



**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Saturday at 5 p.m.  
 Sunday at 8, 10 & 12 noon  
 Register at [SignUpGenius](#)  
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed  
 on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and  
[St. Peter's website](#)

**DAILY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm  
 Wednesday: 9 am  
 Thursday: 9 am  
 Friday: 9 am  
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
 Chapel of the Nativity

**RECONCILIATION**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday 5-5:40 pm  
 Friday 8-8:50 a.m.  
 Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
 Other times by  
 appointment.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter*** ***May 2, 2021***

One thing I anticipated early on in the COVID-restricted work and social environment—and secretly relished—was the opportunity for a kind of spiritual, “back-to-basics” time of renewal. Being a textbook, often abashed introvert, I was privately excited to clear the social calendar and remain home with my wife and children much more, using the quiet moments to try to form some new, better habits.

In all honesty, and no surprise whatsoever to myself, I failed at generating many of the good habits I intended. As it was Lent when things changed so dramatically for everyone, I somewhat consciously abandoned many of the self-imposed disciplines I had chosen for Lent, expecting and believing all of us were about to receive an education on what Lenten sacrifice could mean. This was not a source of consternation, really, because I was ready to embrace the pandemic-imposed, quasi-hermitic lifestyle we experienced.

However, I found good habits and hobbies, that I did not expect. So, in many ways the spiritual space, for which I hoped opened up the way many divine appointments do—without my own doing and with dramatically different, probably better results.

I explored podcasts I hadn't heard and found an especially inspiring series to watch (check out “The Chosen” app) that have become continuing blessings to the way I hear the Gospel each Sunday. I found a number of new songs that struck my heart in new but familiar ways and put new phrases to some of the most cherished truths I have known and held, since I experienced the love of God in that particular way these 22 years ago. I have grown in appreciation for some of the philosophical and intellectual heritage of the Church, that I had either forgot or never encountered before.

These things, while undoubtedly good, are not the good things I wanted at the outset. However, they have left me in better stead to profit spiritually in new ways, that I hadn't experienced before. Though I was hoping for a kind of renewal of the ways I had prayed and from which I have grown in the past, what I received have been new avenues for growing in the future.

This weekend we hear Christ's exhortation to “remain in” him, as a branch that is growing on a vine. We must be in him and he in us, lest we become barren and be taken away and burned. Furthermore, we, who have heard and received his Word, have been pruned, so as to bear new fruit, and

through this year of a wildly different way of living, I suspect many of us have experienced another pruning such that we might bear still more fruit.

Who am I to say that the old ways, through which I experienced the nearness of Jesus had not become stale and withered in me? By what authority could I claim that I could still be as fruitful for the Lord's vineyard as I ever may have been, without embracing these new paths of grace? Fickle as I am, only the Holy Spirit keeps my heart fresh from one day to the next. If I were to reject a new thing from God, I do not doubt I'd soon be as dry and brittle as a branch that had closed itself off from the always-new nutrients, from the vital and growing vine.

My prayer is that you have received something over the course of these last 13 months—perhaps not what you would hope or wish for, but something—from the Lord that can and will bear new fruit in your spiritual life. As life continues to evolve into something we'll soon recognize as more “normal,” cling to whatever you have learned from the Lord in this time.

On the other hand, perhaps you've been feeling called to undertake a spiritual pursuit, and these restrictions have provided you something of an excuse to put it off. Maybe you know that you need to be pruned a bit to enable new growth and new fruit in your heart, and this “reopening” is an occasion for you to accept that new move of the Holy Spirit in you.

Cling to the Vine. Embrace this new fruit the Lord has prepared you to bear for him and for his Kingdom.

David Dunst  
 Director of Music and Liturgy

## YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

### PRAYERS FOR ST. PETER'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Please pray for the children of our parish, as they complete their preparation to join us at the Lord's Table for the first time, during the month of May. The parents and families have been teaching their children the meaning and the beauty of the Blessed Sacrament and helping them ready themselves for this special encounter with Jesus. The children will participate in their First Holy Communion at one of the following Masses:

- Tuesday, May 4, at 5:45 pm Mass
- Tuesday, May 11, at 5:45 pm Mass
- Tuesday, May 18 at 5:45 pm Mass

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our children and their families.

### ST PETER'S RE/FF TEAM

To learn more about Faith Formation at St. Peter's, click this link: [www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation](http://www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation)

St. Peter's Religious Education/Faith Formation Team

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#### Karen Cronin

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



All Aboard! Save the date for VBS 2021!

