APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

DOMINGO DE RAMOS
DE LA PASIÓN DE CRISTO
“¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor!
¡Hosanna en el cielo!” - Mt 21, 9
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Baptism, Baptismal Preparation Class, Weddings, Hospital Visits, Home Ministry (Eucharist), Scrip: Call Parish Office - 849 - 5121

Anointing of the Sick: First Tuesday of the month at the 8:00am Mass at Saint John the Baptist or by appointment.

Reconciliation: Saint John: Saturday 4:00pm and following the 8:00am Mass on Mondays and Tuesdays. Saint Mary: Saturdays at 4:30pm and following the 8:00am Mass on Wednesdays.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction:
First Fridays of the Month 8:30am - 10:00am
Thursdays 9:00am - 9:00pm—Saint John the Baptist

PRIEST VISITS—If you or a loved one is ill and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory at 849 - 5121 for St. John’s or St. Mary’s. It is also very helpful if you tell care staff that you are a member of St. Mary of the Lake Parish or St. John the Baptist Parish. Msgr. Gunn and Fr. Gabi will regularly check with local hospitals and care centers to inquire about parish members in need of assistance.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince
of the Heavenly Host,
by the Divine Power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH
WITH THE CATHOLIC HERALD
Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the Catholic Herald. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the Catholic Herald print or new e - Edition in your home, contact your parish office.

If you need prayers for health issues, world peace, family issues, etc., or if you’d like to join the Prayer Network, please contact Doris Labarre 849 - 9692.
| Saturday, April 4  
| Saint Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church |
| 5:00pm Sister Marie Endres |
| 8:00pm Harold Schwartz |

| Sunday, April 5  
| Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| 8:00am Health and Safety for All |
| 10:30am People of the Parish |
| 1:00pm Karen Sines |

| Monday, April 6 |
| 8:00am Darlene Fenton |

| Tuesday, April 7 |
| 8:00am Joe Meier |

| Wednesday, April 8 |
| 8:00am Bob Walter |

| Thursday, April 9  
| Holy Thursday |
| 8:00am NO Morning Prayer |
| 7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper |

| Friday, April 10  
| Good Friday |
| 8:00am NO MASS |
| 1:00pm Good Friday Service |

| Saturday, April 11  
| Holy Saturday |
| 8:00pm People of the Parish |

| Sunday, April 12  
| Easter Sunday |
| 8:00am Deceased of the Parish |
| 10:30am People of the Parish |
| 1:00pm People of the Parish |

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### A Spiritual Communion

**Author Unknown**

Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
I love You above all things and  
I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment to receive You  
Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as being already there  
And unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WATCH ONLINE THE LIVE STREAM OF HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS WITH BISHOP HYING.** Go to:  
[www.madisondiocese.org](http://www.madisondiocese.org)

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### Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020

**Sunday:**  

**Monday:**  
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:**  
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:**  
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:**  
Chrsim Mass:  
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2];  
Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:**  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16];  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:**  
Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:**  
Vigil:  
Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4-4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 42:2) or Is 12:2-3, 4bdc, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

**Easter Sunday:**  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or  
Mt 28:1-10
An Introduction to the Holy Week

What is it and how is celebrated?
Is the reenacting the Passion of Our Lord
Dates:
Holy Week is the last week of Lent.
Colors:
In most churches, the decorations are red to symbolize the blood of martyrdom. Some churches remove all decorations on Good Friday, veiling anything that can’t be removed in black or purple. Holy water is also removed from the fonts in churches on Good Friday and Holy Saturday in preparation for the blessing of the water at the Easter Vigil. This removal also corresponds to those days on which the Eucharist is not celebrated.

Days:
Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday)
Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday)
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
The time from sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Day is also known as the Triduum, which is Latin for “three days.”

Some History
Holy Week observances began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church, when devout people traveled to Jerusalem at Passover to reenact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection.

