



# Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of Lent-A, March 8, 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](http://CuencaCatholic.org)
- ❖ You can find us on FACEBOOK  
at [CUENCA ENGLISH MASS](https://www.facebook.com/CuencaEnglishMass)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent  
homilies can be found at:  
[kacodd.podbean.com](http://kacodd.podbean.com)



## Looking for Voices!

The **Cuenca Community Choir** is looking for additional persons who would like to sing with them as they prepare a very special program in conjunction with the **Cuenca Symphony Orchestra** featuring John Rutter's beautiful *Requiem* and other spiritual classics in both Latin and English. They are especially hoping to find some tenors and baritones...so gentlemen, jump in!

For more information, please contact Claudia on WhatsApp: +1 516 499-2417.

## A Lenten Invitation to our Community: Rice!

During this Lenten season, the members of our community are invited to fulfill the Lenten responsibility to be particularly sacrificial in works of charity. **Please bring to Mass on the Sundays of Lent a bag of rice** (or other non-perishable foods) to support the special ministry of our parish's *Posada San Francisco*, which feeds and houses the homeless and vulnerable in the *Centro Histórico* of Cuenca.



## An Urgent Appeal for Support AND VISIT

As we announced last Sunday in this Bulletin, the **Hogar Miguel León** is in need of urgent financial support as it needs to update its fire prevention system throughout their patrimonial building in the *Centro Histórico*. We have arranged a visit to the *Hogar Miguel León* so that more of us can come to know the sisters and residents better and we invite all of you to consider coming along. We are scheduled to visit on **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am**. If you would like to meet in front of the **Iglesia de San Sebastian at 10:45 am**, we can walk over together...it is close by. If you can't join us next Monday, but would like to know more about how you might help the orphanage, please contact Barbara at the email below for more information and the banking information for any contributions you might like to make. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Contact for Barbara: [bvaecuador@gmail.com](mailto:bvaecuador@gmail.com)

## A Few Words from Father Kevin...

Dear Friends,

As we marked the first Sunday of the Lenten season just a week ago, the spirit of reconciliation and peace that is at the heart of this season experienced upheaval as yet another war among nations was unleashed, this time centered in Iran, but soon spreading throughout the Middle East. Whenever a new war breaks out, the question of whether it is a *just war* becomes of paramount concern to all people of good will. Our Catholic tradition has long defended the principal that *some* wars can be justly and morally fought, but only when they are in accord with the principals most clearly enunciated by St. Thomas Aquinas and recently reiterated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2309); to be just, a war must meet all of the following conditions rigorously:

- The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain.
- All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective.
- There must be serious prospects of success.
- The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

Pope Leo has made the prayer for disarmament and peace his primary intention for the month of March; let us pray it with him:

Lord of Life,  
you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.

We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction.

You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation.

Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

## Reconciliation and Wednesday Mass

For those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season, Father Kevin will be available at any time by appointment or on Wednesday mornings prior to our Wednesday Mass in his apartment from 10:00 am until 11:00 am.



## Prayers for Ned

A number of us will be going to the Santa Ana cemetery on *Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am* to visit the niche of Ned Flottman, pray for him, and place in his niche his favorite Rosary and a photo. We will be live streaming the service to Sharon and her

children. If you'd like to join us, please let Father Kevin know as soon as possible so we can arrange transportation this week. For those who did not know Ned, he was one of the stalwart early members of our community along with his wife, Sharon, who now lives in Texas.

## Church Doors to be Closed

The large grilled doors between the church vestibule and the main body of the *Iglesia de San Francisco* are now being closed during the Liturgy of the Word through the end of our Mass to minimize the disruption of the liturgy by our friends coming for the 11:00 am Mass. Please strive to arrive at church on time for Mass!

## Let Us Pray!

- FOR THE CONTINUED HEALING OF LINDA SORRENTO'S FRIENDS, **CINDY**, AND HER BROTHER, **DON**, BOTH WITH CONGENITAL HEART CONDITIONS. DON JUST GOT PUT BACK ON THE ACTIVE HEART TRANSPLANT LIST.
- FOR FATHER KEVIN'S BROTHER, **PAUL CODD**, WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AND IS AWAITING SURGERY.
- FOR BILL LAUER'S SISTER, **PEGGY AKERS**, WHO HAS BEEN VERY ILL FOR SOME TIME AND IS NOW IN HOSPICE CARE.
- FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FATHER KEVIN'S DEAR FRIEND IN SPOKANE, **STEVE ROBERTSON**, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK.
- FOR **CHRYSTAL HOLLEY**, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM FOOT SURGERY IN TEXAS.
- FOR THOSE WHO ARE OR WILL SOON BE TRAVELLING, ESPECIALLY: **RUDY ESPINOZA, CHRYSTAL HOLLEY, LETTY FORONDA, AND BILL AND CATHY LAUER.**
- FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN UKRAINE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IN ALL COUNTRIES PRESENTLY AFFLICTED BY WAR AND CIVIL UNREST.