



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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QUINCEAÑERA

CELEBRATION

The quinceañera is a deeply rooted tradition of the Hispanic community; it is the celebration of a young lady's fifteenth birthday with a Mass and party. It is giving thanks and honor to God for the gift of Life. This ritual represents a young woman's passage from childhood to adulthood.

FORMATION

Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, we believe it is vital to instill a firm Catholic foundation in a young woman making her quinceañera so that she can fully participate in her parish community.

REQUIREMENTS

- The young lady must have either completed or be currently enrolled in a confirmation program.
- The quinceañera preparation class is offered by The Diocese of Monterey for the Quinceañera, parents and sponsors, at Cristo Rey Parish in Salinas.
- The family must meet with the parish priest to arrange for the sacrament of reconciliation prior to the ceremony.
- We offer a rehearsal ONLY if all the people involved in the celebration are going to be present: parents, sponsors, lectors, damas y caballeros de honor on Friday before the celebration at 6:30 PM.

- The ceremony is usually held on Saturdays at 1:00 PM. Other times may be available so please let us know.
- The ceremony can be conducted in English, Spanish or bilingual according to the parents' desire.
- Quinceañeras are celebrated by the parish priest.

FEEES

- \$700 for active, registered parishioners,
- \$1000 for non-parishioners,
- A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your date.

This fee is for the ceremony ONLY; the quinceañera class, musicians or mariachi are the family's responsibility to organize.