This year we are doing a family-based vacation Bible school; parents and children together!

You will have two different sessions to choose from morning or evening.

Evening session: August 2, 3, and 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

~ OR ~

Morning session: August 4, 5, & 6, from 9 to 11 a.m.

More details will be coming soon!



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#### Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Phone: 651-452-4550

**BAPTISMS - NEW PARISHIONERS - WEDDINGS**  
Call the parish office for more information.

#### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Fontecha at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS \* STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

### HELP WANTED

The Church of St. Peter is looking for a part-time custodian to support evening and weekend activities here at the parish. Duties would include cleaning, vacuuming, trash removal, setup and take down for rental groups. The parish pays a competitive wage. Evening and weekend work is required. On average the position will take 10 to 15 hours per week.

The successful candidate will need to be able to work independently, with specific directions and take initiative when necessary. Additionally, the hire is contingent on passing a physical and criminal background check, along with other safe environment protocols. To apply please contact Peter Guzulaitis at 651-905-4307 or via e-mail at [DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org).

### SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, May 18, from 12 to 1pm**. Please pull up to the north Main Church doors, and we will come out to your car. We will continue to collect one Tuesday each month. If you are interested in donating items for lunches, please contact Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009 or [nanrr1@yahoo.com](mailto:nanrr1@yahoo.com).

It is extremely helpful to know how much food to expect, so please be sure to sign up in advance. Each donor is asked to bring 20 to 40 of one or more of the following (you may bring everything, or just one or two items from this list):

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, ham, or bologna and cheese. No condiments on sandwiches, please. Place each sandwich in an individual bag. Sandwiches are easiest to store and transport if you stack bagged sandwiches inside your empty bread bags!
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Bananas, oranges or cuties, or individual fruit cups

**Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.**

Thank you!

### CLASS OF ST. JOSEPH CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

**Ever wonder what God has planned for your life?**

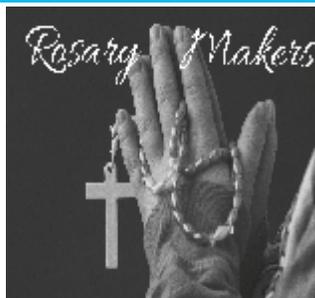
Discover God's plan of sheer goodness in the Class of St. Joseph!

This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Transfiguration in Oakdale and via livestream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module.

Applications are being accepted through August 1 2021.

Go here for more information: [www.cistudent.com/pillars/](http://www.cistudent.com/pillars/).

### ROSARY MAKERS



Our next Rosary Makers ministry will meet this **Tuesday, May 4**, in Classroom 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come and learn about our group, how to make the rosaries, and where we send them. If you have questions, please call Mary Ellen at 651-457-1764.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Please continue to register for weekend Masses. We are no longer taking registration for weekday Masses, but we do ask that you continue to register for weekend Masses. Use this link to register: [www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters).

All weekend and Holy Day Masses that are currently available will be included on this online form. Please follow the guidelines on the signup page. If you are not able to sign up online or if you have questions, call the parish office at 651-452-4550. Someone will help you get registered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### SYNOD AT HOME TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH



In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive.

The **Synod at Home** series takes helpful videos, tips, and tools for growing in faith and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun.

Individuals, couples, and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

- Find weekly videos and materials posted on the [Archdiocesan Synod web page](#).
- Text APP to 88202 or [click to download MyParish App](#) and within the app, search for "Archdiocesan Synod."
- [Sign up](#) to receive weekly emails during the Synod at Home and other Synod updates.

# ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS \* STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE! FALL FESTIVAL

Wow! It's hard to believe anyone would be thinking about fall, when we are enjoying all the beauty that spring brings. But the fall festival committee is already busy planning another wonderful event. This year, Fall Festival takes place on September 18/19. Stop by the information table in the Gathering Space on **May 15 and 16**. You can get an idea of what will be happening at this year's festival, as well as have an opportunity to join the Fall Festival Committee. We are always looking for fresh ideas and people to participate in the festival. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

## HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS



The Historic Church will be open this summer on Sundays, from 12 to 2 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. We would love to have a team of tour guides to be available in the Historic Church, during these times on a rotating basis. No experience is necessary; we will provide you with the information and training! If you are interested, please attend our information meeting on **Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.** in Heritage Center. You may also contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org).

## PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The office at St. Peter's remains closed to walk-ins during this time of COVID-19. Some staff is always present, during our office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 to 4 p.m. We will be answering phone calls, voicemails, and emails. Please feel free to contact us at 651-452-4550, with questions or concerns.



