



Sunday of
Divine Mercy

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

- Sun, Apr 19** **SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (OR SUNDAY of DIVINE MERCY)**
 † Rosa Cruz &
Sp Int Brendan Hilgeman
 For the People of the Parish
 † Margherita LoMedeico
 † Cleo Paddok & † Moe Teixeira
- Mon, Apr 20** **Easter Weekday**
 † Carmine & † Ida Perrelli
- Tues, Apr 21** **Easter Weekday**
 † Ryan Borunda
- Wed, Apr 22** **Easter Weekday**
 † Gary Montoya
- Thurs, Apr 23** **Easter Weekday**
 † Monica Nguyen
- Fri, Apr 24** **Easter Weekday**
Sp Int Borunda family
- Sat, Apr 25** **SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST**
 † Juan Arias
- Sun, Apr 26** **THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**
Sp Int Huynh &
Sp Int Nguyen families
 † Frank & † Aurora Echeandia
 For the People of the Parish
 † Jan Dzik

The Church is Open

The church and Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm **each day**. The Chapel is accessible to all by way of the church.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Confessions are by appointment only. Request an appointment with Father Peter by using the "Contact Us" link at olg-church.org or call (619) 469-0133.

Masses are being Streamed Online

On the parish website we have listed multiple links to options to participate in Sunday and daily Mass online in the Diocese of San Diego and beyond. Visit olg-church.org and click on the red "Parish Update..." button and then the yellow "Sustaining Faith in the Time of Pandemic" button. Scroll to listed Mass links.

Parish Calendar

The event status' in this bulletin were accurate as of **Apr 14**. Visit the website listed in the article or olg-church.org for updates.

The OLG website also offers the most current parish event information and links to faith sustaining resources.

New links are added regularly so check often!

HOW DO WE BEAT THE CORONAVIRUS?

Faith over fear
Wisdom over worry
Prayer over panic



Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

Welcome to all who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist. There are many ways and parish organizations to participate in our life in Christ. See the directory on page 7.

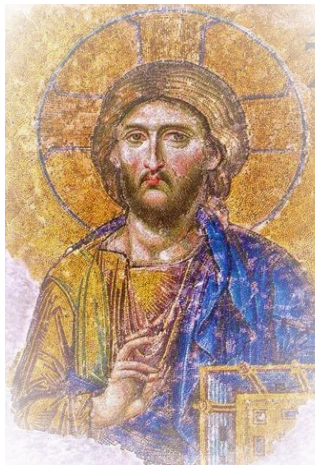
We invite all who attend OLG to become registered members of our parish. Registration forms are available on the table in the main entry of the church or the parish office. Registration allows us to communicate and effectively provide for your needs. It is necessary for baptism, marriage, and godparent or sponsor certification.

Mindfulness of Others—Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy. The parish has a Children's Chapel located in the northwest corner of the church. Parents with restless children are welcome to make use of this chapel at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will always include the use of incense.

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

Our Lady of Grace Parish welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares and celebrates this journey with them through a process called "*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*." If you are curious about what Catholics believe and may be interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith—or perhaps you are an adult Catholic looking to be fully initiated—you are cordially invited to enter the R.C.I.A. process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the "Contact us" link on the parish webpage.



READINGS FOR APR 19 - 26

Sun: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mon: Acts 4: 23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

Without Seeing, We Believe

Why do you believe what you believe? What makes you so sure that your faith isn't simply wishful thinking? What do you cling to, when people challenge the tenets of religious belief? What makes the gospel more than just a ghost story to you?

After all, none of us were there when Jesus passed beyond a locked door and stood before his followers holding out hands marked with wounds. None of us heard his greeting of peace with our own ears or felt his breath on our faces when he bestowed his Spirit. All of the events recounted by the evangelist are hearsay, handed on to us by a generation of folks who are themselves long gone. There are no videos, no medical reports, no notarized documents of these occurrences. Just a handful of testimonies and a hint that many other things happened that are not written in the book.

This is what gives me hope most of all: Those other signs that didn't make it into the record. If all we had was the record itself, it would be the word of the evangelists against the story of human history. And human history tells us that the dead don't rise. The crucified and suffering ones are not made whole again. There is little peace after the horror of pain and loss. In all the accounts of history, the evidence of a Holy Spirit at work in the world is very spotty at best.

