



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: Thursdays, 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](https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisCatholicCommunityofCuencaEC)
- ❖ 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!

Pre-Christmas Party in Paute!

William and Tae Suk Harper are again hosting
our Pre-Christmas Party in their beautiful
home outside of Paute this Wednesday,
December 18th. We have arranged a van for 12
people to take us to/from the Harpers' home. Please meet the
van in front of Father Kevin's building at **10:30 am sharp.** (See
map on the back of this Bulletin). The shared van cost will be
about \$15/person. Please let Kathy Case know if you intend to
ride in the van as soon as possible: kecase112@gmail.com. Buses
from the Terminal Terrestre are also available, but you need to
let William know to meet you at the Paute Terminal. If you
haven't already let the Harper's know of your attendance, please
RSVP to William at harperwh01@gmail.com.



Padre Adrián González Naula: RIP



On Thursday of this past week, we received the
sad news of the death of Father **Adrián González
Naula**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cuenca.
Padre Adrian was just 45 years of age. Please pray
for Padre Adrian as he enters into the glory of the
Kingdom of God in its fullness, and for his family,
friends, and fellow priests as they mourn his
unexpected loss.

Wednesday Mass...No, Make That THURSDAY MASS!

Wednesday Mass has become "Thursday Mass"! Join us at 11:00
am on **Thursday, December 19th,** in Father Kevin's new
apartment. Coffee, tea, and something to nibble on afterwards, of
course! (See the map on the reverse side of this Bulletin.)

A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

On April 15, 2019, five years ago, a fire somehow got started in the extensive timbers holding up the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Before long, great damage had been done to the medieval building including the dramatic fall of its magnificent spire. Thanks to the heroic efforts of Parisian firefighters, much of the building and its treasures were saved, but just barely. At the time, President Macron declared that France would rebuild the Cathedral as it had been in just five years; most thought his goal would be impossible and he was crazy to propose it.

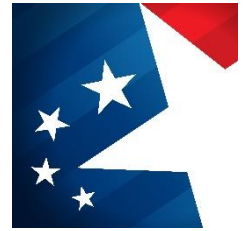
Yet, here we are, five years later, and the magnificent Cathedral of Notre Dame is now fully restored, never more resplendent in its gothic majesty. Over the past weekend it was reopened with two services, one on Saturday evening with politicians and national leaders from around the world present. The Archbishop of Paris came to the massive doors of the Cathedral, then wielding his crozier at the doors, knocked three times, then again, and yet again, before he then single-handedly pushed them open!

The next morning, the first Mass was said in the Cathedral, again presided over by Archbishop Ulrich, and what a sublime and perfect liturgy it was! Particularly moving was the consecration of the new altar, made of dark bronze and shaped like an "U"; it is a very contemporary design, but somehow fits in the gothic space as if it were being cradled there by the church. Archbishop Ulrich first placed holy relics of the saints into its interior, then lavishly and tenderly poured Sacred Chrism over the surface of the altar in great quantities, then spread the oil about with gentle hand movements. Thereafter, five braziers were placed upon it within which incense was placed and the whole altar began to send heavenward the perfumed smoke that signifies our prayers and sacrifices rising to heaven.

In its entirety it was a sublime liturgy and a model of how the "new liturgy" of Paul VI should be celebrated. If you want to know what our Catholic liturgy in this post-Vatican II era should look like: this is it. (Videos of it all are available on YouTube, of course; they are worth watching!)

US Consular Officials to be in Cuenca

The U.S. Consulate General will have representatives from the Consulate available to provide notarial and passport services in the City of Cuenca on **December 17 and 18, 2024, 10:00 am—4:00 pm**, at the Abraham Lincoln Cultural Center, Calle Borrero 518 & Honorato Vasquez. Appointments are required; click; <https://bit.ly/3YRFdIK>



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 **THIRD** Candle of the Advent Wreath:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to joy. Lift up our heads from the dust and adorn us with your righteousness, that we may rejoice and testify that our Lord has come; for he 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 ON THURSDAY, 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, RICHARD FRAUMENI, JOHN AND TINA HATZENBUEHLER.**
- FOR FR KEVIN'S NEPHEW, **DAVID**, AND HIS WIFE, **KATHY**, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES AT THE MOMENT.
- 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.