



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

Body and Blood of Christ-A, June 7, 2026

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,
Pastor of San Francisco



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REGULAR EVENTS:

Mass in English:

Sunday: 10:00 am
Followed by Coffee & Not Donuts
Iglesia San Francisco
Padre Aguirre y Pde. Cordova
(Plaza San Francisco)

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays, 11:00 am,
Father Kevin's home: Edificio Alqamari,
Los Capulíes y Los Molles. Apt. 502.

Reconciliation and Anointing of the

Sick: By appointment. Please contact
Father Kevin to schedule.

We're on Social Media

- ❖ Our WEBSITE:
CuencaCatholic.org
- ❖ You can find us on FACEBOOK
at [CUENCA ENGLISH MASS](#)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent
homilies can be found at:
kacodd.podbean.com

Corpus Christi



Today, the Church
around the world
celebrates and

rejoices in the great gift of the Blessed Sacrament in which Christ himself is made present to us in the Eucharistic celebration, particularly in the consecrated bread and wine which is then His very Body and Blood.

We are especially privileged to celebrate this feast in Cuenca, where the customs and traditions of the feast are particularly joyful and fill much of the city center with sweet confections, bouquets of flowers, and plenty of fireworks in the evening. All of this to remind us of the great gift Jesus has left us in sharing with us his very Body and Blood!

Little Brown Envelopes

Our "Little Brown Envelope" collection last Sunday brought in **\$627.50!** Padre Jorge Moreno, on behalf of everyone at the foundation send to you his deep gratitude for your most generous support of 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.



A Great Big Thank You!

During the weeks Father Kevin was in the U.S. our Sunday liturgy continued without interruption due to the graciousness of *Padre Joffre*, who took on our community Mass with gusto and was a real pastor to us during those weeks. We are also deeply grateful to those who took on the formidable task of preparing reflections on the Sunday readings in place of Father Kevin's homilies and did so with grace, wisdom, and courage: *Linda Sorrento, Gary Pollice, Laura Jessup, Kathy Case, Chrystal Holley, and Tina Hatzenbuehler*. And to all our lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who continued to be present and serve Sunday after Sunday, to you all we owe a great debt of gratitude! And a special word of thanks also to *Gary Pollice* for preparing the Sunday Bulletin!

A Few Words from Father Kevin...

Dear Friends,

Yes, I am back! Sadly, my return coincided with a cold, which has certainly taken some of the fun out of the return and the reunion with all of you. As I write this, I am still sniffing and coughing a bit, but each day gets better.

I am sure that I was a prime target for a cold virus since my weeks away were anything but a vacation! Outside of a few restful days in Florida with some good friends there, the rest of my time was spent in Spokane attacking the monumental job of cleaning out my house there to prepare it for sale. We all know what clutter gathers in closets, basements, and garages, and in my house there was at least three generations of that kind of stuff, everything from my great-grandparents' marriage certificate grandly framed in gold to glass bottles filled with nails and screws and useless wires my dad kept in the garage, (which makes me wonder, how many sewer snakes does one household really need to keep the toilets running? He had three!).

More important to me, were the bins of my own stuff: mementos from my studies and travels and important moments across my lifespan...so many pictures! I had to be pretty brutal in sorting those to keep (but keep *where?*) and those to throw into the trash bin. Ugh! It was daunting and stressful, to say the least. Then there was the yard, the lawn burned in last summer's heat to be reseeded and the flower beds to be weeded. Endless!

Yet, with the great help of my siblings and friends, somehow on Monday afternoon before I was set to fly out, it was indeed done. The house had been on the market already for some weeks with very little action. It is a terrible time in the U.S. to be selling a house, I found out. My sister, Patty, gave me a small plastic statue of St Joseph to bury in the yard and I did. A few days later, as I was locking up for the last time, an agent showed up with a family in tow and asked for a viewing. Sure, in you go! As they left, they said very little to me. But by the time I landed in Dallas, I had an offer and by the time I went to bed in Miami, having missed the flight to Quito, I had accepted the offer. If all goes well, the deal will close on June 23rd. I attribute the sale to St Joseph and to my dad, mom and brother in heaven whom I often asked to pull some heavenly strings. And they did!

Liturgy Tid-Bit for This Week: Presider or Performer?

Besides issuing a very important encyclical this past week, Pope Leo has also been giving valuable instructions to the Church on the heritage of the Second Vatican Council. Most recently, he has been talking about the Council's document on the renewal of the liturgy. He notes that the implementation of that document over the ensuing decades has not always been faithful to the Council's will itself. In particular, he notes that the presiding priest does NOT have the luxury of using the Mass as a stage for the exercise of his own personal creative impulses or comic instincts. Nor can he just willy-nilly change the liturgy, moving things about or adding elements foreign to the liturgy. The holy liturgy of the Church belongs to the Church and is at the service of the Church, it is not one's personal stage. This does not mean that cultural elements cannot be made part of the Church's prayer...just look at the Offering Procession of any church in Africa: vibrant dancing is part of that beautiful liturgy. It does mean that the liturgy, especially the Mass, is not a show, it is a prayer, and the priest or bishop *presides*, he does not *perform*.

Let Us Pray!

- FOR OUR YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE **GRADUATING** THIS MONTH; MAY THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR LIVES BE BLESSED WITH GREAT FAITH AND MANY BLESSINGS.
- FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF **ISIDORA FORONDA**, MOTHER OF DON, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.
- FOR **CORNELIA**, A DEAR FRIEND OF RICHARD FRAUMENI AND MOTHER OF THREE, WHO IS SUFFERING FROM GRAVE HEART CONDITIONS.
- FOR 2-YEAR-OLD, **MURPHY LAWSON**, GRANDDAUGHTER OF SALLIE LAWSON, WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH WILLIAMS SYNDROME, A GENETIC CONDITION.
- FOR THE CONTINUED HEALING OF LINDA SORRENTO'S FRIENDS, **CINDY**, AND HER BROTHER, **DON**, BOTH WITH CONGENITAL HEART CONDITIONS. **DON** JUST RECEIVED A NEW HEART SO THAT PRAYER NOW ANSWERED!
- FOR FATHER KEVIN'S OTHER BROTHER, **BILL CODD**, AS HE DEALS WITH ISSUES OF DANGEROUSLY LOW SODIUM.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE PRESENTLY OR WILL BE SOON TRAVELING: **DON AND LETTY FORONDA, RICHARD FRAUMENI, JEFF TALAGA, NANCY AND WARD SMYTH**.
- FOR THOSE IN ECUADOR SUFFERING FROM GANG AND NARCO-RELATED VIOLENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF GOOD SOCIAL ORDER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
- FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IRAN.