In search of other signs

“Although you have not seen him, you love him,” the First Letter of Peter says with a note of congratulations. “Even though you do not see him now yet you believe in him.” The rest of the passage is about joy so indescribable it can scarcely be contained.

Where does this spirit of rejoicing come from? I suppose some people are natural optimists, and others simply gullible. But beyond that small subset of the perky and the credulous are people like me and, I hope, you. Our faith isn't about what's easy or most comforting to believe. Maybe it's even dragged reluctantly from hearts ruled by skepticism much of the time. Left to our own tastes, some of us would not be joiners, followers, or believers. We might well be on the outside looking in at church, discipleship, and faith—but for one thing: an encounter with the person of Jesus.

I'm not talking about the walking-through-walls Jesus of that upper room in Jerusalem. Some saints of the church report miraculous visitations, but most of us are not so favored. But we have recognized Jesus in the places where he promised we'd find him: in the least of our sisters and brothers.

Though we may not have peered into literally empty tombs, we have known people once hollowed out by sin and suffering who

returned to the land of the living. We have heard the stories of friends and neighbors crucified by the events of their lives who nonetheless walk free into the future, with glorified wounds that encourage us to live in hope. We read about people in war-torn lands who have every right to hate and hurt but choose instead the way of reconciliation, peace, and healing. If some question whether there is a Holy Spirit in the world, we can point to the places where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are practiced daily.

Sharing the signs increases faith

Anyone still practicing religious faith after these past centuries of rationalism, scientific hubris, and elitist doubt probably has stories to tell about why he or she chooses to believe. These stories are among the signs not written in John's book, and it is the responsibility of each new generation to share such signs as a virtual extension of the gospel. Peter tells what he knows to the Gentiles at the home of Cornelius. We tell what we know in the marketplace and the workplace when we cast our vote at city hall and when we use our resources with respect for creation and concern for our sisters and brothers. The early communal life portrayed in Acts provides us with the template for how we should consider

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OUR LADY OF GRACE
CHURCH
Founded 1954

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Very Rev. Peter McGuine

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Rev. Jerome Molokie,
O Praem.Rev. Curtiss Dwyer,
LT, CHC, USN

DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 5:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

MONDAY–SATURDAY

8:00 am

Holy days and holidays
listed separately in bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated
on the second and fourth
Sundays of each month
at 12:30 pm. Preparation
packet is available in the
parish office.RITE of CHRISTIAN
INITIATION of ADULTSContact Deacon Sawaya
(858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation
begins nine months
in advance.
Please contact
Fr. Peter McGuine or
Deacon Sawaya.PENANCE AND
RECONCILIATIONMonday 6:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm

ANointing of the Sick

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.

Hello OLG community,

My name is Evan Bui, and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of San Diego.

Although we are living in times of uncertainty, we were able to witness Christ's amazing grace in our lives this past week. Our witness is an aspect of our Catholic identity that we should always acknowledge in prayer, and with our family and friends. For those who are living alone, I understand that this situation is creating much fear and anxiety. I do not have the right to tell anyone how they should feel. However, I can say that even though many things do not last in this world, love and hope will never cease to exist. As a community of believers, if we remind ourselves that we are loved by God, our witness creates hope throughout the world.

On behalf of the seminarians of the Diocese of San Diego, we wish everyone a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!



Emergency Food Distribution Network

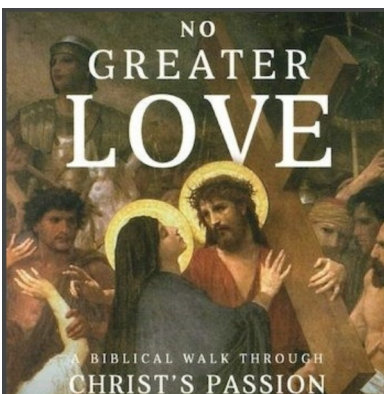
In partnership with the Diocese of San Diego, Catholic Charities has created the Emergency Food Distribution Network to distribute food to those in need in a safe, effective and reliable manner that complies with COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Through drive-thru food pantries and online request home-delivered food package pick-ups from distribution sites. To learn more about using this service or volunteering please visit ccdsd.org/efdn.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Aging with Grace—Part II

A Catholic perspective of the End of Life Option Act continues from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, Sat, **May 23**, in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be provided. To register contact Lissa at (619) 466-5656 or lhutcheson@olg-church.org. No charge to attend.