Egeria was a Christian who traveled widely during the period of 381-385 and wrote about Christian customs and observances in Egypt, Palestine, and Asia Minor. She described how religious tourists to Jerusalem reenacted the events of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday afternoon, the crowds waved palm fronds as they made a procession from the Mount of Olives into the city. Of course, the observances must have begun quite a number of years before Egeria witnessed them, or they wouldn’t have been so elaborate. It’s just that Egeria’s description is the earliest we still have. The tourists took the customs home with them. Holy week observances spread to Spain by the fifth century, to Gaul and England by the early seventh century. They didn’t spread to Rome until the twelfth century.
The purpose of Holy Week is to reenact, relive, and participate in the passion of Jesus Christ.

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Holy Week is the same in the eastern and western Church, but because eastern Christians use the Julian Calendar to calculate Easter, the celebrations occur at different times. However, the following events in the week before Easter are the same, east and west, relative to the date of Easter:

- **Palm Sunday** (or Passion Sunday), the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- **Holy Thursday** (or Maundy Thursday), the institution of Communion and the betrayal by Judas.
- **Good Friday**, the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.
- **Holy Saturday**, the Sabbath on which Jesus rested in the grave.

**Reconstructing the Holy Week from Scripture**

**Friday: Preparation Day, the Passover**
The disciples arranged for the Passover meal, which took place after sundown on Thursday. We might call it Friday Eve, because by Jewish reckoning, the day begins with the previous sunset. That’s why we call 24 December “Christmas Eve.” Jesus and the disciples ate the Passover in the upper room. They ate it early, which was not uncommon. In that era, most Passover Seders did not include lamb, because most Jews lived too far away from the Temple to obtain a lamb that was kosher for Passover. Therefore the disciples, who were from Galilee, would have been accustomed to a Passover Seder without lamb. Judas left during the meal. Jesus and the remaining disciples adjourned to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed and the disciples kept falling asleep. Judas arrived to betray Jesus, who spent the rest of the night being tried by the Sanhedrin and by Pilate. The following morning, which was still the same day by Jewish reckoning, the Crucifixion significantly took place just as the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple. Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:55-56, and John 19:31 all inform us that this took place on Preparation Day, which is the Jewish name for Friday.

Mark and John explain that the next day was the Sabbath. Later the disciples realized that in giving them the bread and pronouncing it His body, Jesus Himself had been the Passover lamb at the Last Supper. Thus Jesus, our Passover lamb, was sacrificed for our sins on Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7), and His blood protects us from the angel of death. Jesus died on the cross and was buried before sunset. So Friday was first day that Jesus lay in the tomb.

**Saturday: the Jewish Sabbath**
Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. According to Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, and Luke 23:56-24:3, the day before the Resurrection was a Sabbath. This is the second day that Jesus lay in the tomb.

**Sunday: the first day of the week, the Festival of First Fruits**
On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave. It was the first day of the week and the day after the Sabbath, according to Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, Luke 23:56-24:3. John 20:1 says the Resurrection took place on the first day of the week. He does not explicitly say that the previous day was the Sabbath, but there is no room in his narrative for any intervening days. The first day of the week is the Jewish name for Sunday. Sunday is also the eighth day after the creation in Genesis, so Paul describes Jesus’ Resurrection as the first fruits of the new creation in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

**Biblical Foundations:**
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all inform us that the Last Supper and the Crucifixion took place on Preparation Day.
- Mark and John inform us that the next day, the day after the Crucifixion, was the Sabbath.
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John inform us that the Resurrection took place on the first day of the week.
- Matthew, Mark, and Luke inform us that the day before the Resurrection was the Sabbath, and John heavily implies it.

Ancient Christian writers confirm this reconstruction. In The Apostolic Constitutions, Book V, Section III, it says that the Last Supper occurred on the fifth day of the week (Thursday), that Jesus was crucified on the next day (Friday), and rose on the first day (Sunday), and it explicitly states that this constitutes three days and three nights. The Apostolic Constitutions uses Roman-style midnight-to-midnight days, so this squares with the New Testament’s use of sundown-to-sundown days. It also says that Jesus gave the apostles a commandment to pass on to us, to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays; the first to commemorate His betrayal, the second to commemorate His passion on the cross.

