



# Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 19, 2025

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

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



## OUR PASTORS:

**Padre Joffre Astudillo,**  
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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](http://CuencaCatholic.org)
- ❖ You can find us on FACEBOOK  
at [SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY OF CUENCA, EC](https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisCatholicCommunityofCuenca)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent  
homilies are found at:  
[KACODD.COM/podcast](http://KACODD.COM/podcast)

## Father Kevin on Vacation Next Week

Father Kevin will be away beginning Monday, January 20, and returning to Cuenca on Monday, January 27. During his absence, we will continue to have our services as usual, but with these changes:

- ❖ **Sunday Mass, January 26<sup>th</sup>,** Padre Joffre will preside. He has been practicing his English, but some of the Mass will be in Spanish. The hymns, acclamations and scripture readings will be in English. A reflection in English following the Gospel will also be shared.
- ❖ **The Wednesday Mass, 11:00 am, January 22<sup>nd</sup>,** will be celebrated in English by Padre José Auquilla in the chapel of the **Iglesia de la Virgen de Bronce** located on the corner of 10 de Agosto y Solano. For those arriving by taxi, please ask your driver to drop you off above the street in front of the church where there is ample room for vehicles to come and go. Father José will have some refreshments for you following Mass.

## Next Sunday: Little Brown Envelopes!

Next Sunday, January 26, is the last of the month, so we will be passing out our "Little Brown Envelopes" to receive your donations to the important ministry of the *Fundación de Santa Maria de la Esperanza* in Chordeleg and Gualaceo. Please be as generous as you are able to the work of caring for the most vulnerable and abandoned in our area.

## Looking Ahead...

Our church calendar is a light one for the next few weeks, but coming up soon enough will be some important dates and events, among the most important:

- ❖ **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 10:00 am:** Mass and distribution of Ashes in English. On this day, we invite you to bring to church with you sacks of rice, sugar, or other stable foods to donate to the food program of our own *Posada San Francisco*, which cares for the hungry, homeless, and vulnerable in the *Centro de Cuenca*.
- ❖ **Mardi Gras Celebration, February 23, Sunday, 4:00 pm:** We shall get a bit ahead of Mardi Gras itself and enjoy a festive community gathering with lots of good food and refreshments for all. The party will take place in Father Kevin's apartment. We will also be celebrating some important birthdays that day!



## A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

If you have been paying attention to “church news” then you probably know that we are now in a “jubilee year”. On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis formally announced the Holy Year in a document entitled, “Hope Does Not Disappoint”. Such Jubilees come up every 25 years so they really are special years for the Church and its faithful. Obviously, the central theme of this year’s Jubilee is that of *hope* and its central image is that of the Christian people being *pilgrims of hope* in our fractured world. Pope Francis’ emphasis on the Holy Year being an opportunity to exercise our identity as *pilgrims* is of utmost importance to him. In his declaration of the Jubilee, he writes:

*Pilgrimage* is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works. The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting-point of any true journey of conversion.

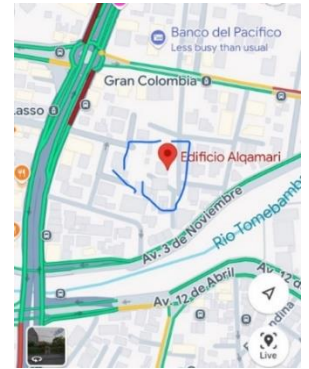
Perhaps in the coming year we can as a church family find a way to walk together as pilgrims, maybe even just here in the city, ending at the Cathedral and passing through its Holy Door. Let’s think about that!

*Father Kevin*

## New Address

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

It is located between Gran Colombia y 3 de Noviembre. The Gran Colombia (westbound) and Ordonez Lasso (eastbound) Tranvia stops are just a short walk away.



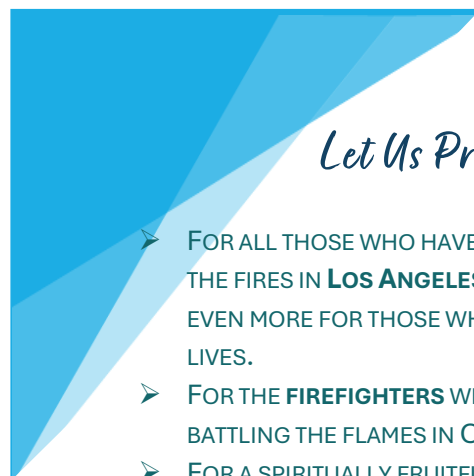
## The Jubilee Holy Year: 2025



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.
- IN GRATITUDE FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIVER TRANSPLANT FOR FATHER KEVIN’S COUSIN, **MAUREN DUFALT FRETCH**
- FOR THE NEW **FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION** IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT IT MIGHT GOVERN WITH WISDOM, PRUDENCE, AND GREAT CONCERN FOR THE POOR, THE HOMELESS, AND THE DISADVANTAGED OF THE LAND.