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**October 17, 2021**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

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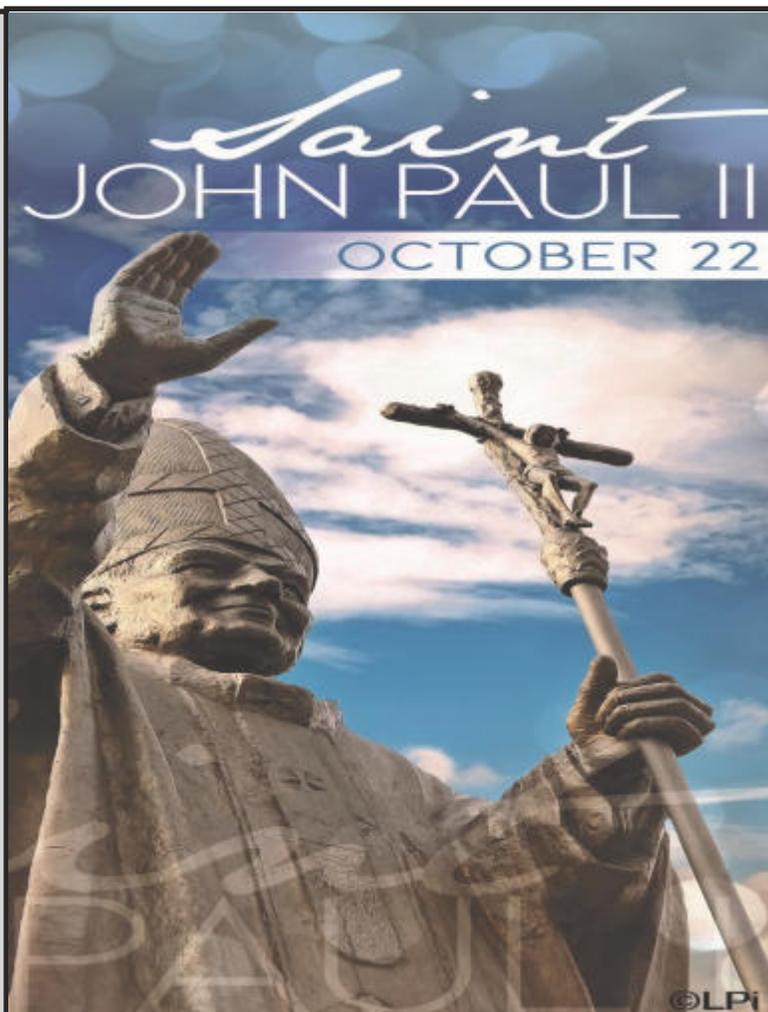
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## **Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday: **9:00am**

Friday: 11:00 am. **Holy Days:** See Bulletin for schedule

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 4:30pm and before and after every daily Mass.

## **Adoration**

Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Come spend an intimate hour before our Lord and be filled with His Radiant Light.

## **Prayer Line**

Mary Ann DeFusco, 261-4378  
or Barbara Sliva at 268-6108.

## **Knights of Columbus, Council 2961**

meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Christ the King Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please email [knights2961@gmail.com](mailto:knights2961@gmail.com).

## **Sacrament of Baptism:**

All are requested to call the Parish Office.

## **Parish Membership:**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to the parish staff and stop by the Parish Office and register.

## **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Arrangements are to be made 8 months in advance. Please call the office for information and to meet with the Pastor and begin Marriage Preparation classes.

## **Hospital and Home Visitations:**

Please notify the parish of family illness.

## **Godparent and Confirmation**

### **Sponsor Requests:**

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9am-1pm**

Please notify the office at 203)268-8695 if you are moving or have moved so that we can update our Parish Census.  
Thank you !

**What is the Mass?**  
**“The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass”**  
(A series...Part 2)

• Fr. Terry Walsh

**“But I through the abundance of thy steadfast love will enter thy house, I will worship toward thy holy temple in the fear of thee.” – Psalm 5:7**

Pass the ketchup! Ah, to see the joy on the faces of so many people enjoying a good BBQ, especially in the cold weather. Of course, these wonderful gatherings require much planning and more than a little work. The food needs to be carefully organized well in advance to ensure proper quantities as well as a wide variety. Then of course the SUV needs to be packed with precision in order to squeeze the coolers in between the grill, the portable TV, the table and chairs and other necessary items. Nothing is left to chance. All the bases need to be covered. Of course, years of experience enable the process to be fine-tuned to ensure the best results: an on-time departure from the family garage assures securing the usual parking spot, normally just after sun-up. The ushers tip their hats to the usual crowd as the SUVs file in and set claim to their customary row. Minutes later the grill is fired up, breakfast is simmering and the TV is hooked up to the generator. It's game time! Well, actually, the game begins in 6 hours, but it's good to be prepared. The old saying rings true – “Anything worth doing is worth doing well!”