Therefore, it is obvious that the Crucifixion took place on a Friday, that Jesus rested in the tomb on Saturday, and rose from the grave on Sunday. So, you might ask, why didn’t the gospel writers just come right out and say that it was Friday, Saturday, and Sunday? The answer is that they did, for the circumstances under which they wrote. They were writing for an audience beyond Palestine, and in the Roman Empire of the first century, there was no general consensus about the names of the days of the week, the number of the current year, the names and lengths of the months, the date of the new year, or the time at which the day began. On that last point, the day began at midnight in Egypt, at sunrise in Greece, and at sunset in Palestine. So even though it is not what we are used to, the gospels are really worded in such a way as to make the dates and times comprehensible to anyone in the Roman Empire who was familiar with the Jewish Scriptures.

When you count days you get a different answer than when you subtract dates. If you go to a three-day seminar that begins on Friday, you expect it to end on Sunday, because Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are three days. However, if you subtract the date of Friday from the date of Sunday, the answer is two elapsed days. The ancients counted days instead of calculating elapsed time—in fact, Jesus Himself counted days this way in Luke 13:31-32. This is why the tradition is universal that Jesus spent three days in the tomb when He was buried on Friday and rose from the dead on Sunday. All intervals in the Jewish and Christian calendars are calculated the same way, which is why Pentecost falls on a Sunday and not on a Monday.

Source: [http://www.kencollins.com/holy-05.htm](http://www.kencollins.com/holy-05.htm)
Prayer of St. Bernardine of Siena, Patron of all who suffer respiratory illness:

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength!
You are the refuge of those who repent,
our banner of warfare in this life,
the medicine of souls,
the comfort of those who mourn,
the delight of those who believe,
the light of those who preach the true faith,
the wages of those who toil,
the healing of the sick.
To You our devotion aspires;
by You our prayers are received;
we delight in contemplating You.
O Name of Jesus,
You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

O Mary, Health of the Sick
You always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to You.
You know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide,
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows,
leading us through the cross
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
—Pope Francis, March 2020 (adapted)

Lord Jesus,
You traveled through towns and villages
curing every disease and illness among the people.
At your command, the sick were made well.
Come to our aid now in this health crisis
so that we may know your healing love.
Heal those who are sick:
may they regain their health and strength.
Heal us from our fear,
which prevents us from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride,
which makes us certain of our health
and life apart from you.
Bless health care professionals with strength and
Compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs.
We make this prayer in your strong and holy name,
you, who with the Father and Spirit,
live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER IN TIMES OF PESTILENCE
The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord
drove away the plague of death
which the first parents of man brought into the world.
May this bright star now vouchsafe to extinguish
that foul constellation whose battles have slain
the people with the wound of death.
O most pious Star of the Sea,
preserve us from pestilence;
hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee
by denying Thee nothing.
Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother
supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Amen.
Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they are counting on our financial help to assist them in providing presence, care and service on that holy ground. These dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to preserve the sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets. Funds collected last year on Good Friday helped to preserve 74 Christian sites and supported over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Your contribution to the Good Friday collection this year will help this most worthy cause. Can we count on you?

For updates and information on COVID-19 from Bishop Hying and the Diocese of Madison, please go to their website: www.madisondiocese.org/updates

Saint John the Baptist

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

March 29, 2020

WeShare Online Giving ........................................... $6,219.00
Mail in donations .................................................. $3,755.00

Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate to our parishes during this difficult time. If you’d like to sign up for WeShare online giving, please go to www.stjb.org and choose either the St. Mary of the Lake or St. John the Baptist WeShare link on the main page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 608-849-5121 ext. 118.

