



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

Feast of the Holy Family, December 29, 2024

In Service to the English-speaking Catholic Community and Visitors of Cuenca

**WELCOME TO OUR
ENGLISH-SPEAKING
CATHOLIC FAMILY IN
CUENCA!**

OUR PASTORS:

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REGULAR EVENTS:

Mass in English:

Sunday: 10:00 am

Followed by Coffee & Not Donuts

Iglesia San Francisco
Padre Aguirre y Pdte. Cordova
(Plaza San Francisco)

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays, 11:00 am,
Father Kevin's home: Edificio Alqamari,
#502, Calle los *Capulíes* y los Molles.

**Reconciliation and Anointing of the
Sick:** By appointment.

We're on Social Media

- ❖ Our WEBSITE:
CuencaCatholic.org
- ❖ You can find us on FACEBOOK
at [SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF CUENCA, EC](#)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent
homilies and his blog are found
at: KACODD.COM/homilies

JANURAY 1ST MASS

Our Saint Francis Catholic
Community will celebrate the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God, **January 1st, at 10:00 am**
in the *Iglesia de San Francisco*.

Please invite your Catholic
friends and neighbors to join
us for either or both of these
beautiful feast of Mary!



Weekday Masses at Father's

Because of both our New Year morning Mass being celebrated on Wednesday this week, we will not have our usual mid-week Mass at Father Kevin's home on January 2nd.

We will be changing the Weekday Mass back to Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am beginning January 8th.

(See the map on the reverse side of this Bulletin for the location of Father's new apartment).

Thank You!!!

Our church family is so blessed to have talented and willing members to help us out whenever needed! Our special thanks to Laurie, Tina, and Gary for providing us with the gift of music especially in the Advent and Christmas seasons! Our thanks, too, to all our lectors, acolytes, and coffee hour volunteers! Our Christmas morning Mass was so beautiful because of the gracious help of so many of you!

Little Brown Envelope Sunday

Today is the final Sunday of the month of December so that means it is time for us to take up again our monthly collection in support of our friends at the *Fundación de Santa Maria de la Esperanza* in



Chordeleg. The Foundation is moving along in the construction of their new home for the elderly in Gualaceo so anything we can share with them to help them complete this important project as well as take care of all their guests and residents will be very much appreciated. Make your donation a special Christmas gift to some of our most vulnerable neighbors!

A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

I guess is just about time once again to say *adios* to one year *y hola* to another. I don't find that a new one is ever that much better than the old one, but that midnight transition from old to new does seem to have a sort of psychological or social hold on us. It is a marker in the road of time that gives us a sense of how far we have come and how far yet there is to go along the way of life. I never cared much for the carousy way some like to celebrate the night, particularly the heavy drinking that somehow is seen as expected does nothing for me. On the other hand, the fireworks, especially here in Cuenca when the whole city explodes in way over-the-top pyrotechnic ecstasy does delight me. Last year, I watched from the balcony of the home of the Campoverde's and felt like a kid taking the magic all in! I got a terrific shot of three stars exploding over the three cupolas of the Cathedral that is a stunner.

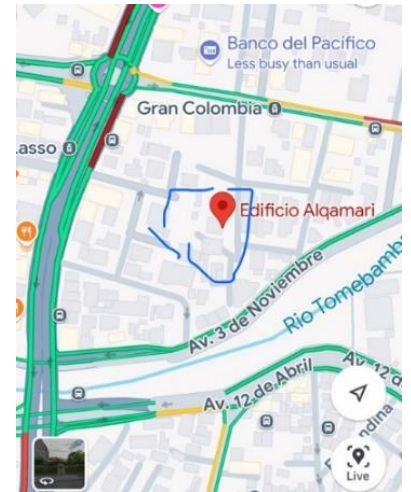
Happily for those who go to bed early and could care less about any of it, there is a deep spiritual side to the first day of the new year that can be theirs with no hangover needed to take advantage of. It is for us Catholics a Holy Day solemnly celebrating Mary, the Mother of God. We have a lot of Mary feasts, but this one is particularly special and important because by proclaiming Mary as Mother of God, the Church is actually proclaiming her son, Jesus, as fully God and fully human. There once was a heresy about in the land that proposed that Mary was only mother of the "human side" of Jesus, thus effectively splitting poor Jesus into two: a divine Jesus and a human Jesus. The wise of the Church scratched their spiritual heads and said, "That can't be right. Jesus is one Jesus, both human and divine in one integral person." Mary *then* is mother of the whole Jesus, divinity infusing humanity and humanity giving fleshly form to divinity. Ponder that for a while on Wednesday between football games!

Happy New Year...I mean, **Happy Mary Mother of God Day!**

New Address

Father Kevin's address has changed once again; his new address is: **Edificio Alqamari, Apartment 502, Calle los Capulies y los Molles.**

It is located between Gran Colombia y Paseo 3 de Noviembre. The Gran Colombia and Ordonez Lasso Tranvia stops are just a short walk away. Stop by anytime (well, almost anytime!).



The Posada San Francisco

We will have available at Coffee and Not Doughnuts this Sunday the sign-up sheets for any who would like to serve as volunteers in the **Posada San Francisco**. There are various time slots available to either help with the children or serve meals in the dining room. Our thanks to those who have already signed up as volunteers in service to the homeless and vulnerable of our city!



Let Us Pray!

- FOR A SPIRITUALLY FRUITFUL **JUBILEE YEAR** FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH IN 2025 AND FOR ALL WHO GO AS **PILGRIMS** TO THE GREAT CHURCHES OF ROME.
- FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF **PADRE ADRIAN GONZALEZ NAULA**, A PRIEST OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY, AND FOR HIS FAMILY.
- FOR SUSAN MCBRIDE'S GRANDSON, **KENNY KACZMARSKI**, WHO IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULT TIMES. SUSAN'S SISTER, **KAREN**, IS ALSO RECOVERING FROM HEART SURGERY.
- FOR RICHARD BOROTO'S COUSIN, **KATHY HARENSKI**, WHO IS NOW IN HOSPICE CARE.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE OR SOON WILL BE TRAVELLING: **CHRISTAL HOLLEY, RICHARD FRAUMENI, AND DINA COLLINS.**
- FOR FR KEVIN'S NEPHEW, **DAVID**, AND HIS WIFE, **KATHY**, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES AT THE MOMENT.
- FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS SUFFERING FROM **DEMENTIA** IN ITS MANY FORMS AND FOR THEIR **CARETAKERS.**
- FOR AN END TO WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUE **PEACE** IN UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WHEREVER THERE IS WAR OR CIVIL UNREST.