It seems only natural to plan well for those things that interest us so that we can derive the greatest joy from them. And yet, how well do we prepare for the most important thing: that deeply personal and intimate encounter with God? What place does the Mass hold in our hearts? **A simple examination of conscience reveals whether God holds the central place in our Spiritual House, our soul, or if perhaps we've given that space to a lesser occupant.** What exactly is the disposition of our hearts when we meet him each Sunday? What sacrifice have we come to offer?

Consider the story of the Israelites as they prepared to cross the Jordan and take possession of the Promised Land. Imagine their excitement! Thousands upon thousands of tents lined the River's edge, the air abuzz with joy and anticipation. What might have been occupying their hearts and minds in those days leading up to the crossing? Perhaps they were reflecting on the many blessings they had already received, especially the love and attention God demonstrated toward them – freeing them from bondage and caring for them in the desert. They always had enough food and water and their clothes never wore out. It was during those long years that they came to know God more personally – his fidelity and love – His abiding Presence. And now, in these special moments, they no doubt happily considered the life that lay ahead in the land of “milk and honey.” What thanks and praise must have filled their hearts for the gift that lay ahead.

This was a sacred moment. The journey ahead was a call to holiness and God made it abundantly clear, reminding Joshua: “Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go” (Joshua 1:6). Just before Joshua would lead the people into the Promised Land, he summoned the people and conveyed God's message, reminding them of the duties and obligations that faith and love demand: “Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you” (Joshua 3:5). What eagerness must have spread throughout their encampment. Perhaps their eagerness would translate: ‘It's almost time! I can't wait to see what's on the other side!’ What zeal must have been in Joshua's words: **“Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you...”**(3:9). What sweet words in the ears of the people! We likewise hear the very same words at every Mass: **“The Lord be with you!”** The Lord is truly present. Like the Israelites, we too must prepare for crossing into the Promised Land – that is, Holy Mass – Heaven on Earth. Do we approach the Mass with the same hope and zeal? Do we speak the same language?

In order to understand *the mystery of the Mass* we need to begin with *the mystery of the spiritual life*. It can be challenging, and yet, “Anything worth doing is worth doing well!” The spiritual life rests on Faith, which is a gift infused into our souls by God. Love makes it grow and we prove our love for God by keeping the Law, by praying well, and by loving one another. Jesus said: *“If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him”* (John 14:23). In other words, it's up to us. God doesn't force our hand. Our “full, active, and conscious participation” is directly related to our spiritual life – prayer, devotion, sacrifice. Each time we pick up the Bible and read a passage, we come to know Christ a little better. Each time we pick up the Rosary and reflect on one of the Mysteries of our Lord, our hearts expand in appreciation for what he has done for us. When we simply take a few moments to talk with Him in a

heart to heart conversation – believing he is truly present and hears our every syllable – we prove our *‘living faith’* and bring joy to Him and consequently, we begin to understand the ‘spiritual language.’ These spiritual exercises lead us to a faithful examination of our conscience and ultimately to the Sacrament of Confession where we allow our Lord to sanctify us and so prepare our souls to receive Him worthily in Holy Eucharist.

The Mass is truly Heaven on earth and there is nothing more exciting. Think of it! All the Angels and Saints are present. God the Father is receiving the sacrifice of his Son who has laid down His life so that we could be free from death. The Holy Spirit is at work, forming us into the likeness of Christ. This is real! We are mysteriously at Calvary.

Prayer is the key. In order to enter into the Mystery of the Mass we must first enter into the Mystery of prayer. Prayer opens the heart to receive a greater measure of grace. Through our faithful, humble effort, God draws us into his life. We’ll come to contemplate the meaning of our very existence, the wonder of creation, the hope of eternal happiness. St. Paul reminds us: *“For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people’”* (2 Corinthians 6:16). He likewise teaches us the meaning of preparedness: *“Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the Gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication”* (Ephesians 6:14-18a). Indeed, we begin our preparation for Mass as soon as Mass ends. Then, everything we do throughout the week becomes an offering to God at the next Mass – all our good works, our prayer, in short, our love.

