



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

4th Sunday of Easter-A, April 26, 2026

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](https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisCatholicCommunityofCuenca)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent
homilies and his blog are found
at: KACODD.COM/homilies



FATHER KEVIN IS AWAY FOR A FEW WEEKS

Father Kevin is away for a few weeks. As most of you know the good news, he has decided that Cuenca is home! He is back in Spokane, WA to get things in order so he can sell the house there, visit family and friends, and do anything else that needs to be done before the big move. Most of us know what a stressful time this can be, so please keep him in your prayers.

Masses While Father Kevin Is Away

During the Sundays Father Kevin is away, **Sunday Mass continues at the regular 10:00 am time.** Padre Joffre will celebrate the Mass in Spanish, and the Liturgy of the Word, Reflection, and songs will be in English. The Gospel reflections are offered by members of our community. Father Kevin will be back celebrating Mass on *Sunday, May 31st.*

"Coffee and Pastries" will continue after Mass throughout the month. Please take time to come and meet and chat with members of the community.

There will be no weekday Masses while Father Kevin is away.

Little Brown Envelopes This Sunday

This Sunday is our own *Little Brown Envelope Sunday*. As we do on the last Sunday of every month, we will be distributing the now-familiar Little Brown Envelopes as we gather for Mass. Your generous donations support the important ministry of the Fundación de Santa Maria de la Esperanza in Chordeleg and Gualaceo. The Foundation gives a life-long home and care to abandoned children, adults, and the elderly of our area.

Six Popes, Seven Decades

Most of us have lived through several papacies. Beginning with John XXIII to Leo XIV, we have had six popes who transformed the Church. John Paul I did not live long enough to really contribute. Here is a short summary. See if you agree.

John XXIII (1958–1963) threw open the Church's windows to the world by convening the Second Vatican Council, launching an era of renewal and reform.

Paul VI (1963–1978) completed Vatican II and implemented its sweeping changes, modernizing the liturgy and pioneering papal travel.

John Paul II (1978–2005) transformed the papacy into a global presence, lending his moral authority to help end the Cold War and leaving a towering theological legacy across a 27-year pontificate.

Benedict XVI (2005–2013) brought a scholar's depth to the role before making history as the first pope in nearly 600 years to resign, citing his declining health.

Francis (2013–2025) refocused the Church on mercy, the poor, and the environment, challenging Catholics worldwide with his prophetic voice on justice and his openness to dialogue.

Leo XIV (2025–present), the first American pope, has taken up that mantle, emphasizing peace, ecological responsibility, and a renewed commitment to the vision of Vatican II.

How do you remember, or think about, these popes? Do you see God at work?

Remembering Pope Francis



This past Tuesday, April 21, marked the one-year anniversary of the passing of Pope Francis. He left behind an incredible legacy that profoundly affects

the Catholic Church today. He was the first non-European pope in 1,272 years, and the first pope from the Americas and the southern hemisphere.

He taught the Church the practice of *discernment*: pausing amid crisis to ask "how must we change?" rather than retreating into ideology or defensiveness. He did not just preach this, he showed us by his actions. He taught us the concept of *salir de sí*, or "coming out of ourselves." His exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) teaches us how to be a missionary outreach Church.

One of his final accomplishments was the Synod on Synodality, which gave us a new model of shared listening and decision-making; inviting all the members of the Church to participate. Pope Leo XIV has committed to continuing this path.

Let Us Pray...

- FOR SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY FROM SURGERY FOR **JOHN FRANKOWSKI**.
- FOR TROY WELCH'S UNCLE, **DAVE IDLEMAN**, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM STAGE FOUR CANCER TREATMENT.
- FOR FATHER KEVIN'S BROTHERS, **PAUL CODD**, AND **BILL CODD**, WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM SURGERIES AND COMPLICATIONS.
- FOR FATHER **JOSÉ LUIS MILLÁN**, A PRIEST OF SPOKANE, AND A GOOD FRIEND OF FATHER KEVIN, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM ENCEPHALITIS
- FOR THE CONTINUED HEALING OF LIND SORRENTO'S FRIENDS, **CINDY**, AND HER BROTHER, **DON**, BOTH WITH CONGENITAL HEART CONDITIONS. DON RECEIVED A NEW HEART, SO THAT PRAYER HAS BEEN ANSWERED.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE OR SOON WILL BE TRAVELLING: **NANCY AND WARD SMYTH**, **WILLIAM** AND **TAE SUK HARPER**, AND **FATHER KEVIN**.
- FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY RAGING WILDFIRES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN U.S.
- FOR AN END TO WAR AND VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND HOPE FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE.