



# Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 5, 2025

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](http://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](http://KACODD.COM/homilies)

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

As the Christmas  
feasts continue to  
unfold, this  
Epiphany we  
honor all who  
seek God and  
rejoice with them  
when they find  
Him: God Made  
Flesh and Born  
Among Us: *Jesus!*



### Weekday Masses at Father's

Weekday Masses pick up again this week, but please note that we are changing the day back to Wednesdays. So, we look forward to seeing you mid-week, on **Wednesday, January 8**, at 11:00 am in Father Kevin's new apartment. (See the map on the reverse side of this Bulletin for the location of Father's new apartment).

### Little Brown Envelopes: Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to all of you who used your "little brown envelope" last Sunday to offer a special Christmas gift to the beautiful people at the *Fundación de Santa Maria de la Esperanza* in Chordeleg. **Your gifts totaled \$311.** Padre Jorge extends to you all his deep gratitude for your ongoing generosity!



### 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 to 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 or Kathy.

## A Few Words from Father Kevin

Dear Friends,

*Happy New Year and many blessings to you all in 2025!* This weekend's Solemnity of the Epiphany reminds me of how the Christmas season seemed to wrap itself up so wonderfully when at last we were allowed to place the Three Magi into our family's Christmas Nativity scene. They had been traveling about the house for a week or so...always so much fun to decide where next they would land...until finally they arrived at the crib of Jesus.

It didn't really occur to us that we were participating in the great mystery of Christmas: the Incarnation of our God among us, a mystery that has the power to touch *all humanity*, no matter the culture, nation, or spirituality. The three Magi who finally meet Jesus in Bethlehem today represent all those who search for truth, wisdom, and God himself. They represent all who keep their eyes open to the subtle signs of God, like that of a New Star beckoning them to leave home and travel as pilgrims towards New Life. They represent all who come from other lands and other cultures, traveling great distances, enduring the trials and dangers of the way to find something of heaven on this earth, though they know not what exactly.

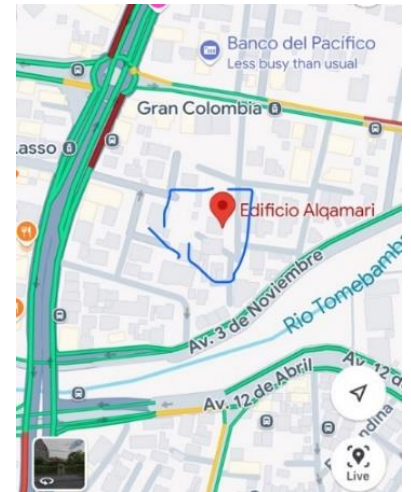
I have a great respect and love for pilgrims like the Magi, having myself taken up the pilgrim Way to Santiago de Compostela on foot. Living on the road with backpack and walking sticks and flimsy maps to guide you on is a difficult and trying thing. Keeping one's determination and spirit up can be really difficult. It is made possible only by keeping one's eye on the star by which you are being led, hope to walk into the holy city on your own two feet, *and* by the generous care and love of a multitude of strangers who welcome you and tend to your needs along the way.

May the arrival of the Three Magi in Bethlehem today and always fill us with hope that we too shall arrive in the heavenly Bethlehem of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh! *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 THE **VICTIMS** OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN **NEW ORLEANS** ON NEW YEAR'S MORNING.
- 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 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 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.