Paul is all in! He understands the challenges we face in our daily effort to fulfill the will of God in our lives. We are engaged in a battle. After all, we are the Church Militant; we are soldiers for Christ. “Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: Prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in His name. The ‘spiritual battle’ of the Christian’s new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, article 2725).

The graces flowing from the side of Christ provide all we need to conquer sin and ultimately attain our goal, union with God in Heaven forever. It’s important to remember that we receive these fruits in proportion our desire for them – we all receive the very same Eucharist but we do not receive the same measure of grace. There is decision, commitment, and work involved. Are our hearts and minds fully engaged or have we allowed ourselves to quietly turn our inner gaze toward more earthly concerns? Do we truly honor the Sabbath and attend Mass on Sunday, or has tailgating and the like (the beach, the mall, the whatever) replaced this Obligation? Ah, preparation. We are called to pick up the Cross every day and through it, grow in holiness: to root out faults and failings and at the same time grow in virtue. Like Joshua, we rely on God’s help. We enter the Promised Land when we cross the Threshold and enter the Church. As we dip our fingers into the Holy Water, we remember that we too have ‘crossed the Jordan’ at baptism and are constantly seeking to sanctify ourselves through our fidelity to Christ and our baptismal promises. As we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross, we remember the cost of our salvation and look up to Heaven as we consider the depth of the love of our Lord. This is no ordinary event – it is the Mass. Jesus is there to greet us, looking upon us with love, examining our hearts. You are ready. You have prepared. You are focused. You want to be there! You are eager to talk with Him and seek a deeper more abiding relationship with Him. There is a deliberateness to your actions. You begin to genuflect with a renewed purpose. You are dressed appropriately and are eager to hear the Word. All this before the priest even enters the Sanctuary. At Mass, we are not mere spectators relegated to the sidelines to watch others engaged in activities striving toward a goal. No! At Mass, we are active participants. And the moment finally arrives: ***“In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...”***



*October 17, 2021*  
*Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time*



Mon.	10/18	9am	✚ GIUSEPPINA LANCIA Family
Tue.	10/19	9am	RECONCILIATION FOR THOSE THAT HAVE LEFT THE CHURCH
Wed.	10/20	9am	✚ THOMAS GERAGHTY Cecily Geraghty
Thrs.	10/21	9am	✚ ROBYN COCHRAN O'Connell Family
Fri	10/22	11am	✚ FRAN SUDUSKY Carol & Tony Elliano
Sat.	10/23	5pm	✚ JOSE PEREIRA Family
Sun.	10/24	7:30am	CHRIST THE KING PARISHIONERS
		9:15am	✚ CATHRYN MAGLIOCCO Esposito & Magliocco Families
		11am	✚ MARY ANN PASSE The Diaz Family

**Please Pray For The Recently Departed**  
**Carmella White**

*Edward Fenton, Marian Carr  
 Maria Laracca, Marilyn Burgess  
 Angelo Charles DePiano, Orlando Marini  
 Edward Kost, Josephine Pirozzoli,  
 Harold Thomas Garvey, Michael Mottola  
 Martha Cennamo, Emil Justo, Sr.  
 Joseph Colello  
 Irma Depweg, George Adams  
 Barbara Travis, Domenick Marini,  
 William Daley, John J. Walsh, Jr.  
 Joanne Galante, Benedetto Morlando  
 Helen Duda, Eleanor Bogey.*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



***“There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist.” St. Pope John Paul II***

***Come and adore Jesus, here at Christ the King on Mondays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet . Please join us.***

***“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest.”***

**Please Pray For The Sick**

***Let us remember in our prayers the sick of our Parish especially:***  
*Jake Tavella, Mario, Amelia Garvey, Leon Alderman, Joseph Pereira, Joseph Kelly, Bianca Rose, Carol Schuerlein, Ford Lynch, Jim Reilly, Nancy, Sr. Maria, Leslie Hume, Lisa, Estelle Murray, Joan Ferrante, Megan Bobroske, Marco LaCroix, Mary O'Connor, Nick, Don Watt, John Carmolingo, Sean, Necita Belfort, Marlene, Ralph, Josephine LoPresti, Louise, Deacon Don, Raymond Michele, J oseph Janusaitis, Scott, Robert, Ann, Mike, Dawn , Kathryn, Todd Burr, Leah Sharibu, Clara Brenneman, Steve Krehley, Nicole + Colton, John Bowlin Danny Ward, Marcelle Saint Jean, Gary, Dave, Cathy Grasso, Josephine, Benjamin, David, Rosemary, John, Frank, Joe, Chris, Henry, Rita, Timothy Lambert. Tim, Marie, Thomas, Roger Woznick, Mary Ann Brunetto Nadia, .Elizabeth Fico, Erica Nyhus Elliott Rouse, Iris Taylor, Fr Patrick Curley*



## Christ the King 55th Annual Raffle



Our Raffle will take place this year on Saturday, November 6, 2021 after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass.

