



Saint Francis Catholic Community in Cuenca

7th Sunday of Easter-A, May 17, 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](#)
- ❖ Audio of Father Kevin's recent
homilies and his blog are found
at: KACODD.COM/homilies



WHILE FATHER KEVIN IS AWAY

During the Sundays Father Kevin is in Spokane preparing for his move to the new house here, **Sunday Mass continues at the regular 10:00 am time.** Padre Joffre celebrates 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 on *Sunday, May 31st.* "Coffee and Pastries" will still continue after Mass during his absence. 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.

U.S. Regional Federal Benefits Visit to Cuenca

Representatives from the Regional Federal Benefits Office will visit Cuenca on **June 4 & 5, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** to offer services for beneficiaries or individuals with questions about U.S. Social Security benefits. The services are at the Abraham Lincoln Center, Calle Borrero 5-18 y Honorato Vásquez, Cuenca.

Appointment is necessary. You can walk in but be prepared to wait. You can find the link for the appointment and the forms on the Embassy page: <https://bit.ly/492O3my> or use the QR code below.

Foreign Enforcement Questionnaire (FEQ): FBU will accept the "proof of life" forms. These do not require appointments.

- If you receive payments in your own name, complete form SSA-7162 (PDF 1.2Mb).
- If you receive payments through a representative payee or are a representative payee, complete form SSA-7161 (PDF 548Kb).



Magis

Some of this reflection come from an article by Fr. James Martin S.J. in IgnatianSpirituality.com.

Magis, a Latin term meaning "more" or "greater," is a foundational pillar of Ignatian spirituality. It does not mean more as a quantity, it represents an interior spirit of generosity and a creative fidelity to choosing the "more universal good." It asks how we can better align our choices, actions, and very lives with God's love and service.

Magis is often mistaken, as this tale by Fr. James Martin S.J. says in an article for Ignatian Spirituality:

A few years ago, I was visiting a Jesuit college and speaking to an eager and enthusiastic undergraduate. Our conversation turned to the idea of the magis, a popular and familiar word in Jesuit circles, especially in high schools, colleges, and universities. He said to me, "Boy, I really love the idea of the magis! It's encouraged me to get the highest paying job that I can after I graduate!"

Clearly the student misunderstood the concept of magis. The fundamental idea is that we try to do the more, the better, the greater, for God. Not for ourselves.

It doesn't mean simply quantity: as in a parent folding more and more and more diapers, as if to win some sort of contest. But the parent folding diapers and caring for the child may try to do it with more love, for not only the child, but for God.

Despite its profound spiritual depth, *magis* is often mistaken as a relentless, drive toward overachievement. This distortion misinterprets a call to deep relationship as an exhausting obligation to perform better than one's best through sheer willpower

When properly understood, magis yields transformative benefits for one's spiritual life. It serves as a dynamic catalyst for personal growth, liberating individuals from the stagnation of complacency by continually opening new horizons of love.

What might the world look like if everyone understood and practiced *magis*.

Indulgence for St. Francis Jubilee Year

Chrystal Holley provided this piece about indulgences granted to pilgrims for this, the Jubilee year of St. Francis.

The Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on January 10, 2026, commemorates the 800-year anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This extraordinary jubilee is an opportunity for a continuation of spiritual renewal while imitating the life of holiness modeled by St. Francis. Pilgrims can obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to "any Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship in any part of the world named after St. Francis." (More details about how to obtain the indulgence will be here in the bulletin next week.)

A plenary indulgence is a heavenly remedy, offered in God's abundant mercy, obtained through participation in indulgenced works which offers total remission of the temporal punishment for our past sins. Pope Francis said in the Jubilee Year of Hope that the gift of an indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy."

Let Us Pray...

- FOR **CORNELIA**, FRIEND OF RICHARD FRAUMENI WHO IS IN ICU, WAITING FOR A NEW HEART.
- FOR 2-YEAR-OLD **MURPHY LAWSON**, SALLIE LAWSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH WILLIAMS SYNDROME, A GENETIC CONDITION.
- 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 BROTHER, **BILL CODD**, WHO EXPERIENCED A POSSIBLE TIA THIS PAST WEEK.
- FOR FR. **JOSÉ LUIS MILLÁN**, A PRIEST OF SPOKANE AND A FRIEND OF FR. KEVIN, RECOVERING FROM ENCEPHALITIS
- CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR LINDA SORRENTO'S FRIENDS **DON**, HEART TRANSPLANT PATIENT, AND HIS SISTER **CINDY**, ALSO WITH CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT.
- FOR ALL WHO ARE OR SOON WILL BE TRAVELLING: **NANCY AND WARD SMYTH, WILLIAM AND TAE SUK HARPER, AND FATHER KEVIN**.
- FOR AN END TO WAR AND VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND HOPE FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE.
- FOR A PROMPT SALE OF FATHER KEVIN'S HOME IN SPOKANE