side
- Other Padrinos - they sit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pews on either side
- Chambelanes y damas (enter together or separate) - they sit in the front pew.
- Flower children - they sit with their parents.
- 15ra con padres - bow and go stand in front of your chairs at the altar.

### Other Reminders

- Please keep it simple! It's not a wedding!
- Please prepare two chambelanes to use the baskets to do a collection during the offertory.
- You are responsible to communicate any rules to the photographers. We do not allow photographers to use moving supplemental light such as for videos, as it is a distraction to the liturgy. We do not allow photographers to go up behind the altar during the consecration. Ask them to avoid blocking the view of the congregation while taking their photos.
- Any photos after the liturgy must be done quickly and efficiently because there may be other liturgies waiting to begin, or the church may be waiting to close for the evening. Again, please be considerate.
- Have YOU made arrangements with a musician to play the organ or guitar during your liturgy?
  - Jesus De Leon (organist) (312) 829-2011
  - Marieth Quintero (guitarist) (773) 396-7621
  - Alma Molina (guitarist) (312) 259-2385
- Have you made all of your payments to the church for the liturgy? Call the office - 312-226-7887.
- It is NOT permissible to throw confetti, paper, or rice. Any flower petals must be cleaned up.
- Have you hired someone to decorate the church for you?
  - Josefina Rodriguez (773) 522-1751
  - Gricelda Becerra (773) 742-7474
- Do you have someone in charge of cleaning up the church after the mass? All flowers, tape, carpet rolls must be removed.

Lectura del libro del profeta Jeremías.

Entonces el Señor me dirigió su palabra:

"Antes de formarte en el seno de tu madre, ya te conocía;  
antes de que tú nacieras, yo te consagré,  
y te destiné a ser profeta de las naciones."

Yo exclamé,

"¡Ay!, Señor, ¿cómo podría hablar yo que soy un muchacho?"

Y me contestó el Señor,

"No digas que eres un muchacho, pues irás a donde yo te envíe y  
dirás lo que yo te mande.

No tengas miedo, porque yo estoy contigo para protegerte.

Palabra de Dios

*Te Alabamos al Señor.*

Peticiones

Por la santa Iglesia, para que sea siempre fiel a Dios y atenta al bien de todo el pueblo, roguemos al Señor...

***Te lo pedimos Señor.***

Por nuestra hermana, \_\_\_\_\_, que acaba de reafirmar su compromiso bautismal, para que en este día de sus quince años, arraigada en la fe y fundamentada en la caridad, pueda dar testimonio a Jesucristo con su vida, roguemos al Señor...

***Te lo pedimos Señor.***

Por sus padres y padrinos, responsables de su fe, para que, con su palabra y ejemplo, la ayuden a seguir fielmente a Cristo, roguemos al Señor...

***Te lo pedimos Señor.***

Por los jóvenes aquí, amigos de \_\_\_\_\_, para que abran sus ojos a lo hermoso, su espíritu a lo verdadero, y su corazón a lo bueno, roguemos al Señor...

***Te lo pedimos Señor.***

Por todos los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad, para que imitando la actitud de María, escuchen la Palabra de Dios, la guarden en su corazón, y la vivan generosamente, roguemos al Señor...

***Te lo pedimos Señor.***

**15ra Mass Information**

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First reading - English  
Jeremiah. 1:4-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Ah, Lord God!" I said,

"I know not how to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord answered me,

Say not, "I am too young."

To whomever I send you, you shall go;

Whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.

Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying,

See, I place my words in your mouth!

This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms,

To root up and to tear down,

to destroy and to demolish,

and then to build up and to plant.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Petitions

For the Catholic Church, that it remains faithful to God and attentive to the wellbeing of all of God's people. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our sister, \_\_\_\_\_ who has reaffirmed her baptismal promises, so that this celebration of her 15 years of life will motivate her to live as a witness of God's love for us. We pray to the Lord.

For the parents, godparents and friends of \_\_\_\_\_. That they may continue to be good examples and good support for her. We pray to the Lord.

For the young friends of \_\_\_\_\_, that they open their hearts to what is beautiful, open their spirits to what is true, and their hearts to what is good. We pray to the Lord.

For all the youth of our parish community, that imitating the Virgin Mary, they listen to God's word and live it generously. We pray to the Lord.