March 2021 COLLECTIONS	March 2021	March 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru Dec	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 93,702.73	\$ 88,460.29	\$ 5,242.44	\$ 824,616.60	\$ 773,102.92	\$ 51,513.68
Sunday Plate	\$ 159.33	\$ 762.97	\$ (603.64)	\$ 2,183.71	\$ 16,382.26	\$ (14,198.55)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 93,862.06</b>	<b>\$ 89,223.26</b>	<b>\$ 4,638.80</b>	<b>\$ 826,800.31</b>	<b>\$ 789,485.18</b>	<b>\$ 37,315.13</b>

*Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations.  
Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.*

## JESUS OUR HOPE, YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER. . .

As you can see below we have already had a very generous response to the Capital Campaign. We have nearly \$1.7 million in pledges and have received almost \$700,000 in contributions. This, along with the sale of the rectory, has enabled us to reduce the principal on the parish construction loan by over \$900,000 since last October! Our goal is to eliminate this debt over the next three years and we are off to a great start. Please continue to pray for the campaign. As you consider making a pledge remember no amount is too small or too large and with God's blessing and working together we can eliminate this debt. If you have questions about making a pledge please contact Peter Guzulaitis at 651-905-4307 or via e-mail at [directorofoperations@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:directorofoperations@stpetersmendota.org).

Report on Debt for Church and Heritage Center Construction		Jesus Our Hope Capital Campaign	
Debt on Church and Heritage Center as of 9/30/2020	\$3,591,160.00	Pledges as of 4/27/2021	\$1,668,400.00
Less proceeds from the Rectory Sale in October of 2020	-\$241,532.00		
Less principal payments from Jesus Our Hope Capital Campaign	-\$666,000.00	Pledged Money Received	\$675,205.85
Less other principal payments	-\$8,832.00	Additional Income	\$10,671.85
<b>Total Principal Due on the Loan as of 4/27/21</b>	<b>\$2,674,796.00</b>	<b>Income from Campaign</b>	<b>\$685,877.70</b>
<b>Total Reduction in Principal since October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$916,364.00</b>	<b>Balance Due on Pledges</b>	<b>\$982,522.30</b>

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trustees:

Sue Zhulkie  
Mark Mischke

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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## MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass.

<b>Mon, May 3</b>	9 am		No Mass
<b>Tues, May 4</b>	9 am	†	Jerome & Lorraine Schoweller
	5:45 pm	†	Ed Lunzer
<b>Wed, May 5</b>	9 am	†	Carl Simmons
<b>Thurs, May 6</b>	9 am	†	Jeffrey Weiss
<b>Fri, May 7</b>	9 am	†	William Schoweller
<b>Sat, May 8</b>	5 pm	†	Jay Henseler
<b>Sun, May 9</b>	8 am		Mass For The People
	10 am	†	Marian Reding

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 3, 2021

**Monday, May 3**

**Tuesday, May 4**

Loaves & Fishes, Minneapolis  
**8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**5 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5:45 pm** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**7 pm** Rosary Makers, Classroom 9  
**7 pm** Historic Church Tour Guide Meeting, Heritage Center

**Wednesday, May 5**

**8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**6 pm** Perissos, Heritage Center

**Thursday, May 6**

**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

**Friday, May 7**

**8 am** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**9 am** **Mass, Main Church**  
**9:30 am** **Anointings, Main Church**

**Saturday, May 8**

**9 am & 10:30 am**  
 AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**3:30 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5 pm** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

**Sunday, May 9**

**7:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church  
**8 am** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**9 am** Roses for Birthrite, Gathering Space  
**10 am** **Mass, Main Church. Livestreamed on YouTube,** or on [Facebook](#). Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**11 am** Roses for Birthrite, Gathering Space  
**12 noon** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**APRIL 30—MAY 2 NO COST!**

Our good friends at the Theology of the Body Institute are hosting the 2021 Theology of the Body Virtual Conference this weekend! Last year, more than 77,000 men and women from 160 countries registered for the inaugural TOBVC, making it the largest Catholic Conference in 2020!

These weekend's Virtual Conference will feature 80+ of some of the most prominent speakers and artists in the Church today including:

- Fr. Donald Calloway
- Scott Hahn
- Edward Sri
- Damon Owens
- Christopher West

... and many more! This will be a landmark event you won't want to miss.

Register for the Free Virtual Conference [here](#).

