



Classes start on January 5th, at 6PM.  
More information at the parish office.

Contact: Pat Schay (English)  
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**QUINCEAÑERA:** If you are looking to have a Quinceañera worship service in our church for your 15 year old daughter. We offer a complete preparations in English, Spanish or as bilingual as you need.

We can not take last minute requests so please plan with us four to six months before your desired date. *If classes have been taken at another parish, the candidate must provide a certificate that indicates she has completed her preparation classes elsewhere. All documents must be approved by the coordinator.*

Parents and candidates who are active in their Catholic beliefs may request a Quinceañera celebration by calling our parish office.

### **CELEBRATION QUINCEAÑERA AT ST. JAMES 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.

### **LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Classes will be set up for the young women, so they learn where the tradition began and the meaning of this presentation.

Church morals and life's morals.

How to respect themselves and the people around them

What it means to be a young women in today's society.

How important education is for young women in today's society.

They will learn to write and read (with meaning) a prayer of thanksgiving to God and their parents. Thanking them both for the love they have been given.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Quinceañera may be celebrated within a special Mass (extra fee) or within an already scheduled Liturgy of the Word (Mass). We do not celebrate Quinceañera on Sunday or during the Advent or 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 music must be liturgically correct. Director of Music, Gabriel Martinez must approve all music.

### **PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Be an active member of St. James Roman Catholic Parish or what ever parish you attend. A letter from the Pastor will be needed.

Registration Forms are to be completed and turn in with truth and accurate information. (Notify coordinator of any changes of phone numbers; address)

Be on time for all classes, events, rehearsals and the celebration.

Be prepared and eager to participate during the preparation program

according to written regulations

To take this opportunity from this celebration to renew your own faith and spirituality and that of your family.

### **REQUIREMENTS (IMPORTANT)**

It is a requirement that each candidate understand and abide by all of the policies directed by the Diocese of Phoenix.

The candidate must have received the sacraments of **Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Communion)** or be enrolled in R.I.C.A. in preparation of Sacraments.

The Quinceañera and her parents must attend Mass every Sunday and be an active registered member of a ministry through the parish.

If parents are registered at another parish, we would like to know what ministry they are involved in.

The candidate also needs to complete an approved community service project.

All documents must be in our files one month prior to the celebration.

### **CELEBRATION REQUIREMENTS:**

The Quinceañera and damas dress must be appropriate, not exposing shoulders or cleavage and the damas dress no higher than the knee.

If there are plans to decorate the church, please make the necessary arrangements at the time of reservation to avoid conflicts with other parish events.

## A NEW POLICY FOR QUINCEAÑERA

All Young women prior to being registered for Quinceañera need to be involved in a faith formation program of the parish; either St. James or at another parish, must have documentation from other parish, this includes RE, Youth Group or R.C.I.A. for at least one year. If not, no celebrations will occur in the parish.

New preparation classes will be start in early spring.

### St. James fees:

Class only: \$175.00

Church \$450.00

(The parish Hall is not included in this fee,  
Hall arrangements must be made separately)

Deposit: \$50.00

This is required to reserve the church and is due at registration  
(*deposit is non-refundable*)

Music: \$150.00

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Please contact:

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#### **Quinceañeras Volunteer Coordinator**

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**Registrations Forms will be available in January**