



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025

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

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



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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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast is the final day of the Christmas season; by celebrating Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon him, we make the transition into "Ordinary Time" (that is, the "counted Sundays"). This is the traditional day in many

Christian cultures to take down and put away our beloved Christmas decorations and Nativity scenes...though no one is issuing cease and desist orders in that regard!

Weekday Masses at Father's

Weekday Masses are now celebrated on Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing you mid-week, **Wednesday, January 15th**, at 11:00 am in Father Kevin's new apartment. Coffee, tea, and snacks follow! (*See the map on the reverse side of this Bulletin for the location of Father's new apartment*).

Posada San Francisco

If you made a New Year resolution to be a bit more generous with your time in the coming year, then helping out in our own **Posada San Francisco** would be a great way to make that resolution come true! The *Posada San*



Francisco is located just behind the parish colonnade where we gather for Coffee after Sunday Mass. The *Posada* offers the homeless and vulnerable in the *Centro* of Cuenca nutritious meals, wonderful childcare, and even beds for individuals and families to get a good night sleep. Our parishioners have been helping out with the children and serving meals in the dining room. There is a simple sign-up sheet next to the coffee urn during our coffee hour after Mass with all the available times and services open to us. If you need more information, please check in with Sue Hampton or Kathy Case.

A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

As this new year gets rolling, I have already had one great milestone for 2025: on Tuesday of this past week I went up to Azogues for my final visit to pay the last of the required fees and sign three pages of paperwork with hopes of getting from Ecuador my Permanent Residency Visa. Almost immediately after being called into the back office and signing the paperwork, I received the email with the new Visa attached! Yeah! I have been sprung from Temporary Visa Jail! Now I can travel outside of the country much more freely, up to six months a year! On Monday, I will get my new cedula here in Cuenca. I must say, the almost two years of temporary status went by faster than I expected, but the 90 day limit on travel over those two years did feel rather burdensome...I was up to about 80 days used up! I am particularly relieved that if there is any kind of emergency back home, I can get on a plane without worrying any more about passing the 90 day limit.

I will take advantage of my new freedom in May for a month back in Spokane and then again in August, when I will visit Belgium for our final seminary reunion there. Perhaps in the fall, I will make a quick trip also to see my friends in Guatemala.

More immediately, I will be taking a week off at the end of this month; I will be going to Loja for seven days (Jan 20-27), follow doctor's orders to rest up a bit after a long and busy summer, fall, and Christmas season. Also on doctor's orders, I am cutting back on additional Masses in the various parishes in Cuenca. I have discovered that one Spanish-language Mass and homily uses up about three times the energy as a Mass/homily in English. I am continuing to celebrate the morning Masses at the convent of the *Siervas de Maria*, Mondays through Fridays. The sisters there are a delight.

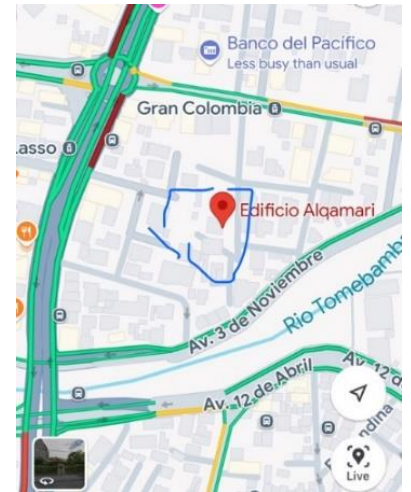
Blessings to you all as we find ourselves *already* in the middle of January 2025!

Father Kevin

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 any time!).



The Jubilee Holy Year: 2025



With the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Francis, followed by similar rites at cathedrals and churches around the world on December 24th, the Jubilee Year of 2025 has officially begun! Its theme is simple: Let us be **PILGRIMS OF HOPE** in our world so in need of hope! For

more details on the Jubilee Year, please visit:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>



Let Us Pray!

- FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE FIRES IN **LOS ANGELES**, CALIFORNIA, AND EVEN MORE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES.
- FOR THE **FIREFIGHTERS** WHO ARE CURRENTLY BATTLING THE FLAMES IN CALIFORNIA.
- 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 AND ELSEWHERE.
- FOR THE HEALING OF KATHY CASE'S GOOD FRIEND, **MARLENE VAN VLIET**, WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PANCREATIC CANCER.
- FOR RICHARD BOROTO'S COUSIN, **KATHY HARENSKI**, WHO IS NOW IN HOSPICE CARE.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE OR SOON WILL BE TRAVELLING, ESPECIALLY: **CHRYSTAL HOLLEY, RICHARD FRAUMENI**.
- 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.