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### HOLY HOUR OF INTERCESSION WITH OUR LADY

There is such a need for prayer in these troubled times. Please join us for our next Holy Hour of Adoration on **Wednesday, May 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, in the Main Church.

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, these “hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world.” Gathering around Mary, the Mother of God, we will bring “the sin-sick and suffering of humanity before the healing, transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”

If you can't be here in person, please join us on our livestream. Go to St. Peter's [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) pages.

### TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED



The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women, age 18-26, who have a missionary heart, love children/youth, and are committed to their Catholic faith, who feel called to share it with the youth (grades 1-12) from

local parishes around the Archdiocese. Go to [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) and search Totus Tuus.

### HAITI COLLECTION

We continue to collect sheets for the people in Haiti. There is a great need for these items. White (or nearly white) sheets and pillow cases are needed for the burial of babies, children, and adults. How easy for us to be part of this corporal work of mercy!

People also have a need for empty pill bottles. Please remove the labels from the bottles. It is easy to remove them; simply fill the containers with HOT water. The heat will loosen the label, and it will peel off easily.

We also continue to collect canvas bags and totes. Please make sure they are washable, as they will be used to carry food.

You may drop your contributions on the table outside the office, by the Adoration chapel. Thank you for your contributions.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out St. Peter's website at [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org), our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpetersmendota](https://facebook.com/stpetersmendota) and Twitter @StPetersMendota and on [YouTube](#).



### CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all of my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."*

~ St. John Paul II

We are in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. White spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"*

~ Matthew 26:40

To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

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### HOLY COMMUNION



If you are unable to attend one of the Masses and desire to come to the church to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer at 651-905-4305 to set up an appointment. If you wish to receive

Holy Communion at your home, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304.

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



In this month of May, we honor Mary, our Mother, the tabernacle that carried the Son of God, the hand that rocked the cradle, and the heart pierced by the agony of the cross. May we turn to our Blessed Mother in all our needs.

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are very pleased to see events and ministries beginning to be active again here at St. Peter's! We have many exciting ways for you to be involved. At this time, we do have a few specific needs. Please contact Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org), if any of these are of interest to you.

#### Wedding Coordinator

Once the marriage prep is completed and the blessed day approaches, our engaged couples are guided through the rehearsal and wedding day by one of our St. Peter's wedding coordinators. Responsibilities include leading the wedding rehearsal, opening the church for the wedding party, supporting them during their preparation time, and serving as sacristan/server for their marriage ceremony on the day of the wedding. Training and materials are provided. This ministry does require availability that includes Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings and afternoons.

#### Giving Tree Co-coordinator

The Giving Tree provides help for almost 50 families every Christmas. Our team, comprised of two co-coordinators working closely with Lisa, works hard to gather gift requests, collect donations to meet those needs, and facilitates the sorting and distribution of donations to families in both our own St. Peter's family and the community we serve. This ministry is active from October through December. Good communication and organization skills are a must for this ministry, as well as a deep desire to help and maintain confidentiality.

### ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's at 7:30 a.m., every Sunday in the Chapel of the Nativity.

*"The Rosary is the tree of life which raises the dead, heals the diseased, and preserves those who are in health."*  
~ Pope Nicholas V

*Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend*



### CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



#### Catechism Corner

While prayer had a different kind of syntax in the Old Testament to what we know and with which we are comfortable, the goal has not changed. Likewise, the parts we may be playing in prayer may vary—that is, prayer can take on different character depending on the kind of prayer being used.

The prophets in the Old Testament went to prayer to gain strength and wisdom from God to encourage the people to conversion. Likewise, they would go to God to intercede or advocate for the people in their care. The prophets spent their efforts in prayer to call the people to return to the faithfulness to the covenant they had received (CCC 2581-2584).

The Psalms go to the heart of what prayer is, in every case. They are "the summit of prayer in the Old Testament: the Word of God become the prayer of man (Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, question 540)." Herein, we find a key phrase which connects the prayer of both Old and New Covenants. Whenever we see the phrase, "Word of God," we ought to instantly recall Jesus Christ himself. Jesus is the example of the pray-er of the Psalms, as well as their fulfillment and embodiment (CCC 2579, 2585-2589, 2596-2597).

In this way, then, we can see Jesus as the very fruition of prayer. While prayer is a seeking after relationship and connection or union with God, Jesus, in himself, is relationship between God and man. He is the connection to God, and the very nature of his person is union of God and man.

Next week: Jesus's own formation in prayer.



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