

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Wharton, Texas
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION
Boling, Texas

QUINCEAÑERA GUIDELINES

MUST BE:

1. Practicing Catholic and attending Mass on Sundays/Holy Days.
2. Currently attending Catholic school or CCD and attended regularly for at least the previous 3 years.
3. Baptized as Catholic.
4. Celebrated First Penance and First Holy Communion.
5. A registered member of the parish.
6. Must complete an interview with the pastor or deacon.

SCHEDULING

Must be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance. May **NOT** be scheduled during Advent or Lent. Must be scheduled on a Saturday to begin no later than 2:00 p.m.

PREPARATION

Preparation must be completed at <http://www.catholicquinceprep.com/> before interview with pastor or deacon. Certification of preparation completion must be provided.

CELEBRATION

1. Rehearsals are not conducted.
2. Type of Celebration:
 - a) Holy Mass (with a priest as celebrant): No court, escort, padrinos, or gifts other than a rosary, bible, and flowers for the Blessed Mother are allowed (No rehearsal is conducted).
 - b) Liturgy of the Word (with a deacon as celebrant): Court, escort, padrinos are allowed. No gifts other than a rosary, bible, and flowers for the Blessed Mother (Rehearsal may be conducted).
3. Music, altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors are your responsibility and should be made well in advance.
4. Music must be of a spiritual/religious nature. Secular songs/music are not allowed. Musicians should be proficient liturgical musicians and familiar with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or the Liturgy of the Word. Recorded music is not allowed.
5. Only liturgical readings from sacred scripture are allowed for the Liturgy of the Word. Options will be discussed during the interview.

DRESS

For both the quinceañera and attendants, shoulders may not be bare and no part of the chest or back may be visible. Dresses must be at least knee length.

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STIPEND

The offering for the church is \$150.00 and must be paid no later than two (2) weeks in advance. Please make checks payable to Holy Family Catholic Church or St. Joseph and enclose a note with your name and date of the quinceañera. If you are inviting clergy from another parish or diocese to participate in the celebration it must first be discussed with and approved by the pastor.