There will be 6 prizes this year; 3 \$500.00 Visa Card Winners and 3 \$300.00 Visa Card Winners.

Hope you can help us make this a great fundraiser for our church! Tickets have been mailed. Please contact the office if you haven't received them or if you would like more tickets!



### Save-The-Date Annual Turkey Drive For Those In Need



Turkeys and non-perishable food are needed to help families in our Bridgeport parishes. We will accept food donations starting the weekend of November 6-7th through November 13-14th. Items can also be dropped to the parish office during the week. Thank you for your generosity!

Father Walsh-Last weekend at Christ the King  
Father will be in the hall on Sunday October 31st after the 11am Mass for anyone who would like to say goodbye and wish him well as he begins his new assignment at St Patrick's Parish in Redding CT on November 1st.

### October 9-10, 2021

#### Offertory Totals

<u>Offertory (In Pew &amp; Mail In)</u>	\$5,914.00
<u>Online Giving</u>	\$2,485.00
<u>Total Offertory</u>	\$8,399.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/  
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

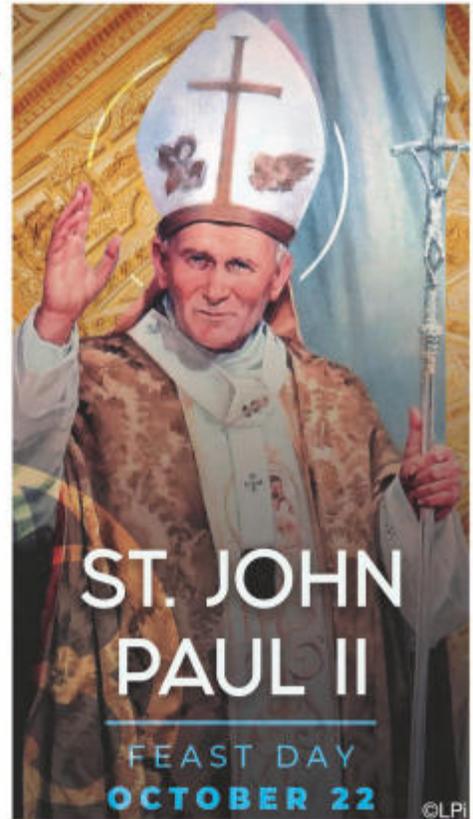
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

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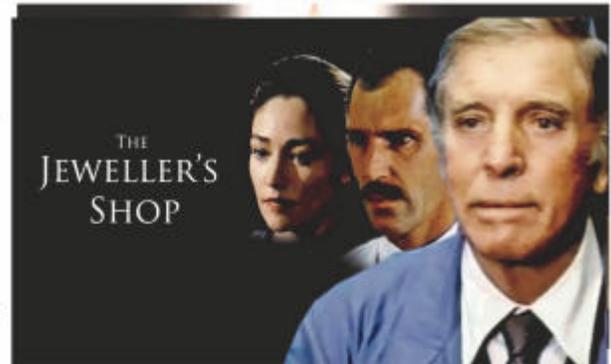
PICK OF THE WEEK

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## WATCH

### THE JEWELER'S SHOP: A MODERN MYSTERY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW: ST. LUKE AND THE EUCHARIST

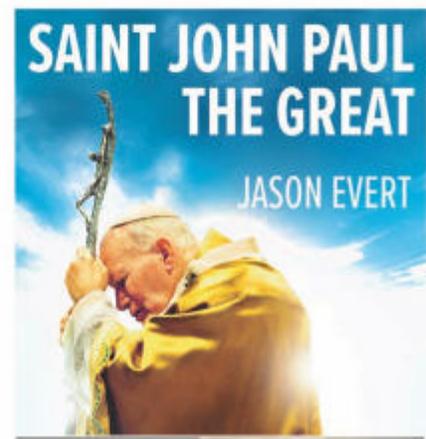


Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.

## LISTEN

### SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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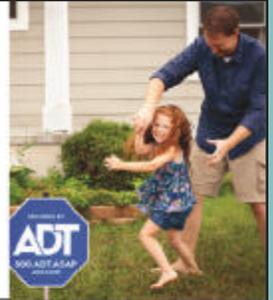


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