A 5-Week Bible Study

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Tuesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Apr 21, 28 & May 5, 12, 19.
At least the first two lessons will be online via Zoom meeting. Contact lhutcheson@olg-church.org

Participants will purchase their own materials.

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our power and our property: as vehicles for loving service. Our shared meal in the eucharistic assembly is itself a sign that we take our communal life as the Body of Christ seriously. We are one in the Spirit and one in the Lord. We cannot walk away from this table as individuals clutching our privileges and possessions too tightly.

If we hope to recover the depths of that original faith of the early disciples, our friend Thomas shows us how. His ability to believe in Jesus, shattered at the cross, is reaffirmed and illuminated when he reaches out and touches the wounds of Christ. Now he no longer needs to rely on hearsay reports of the Risen Lord. Nor does he depend on seeing in order to believe. No, when he dares to come in contact with the sacred wounds, to put his hand into that gaping side, what he experiences is enough to dredge up one of the greatest professions of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and my God!"

We don't have to go far to

touch the wounds of our world, especially in this age of pandemic suffering, and it is there that we may meet our Lord face to face and find the ultimate reason to believe.

Four steps to discipleship

The life of a disciple involves teaching, community, Eucharist, and prayer. So we learn from the early community of Acts, whose faith was nurtured by these four elements. Parishes that provide opportunities for their members that encompass all of these vital components will raise up more disciples and fewer people who define themselves merely in terms of Mass attendance (which in fact serves to define no one at the moment!) Genuine disciples will be prepared to take the next step, from being on the receiving end of the community's benefits to reaching out to the world in its need for healing, consolation, and the testimony of hope. The Easter season is a great time to renew our parish as an extended community where the signs of faith not contained in John's gospel are written down daily.

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A Little Humor

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Easter cards.

"What denomination?" asked the clerk?

"Oh good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me forty Catholic, ten Baptist, twenty Lutheran and five Presbyterian!"



A teenage girl received a note from her boyfriend that said:

I would swim the mighty ocean for one look into your eyes. I would walk through a wall of flames for a touch of your hands. I would leap over the deepest chasm to hear one kind word from your lips.

He signed it: Love, Ted
P.S. I'll be over Sunday night, if it doesn't rain.

IF WISDOM INCREASES WITH AGE...

- Age 51** I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.
- Age 52** I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet worth of pills.
- Age 58** I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life.
- Age 64** I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.
- Age 74** I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.
- Age 78** I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.
- ☛ If things get better with age, then I'm approaching excellence!

YOUTH MINISTRY**Escape Middle School Youth Group**

Escape will not meet until further notice. Watch for updates on the ESCAPE page of the parish website: olg-church.org.

New Life High School Youth Group

New Life youth will not meet until further notice. Watch for updates on the New Life page of the parish website: olg-church.org or contact Doris at dhertzig@olg-church.org.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED!

RESTORED
PSALM 80:3

Steubenville San Diego
Jul 24-26 ~ 4,000 teens
on the USD Campus

Ministry team includes Father Leo Pantalinghug, Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and returning musicians WAL. Visit the New Life page at olg-church.org to learn more.

EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

To learn the status of events for San Diego East County Young Adults follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry to see a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for 18-39 year old Catholic Young Adults.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistry of our church.

Joan Acord
Patricia Adams
Heberto Albanez
Grizelda Albanez
Gabriela Alvarenga
Marvin Alvarenga
Angie Arrayan
Anita Branch
Pat Burke
Brian Cashman
Tim Clasemen
Vincy Discenza
Jeanine Estepa, RN
Mark Habina
Brenda Hilgeman
Hannah Hilgeman
Susan Hori
Richard Jimenez
Nathan Kahan
Stephanie Kahan
Lenora Kneeshaw
Greg Kolesar

Rebecca Leyden
José A. Lopez
Natalie Mascari
Nick Melton
Vivianna Mullins
Phyllis O'Neill
Dr. Edward Pezanoski
Greg Ranches, MD
Ann Renzi
Anthony Renzi
Carter Santos
Clayton Schenkelberg
Marilyn Silva
Pattie Sloan-Deacon
Hibe Thornton
Andy Tong
Woody Topping
Jan Vyzinkar
Marilyn Winger
Tyler Woddell, MD

