



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

Easter Sunday-A, April 5, 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,
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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



Easter Blessings!

*On this Glorious Morning
filled with the Light and Life
of the Risen One, Jesus
Christ, we extend to all of you
our prayers and hopes for a
joyful Easter Season!*

So Grateful!

Our entire church family is deeply grateful to all who contributed to our Lenten and Holy Week liturgies: lectors, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers! Your generous efforts made these special days and weeks so very holy and blessed!

Little Brown Envelopes/ Rice Collections

Our "Little Brown Envelope" collection last Sunday brought in **\$584.60!** Thank you so very much 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.

We thank also all who brought in rice and other non-perishable foods for our parish's *Posada San Francisco* throughout the Lenten season!



Father Kevin Vacation Coming Up

Father Kevin will be returning to Spokane to visit family and friends as well as prepare his house there for sale later in the summer. He will depart on **April 15th** and return on **May 27th**.

On the six Sundays that he will be away, our Sunday Masses will go bilingual! Father Joffre or his substitutes will celebrate the Mass mostly in Spanish, but the Liturgy of the Word, including a reflection on the readings by one of our lay members, and the intercessions will be in English; this is the pattern we have used the past year or two so it is familiar to most of you. ***Our Sunday Mass time will remain at 10:00 am.***

There will be no Wednesday Masses during those weeks.

A Few Words from Father Kevin...

Dear Friends,

In his first message to the world following his election as our Pope, Pope Leo offered to us these words:

“Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.

“This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter.

“Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.”

As we complete our walk through this Holy Week and prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, I echo Pope Leo's gracious words on peace. May the great hope made real on Easter morning, that the peace of the Kingdom of God might truly reign in our hearts *and* be a force for truth, justice, and love among nations, be ours! This peace and Easter hope are so greatly needed; the present wars that continue to rage in so many corners of this world, the grinding poverty for so many billions of our sisters and brothers, the ongoing threat of nuclear war, the changes in our climate that have devastating effects everywhere, and even the threats that come with advances in artificial intelligence, all these things and so many more cry out to us who follow Jesus to take to heart Jesus' first risen words to his disciples: *“PEACE BE WITH YOU!”* Let us live this Easter peace, share this Easter peace, and let this Easter peace transform our world!

Benefit Concert for Hogar Miguel Leon Orphanage

One of the many institutions hidden among Cuenca's *avenidas* and *calles* is the *Hogar Miguel Leon*, an orphanage for young girls and also a refuge for abandoned elderly. It is operated by the Sisters of Charity. A fun and entertaining evening is planned to benefit the *Hogar* this coming **April 9**, from **5:00-7:00 pm** at the brand new *Tinta Rooftop, Edificio Plaza 8*, (Luis Moreno Mora y Roberto Crespo). Four of Cuenca's favorite artists will be performing: Deb Davis, William Mahar, Jeff Jones, and Kristen Grzegorek. Reserve your spot by contacting Barb Van Abel: bvaecuador@gmail.com.

Liturgy Tid-Bit for Easter Sunday: The “A-word”

One of the most beautiful words in the world of religion is the “A-word”...that ancient acclamation of praise to God that goes missing from Ash Wednesday until Easter. Of course, the A-word comes to us from Hebrew and consists of two parts: *Hallelu-* meaning “praise”, and *Jah*, meaning “God.” She returns to us now vested in robes of gold and light, accompanied by elegant tones and the chimes of bells. On Easter morning we sing her praise often and with renewed appreciation for we have missed our dear “A***** over these Lenten weeks!” *Welcome home our dear Easter Praise of God!*

Let Us Pray!

- 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 BROTHER, **PAUL CODD**, WHO IS STILL RECOVERING FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM RECENT PROSTATE SURGERY.
- FOR FATHER KEVIN'S OTHER BROTHER, **BILL CODD**, AS HE RECOVERS FROM HAND SURGERY AND A SERIOUS INFECTION AT THE SITE OF THE SURGERY.
- FOR **KATHY CASE** AS SHE HAS MINOR SURGERY THIS WEEKEND AND FOR A FULL RECOVERY FOR HER.
- FOR **JOHN FRANCOVSKI**, THAT HE MIGHT FULLY RECOVER FROM HIS PRESENT HEALTH ISSUES.
- FOR **WILLIAM** AND **TAE SUK HARPER** AS THEY RECOVER FROM A RECENT ILLNESS.
- FOR THE UNCLE OF TROY WELCH, **DAVE IDLEMAN**, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM TREATMENT FOR STAGE FOUR CANCER; THERE REMAINS A POSSIBILITY OF RECURRENCE SO PRAYERS ARE NEEDED.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE PRESENTLY OR WILL BE SOON TRAVELING: **SUE HAMPTON, FR KEVIN, NANCY AND WARD SMYTH**.
- FOR ALL WHO WERE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH AT EASTER VIGILS AROUND THE WORLD.