



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

3rd Sunday of Advent (C), December 15, 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



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Our Saint Francis Catholic
Community will celebrate
**Christmas morning Mass at
10:00 am** in the *Iglesia de San
Francisco*.

Likewise, we will celebrate the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God, **January 1st, also 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 important liturgies!

Weekday Masses at Father's

Because of both our Christmas and New Year
morning Masses being celebrated on
Wednesday this week and next, we will not
have our usual mid-week Mass at Father Kevin's
home on December 26 or January 2.

***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, William and Tae Suk!

Our church family expresses its most
heartfelt gratitude to William and Tae
Suk Harper for once again hosting a
terrific gathering at their home in Dug
Dug! What a gracious welcome we
received and what a wonderful meal we
were served!

“BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.
BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED.” *LUKE 1*

A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mary finally appears as the star of our Gospel readings! Luke's version of her visit to the home of her cousin, Elizabeth is filled with some of the most sublime moments in the entire gospel story. The obvious love these two women have for each other is beautiful and their joy in meeting is a joy for us who read the story so many centuries later. Both are doing their part to fulfill God's plan of salvation, both are willing and gracious recipients of God's surprising grace, both are vessels of God's blessings made flesh among us.

The gospel stories of Mary stand on their own; they are in themselves filled with great lessons for all of us, especially in these final days of the Advent season and those of Christmas to come. Nevertheless, it can be inspiring to see how others re-tell the story especially using modern technology. One such effort is the newly released film on Netflix simply titled: **Mary**. If you have some time in the next few days, it is worth taking a look. I was surprised how closely the film's storyline hews to the original gospel version, but also intrigued by some of the creative ways they added "backstory" to the characters. For example, the "Flight into Egypt" adds a violent encounter between Mary, Joseph, and their hosts along the way when the troops of evil Herod catch up to them.

Even more intriguing for me was the way the movie portrayed the angel Gabriel, who is a central figure throughout. It was like no other "Gabriel" I have ever seen in art or even my own imagination, yet this Gabriel seemed entirely real and a figure to be paid attention to. Likewise, the Satan character was truly loathsome and frightening...enough to give a person an unwelcome nightmare.

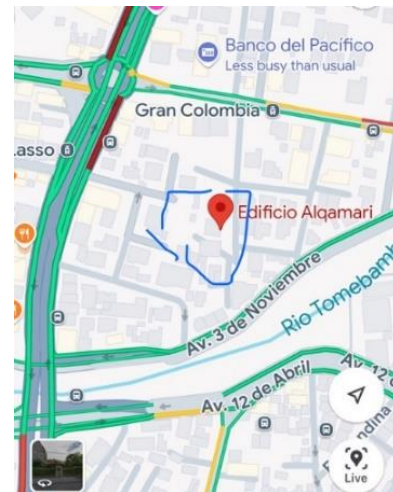
I am happy Netflix decided to stream this movie. It might bring some people to a new love of Mary, Joseph, and most importantly, Jesus himself.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

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. We will be having an open house in January...date yet to be decided.



Prayer to light the Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath:

O Lord, you promised in your Holy Scriptures to send your Son Jesus Christ as the Son of David, and your own Son. Reveal this saving promise also to us and move our hearts to faith and obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let Us Pray!

- FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF **PADRE ADRIAN GONZALEZ NAULA**, A PRIEST OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK, 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: **CHRYSTAL HOLLEY, DINA COLLINS, AND RICHARD FRAUMENI**.
- FOR FR KEVIN'S NEPHEW, **DAVID**, AND HIS WIFE, **KATHY**, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES AT THE MOMENT.
- FOR THE **HOLY YEAR** ABOUT TO BEGIN IN ROME AND THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH; MAY IT BE A TIME OF GREAT BLESSING FOR ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH.
- FOR YET MORE **RAIN** FOR OUR FIELDS AND RIVERS!
- 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.