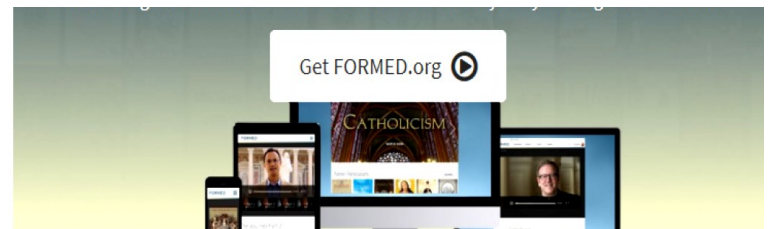
Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Joan Boeman

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, THE CHAPLET AND THE NOVENA

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace



until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will

grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). Instructions for recitation are provided at olg-church.org.

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Apr 7 - 14, 2020

\$12,581.75

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| Plate | \$ 0.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 7,838.75 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,743.00 |

Breakdown of gifts received

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|---------------------|----|
| \$0.01 - \$5.00 | 7 |
| \$5.01 - \$10.00 | 16 |
| \$10.01 - \$25.00 | 43 |
| \$25.01 - \$50.00 | 43 |
| \$50.01 - \$100.00 | 43 |
| \$100.01 - \$150.00 | 13 |
| \$150.01 - \$500.00 | 11 |
| \$500.01 - Over | 3 |

Total Contributing Households

179

Additional Gifts

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Building Fund | \$1,914.15 |
| Easter Offering | \$6,659.36 |
| Holy Thursday | \$395.00 |
| Good Friday | \$870.00 |
| Faith Formation & Youth Ministry | \$162.50 |
| Flowers | \$410.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$1,053.00 |
| Prayer Quilt Ministry | \$129.00 |
| School Support - Greatest Need | \$495.00 |

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 Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

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To email members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at:

olg-church.org - click on the "Contact Us" link in the upper right corner of the browser window.

For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

55 PLUS CLUB—Mary Cloward

BLOOD DRIVE—Debbie Ipsen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—CWC

CWC—Mary Cloward

Book Club—Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield

CENTERING PRAYER—Irma Eichinger or Beatrice Doblado

CUB SCOUTS—Pack 951—Crystal Carr

CURSILLO—Dcn. John Sawaya

EVENTS COMMITTEE—Nettie Aguinaldo

FOOD PANTRY—Since 1981

Bob Cosgrove

(619) 469-0061

M–F, 9:00–11:00 am

HOLIDAY ANGELS—Since 1988—Lesley Bradley

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Carla Pedroncelli

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Our Hands



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO **2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** **BIWEEKLY BULLETIN UPDATE** **FOR OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**

April 19, 2020 — Report Number 4



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is the author of every blessing that we know in this world, every grace that brings joy to our heart, every strength and hope that

carry us through the difficult times that come to all of us.

For this reason, the fundamental stance we as Catholics have toward our God is one of gratitude, and the fundamental disposition of the Christian moral life is to root every dimension of our journey of life on this earth in an abiding sense of thanksgiving.

Such a stance of gratitude orients our life of prayer and union with the Lord, understanding that God always stands with us. Gratitude enriches our life of family and friendship, of work and citizenship in this blessed land, and of encounter with those in need.

Christian gratitude also embraces our life of faith and membership in the Church, leading us to contribute our time, talent and financial resources to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in San Diego and Imperial Counties through our parishes and the work of the diocese that goes beyond the capabilities of any one parish. The diocese supports a vital array of ministries, vocations and charities in the name of Our Lord — through Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, Clergy and Seminarian Support and Catholic Charities.

Our Annual Appeal provides the foundation for enabling us to carry out these vital works of faith and service in your name, and for that reason I ask you to prayerfully consider participating generously in this year's appeal, with the knowledge that in doing so, you enter more fully into the work of Christ and the mission of discipleship at this crucial moment in human history.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Robert W. McElroy
 Bishop of San Diego

Numbers at a Glance

Overall Diocesan Goal: \$3.5 million

Our Lady of Grace Church Goal: \$89,000.00

Number of Active, Registered Households at OLG: 1,505

Pledges & Gifts as of April 2: \$131,912.50 from 280 households!

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