Saint Mary of the Lake

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

March 29, 2020

WeShare Online Giving ........................................... $280.00
Mail in donations .................................................... $915.00

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 4
Sunday, April 5
NO Faith Formation Classes
Monday, April 6
SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, April 7
SCHOOL CLOSED
NO Faith Formation Classes
Wednesday, April 8
SCHOOL CLOSED
NO Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, April 9
SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, April 10
SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday, April 11
Sunday, April 12
NO Faith Formation Classes

Lenten Resources Available

Devotionals
- The Living Faith
- The Living Gospel (Ave Maria Press)
- Not By Bread Alone 2020 (Liturgical Press)
- My Daily Way of the Cross (Barton Cotton)
- El Via Crucis Diario (Barton Cotton)
- The Way of the Cross (Barton Cotton)
- Way of the Cross for Teens (Liguori)
- The Stations of the Cross for Children (Liguori)
- Sacrifice of Praise (Our Sunday Visitor)

Online Opportunities
- Theology of the Body with Christopher West (YouTube)
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire
- FORMED.org; Lenten Reflections
- St. Paul Center; The Bible; & The Church Fathers
- Exodus 90
- AugustineInstitute.org

Our cemetery clean-up will be Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your rakes and tarps. All Christmas and winter decorations must be removed before the clean-up. The cemetery staff will dispose of any remaining decorations.

Please remember that in order to avoid injuries for the cemetery maintenance staff, items placed or planted in the grass will not be allowed and will be removed by the cemetery staff. All items must be set on the base of the monument in a secure way so they don’t fall or blow off. If interested, monument vendors have options for plant holders. Cemetery regulations can be found in the box marked “information” near the cemetery entrance or on St. John’s website, www.stjb.org.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 2020

with Bishop Hying’s videos on YouTube and Facebook this Lenten season. Catch all of Bishop Hying’s video messages as soon as they are released by subscribing to the Diocese of Madison YouTube channel or go to Facebook at www.facebook.com/bishophying

Please take an opportunity to pray for religious vocations by signing up to take the **Traveling Chalice**. You host the chalice for a week by displaying the chalice and praying for vocations each day. The pickup and drop off occurs on the weekend. For more information or to sign up please call Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com.

Current Schedule:
April 4/5 — Jim & Peg Tillman
Dear Students and Parents: During this time of home study please remember to include your Faith Formation curriculum in the course of your day. An email was sent out on March 26 outlining each child’s grade curriculum to be completed. You may hear from your individual Catechists. Feel free to respond and check in on them and their families.

PLEASE watch Live Streamed Sunday Masses as a family. Listen to the Word of God proclaimed by our priests, bishops and Pope Francis. It is quite powerful to engage in this from home and not be distracted by things/people around us. I wouldn’t want to do this all the time because I miss our Church family, but what an awesome gift from our Church fathers to stay connected.

Saint John the Baptist is live streaming Sunday Masses. Most enlightening in having your CHILD watch our live streaming of Sunday Mass is that the camera is focused on our Msgr. Gunn or Fr. Gabi and the altar. It’s amazing how clear we can see what is happening during the Consecration and Eucharistic prayers. Many of us are so removed from the altar while in our pews that we don’t realize the miracle taking place. Go to our website: www.stjb.org for further information, on-line weekly bulletins, etc.

Such unprecedented times we are experiencing right now but I encourage you to enjoy this time with your family.

PRAY, EAT, LOVE one another as Christ loves us.

Know you are loved and missed and we look forward to seeing you when we return to a normal schedule of activities here at Saint John the Baptist and Saint Mary of the Lake Churches.

Feel free to contact me or your Catechists with questions or concerns. Please stay safe and healthy until we meet again.

Health and Safety to All,
Eileen M. Daley
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First Holy Communion Masses
Children, we will look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at a future date when we can all come together on your big day! It will be a day of great joy and thanksgiving as you receive the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time.

Buying SCRIP is a great way to support our school and parish community. Shop with gift cards in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Scrip cards are available in the parish office.

Vacation Bible School
Saint John the Baptist Church
June 16-19, 2020??? TBA

Volunteer Help Needed To Share In The Marvelous Mystery VBS!

HS & MS Students—Adults

Contact Eileen Daley at edaley@stjb.org
Or (608) 849-5121 ext 174

CANCELLED
CONFIRMATION 2020 RETREAT DAY
April 18/19, 2020 @ Camp Gray
During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.

Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father’s annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

What has been accomplished? Last year’s Pontifical Good Friday Collection:
- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.
Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: “To whom are we accountable?” Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God’s call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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