



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time-A, January 25, 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 Pdte. 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](https://www.facebook.com/CUENCA-ENGLISH-MASS)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent
homilies can be found at:
kacodd.podbean.com



Fr Kevin Away January 21-31

Father Kevin is away from Cuenca for about ten days. He will be visiting his former parish, Antigua Santa Catarina Ixtahuacán, in the highlands of Guatemala from January 21-31.

We are grateful that this Sunday, **January 25**, Padre Joffre will preside at our Mass. Most of the liturgy will be in Spanish, but the Liturgy of the Word, including the readings, the reflection on the Gospel, and the intercessions, will be in English. There will be no Wednesday Masses next week. We will resume in February.

U.S. Consulate & Embassy Services in Cuenca

Alicia Boroto advises us that on **January 28th and 29th**, representatives from the Regional Federal Benefits Office of the U.S. Embassy in Quito will be available to offer services for beneficiaries or individuals with questions about U.S. Social Security benefits. No appointment is necessary for this assistance. They will be at the *Abraham Lincoln Center, Calle Borrero 5-18 y Honorato Vásquez*.



Moreover, representatives from the U.S. Consulate in Guayaquil will be at the *Abraham Lincoln Center* to provide notarial, passport and CRBA services on **January 28 and 29, 2026**; documents need to be prepared in advance, payments made, and appointments are required.

For appointments, please use this link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/book/ACSServicesCuencaJanuary2026@state.gov/?ismsaljsauthenabled>

If you would like more information about either opportunity, please feel free to contact Alicia at 099-807-9748 or by email at: aliciaboroto@gmail.com

Little Brown Envelopes This Sunday!

This Sunday, January 25, is the last of the month, so we will be passing out the Little Brown Envelopes as usual. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our friends at the *Fundacion de Santa Maria de la Esperanza* in Chordeleg and Gualaceo.

Our Community After Three Years

Last Sunday, Fr. Kevin made a comment that it was about three years ago that he landed in Cuenca. This got me thinking about how our community came together, rejoicing in having a priest who could offer the Mass in English and be a shepherd for not only expats, but all who wanted to join. We have grown from that small group to times like last Sunday when it seemed like there might have been close to 100 people lining up for Communion.

Although he is officially *retired*, Fr. Kevin devotes time for us and for all who need him; sometimes at the expense of his health.

I came across a short reflection this week, taken from St. Ann's Bulletin.

A Priest is Always Wrong

If he begins his Mass in time, his watch is fast.
If begins a minute late, he keeps people waiting.
If he preaches too long, he makes people bored.
If he has a short homily, he is unprepared.
If he owns a car, he is luxurious.
If he does not own one, he is not with the times,
If he visits families, he is always out.
If he does not, he has no concern for them.
If he asks for donations, he is a moneymaker.
If he does not, he is too proud and lazy.
If he takes time in the confessional, he is too slow.
If he makes it fast, he has no time for his penitents.
If he renovates the church, he throws away money.
If he does not, he has no initiative.
If he works with the elderly, he is old fashioned.
If he works with the youth, he is flighty and mod.
If he is seen with women, he is a playboy.
If he goes only with men, he is immature.
If he is young, he has no experience.
If he is old, he should retire.
As long as he lives
There are always people who are better than him.
But if he dies
There is no one to take his place.

In this ordinary time of our liturgical year, we might want to take a minute to consider how extraordinarily we have been blessed.

Thank you Fr. Kevin.

--Gary Pollice

A Note on Communion under Both Species

As you know, since the beginning of Advent, we have been making available the Blood of Christ to you at Mass and doing so as it is commonly done in the U.S., Canada, and other countries: *directly from the chalice*. Please note that the chalice should be taken in hand by the communicant and a small sip taken; the chalice is then returned to the hands of the Eucharistic Minister. ***Dipping the host into the chalice is not generally allowed.***

Church Doors to be Closed

The large grilled doors between the church vestibule and the main body of the *Iglesia de San Francisco* will be closed during the Liturgy of the Eucharist until the end of our Mass to minimize the disruption of the liturgy by our friends coming for the 11:00 am Mass.

Jubilee Year of Saint Francis Indulgence

In this Franciscan Jubilee Year, from now until Jan. 10, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventional church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

Let Us Pray!

- FOR THE CONTINUED HEALING OF LINDA SORRENTO'S FRIENDS, **CINDY**, AND HER BROTHER, **DON**, BOTH WITH CONGENITAL HEART CONDITIONS.
- FOR FATHER KEVIN'S BROTHER, **PAUL CODD**, WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AND IS AWAITING A TREATMENT PLAN.
- FOR SHARON FLOTTMAN'S GOOD FRIEND, **CHRISTY**, WHO IS EXPERIENCING SEVERAL SEVERE MEDICAL ISSUES.
- FOR **CHRYSSTAL HOLLEY**, WHO WILL BE HAVING FOOT SURGERY LATER THIS WEEK IN TEXAS.
- FOR **REV. SCOTT MCCOLL**, A GOOD FRIEND OF FATHER KEVIN, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK AFTER A BRIEF STRUGGLE WITH AN AGGRESSIVE LEUKEMIA.
- FOR **FATHER REY TREYES**, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A RECENT HOSPITALIZATION.
- FOR THE BROTHER OF DON FORONDA, **ARNOLD FORONDA**, WHO IS RECOVERING FOR MITRAL VALVE SURGERY IN ROME.
- FOR THOSE WHO ARE OR WILL SOON BE TRAVELLING: **CHRYSSTAL HOLLEY**, **ELFREIDE DECLUE**, **FATHER KEVIN**, **OMAR FIGUEROA**.