



Quinceañeras at St. Clare Parish

St. Clare Parish is proud to host Quinceañeras and celebrate Hispanic and Latino culture and tradition. Find information below about Quinceañeras below.

What is a Quinceañera?

The Quinceañera is simply the celebration on the occasion of a 15th birthday that is popular and traditional specifically to Hispanic and Latino culture. At a Quinceañera, a young girl is presented to the community and her family as a young lady. Although there is much debate about the origins of Quinceañeras, the Church sees the Quinceañera as an opportunity to catechize and evangelize families in a culturally rich occasion. The Quinceañera, the young lady, consecrates herself to the Virgin of Guadalupe and receives a blessing to grow into a Christian woman and continue renewing her baptismal promises. The Quinceañera is not a sacrament. For more information on the Quinceañera, go to <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/persons/quinceanera>

What is required for the Quinceañera at St. Clare?

1. The young lady must have completed her Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation or be enrolled in a Confirmation program at the time of her Quinceañera
2. Complete an initial meeting between the youth minister, herself, and her parents.
3. Complete a formation session with the youth minister on the meaning of the Quinceañera.
4. Complete a rehearsal of the Quinceañera with her parents, padrinos, and court.

How much does it cost?

At St. Clare, those who are members of the parish may donate an amount they feel is comfortable and just for the use of the Church and the formation of the Quinceañera. For those that are not members, St. Clare requires a \$200 initial deposit and a donation thereafter that they feel is comfortable and just for the use of the Church and the formation of the Quinceañera.

How do I get started on the Quinceañera process?

To begin your process, you can complete the Quinceañera form online at stclareparish.org/ymc or receive a Quinceañera form over email. Please contact ryan.bao@dsj.org to inquire about Quinceañeras.