



# Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



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## Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church  
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel  
9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

## Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

## Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday ~ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church (Jan 1st)  
Sunday~ before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment



**Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640**  
+  
**Canonically Established in 1830**

*Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!*

**Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class. Baptisms typically do not take place during Mass in the Lenten Season.

—Children younger than 7: are baptized “as infants.” See above.

—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, no matter who he or she marries, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange monthly preparation classes. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings are typically done on Saturdays, starting no later than 1:00 p.m., in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

## FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic. Non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home “Communion call” contact the Parish Office.

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a “Holy Hour” before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to “sign-up” for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

## 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

Friday, February 4th to Saturday, February 5th

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

First Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by  
First Friday Devotions

First Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by  
First Saturday Devotions

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE  
MAIN CHURCH NARTHEX NEXT WEEKEND



**St. Mary's Choir**—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice! Practice will occur on Thursday evenings, at 7:15 p.m., in the Main Church.  
**Next Practice: January 13th.**

Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: [eranlupu@icloud.com](mailto:eranlupu@icloud.com)



**RCIA/Adult Faith Formation**— For those inquiring about Catholic teachings and are interested in becoming Catholic, and for Catholics who would like to deepen their knowledge of Catholic teachings. If interested please come to the Parish Hall Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Brother Charles, OP & Brother Linus OP are the facilitators.

Topic for January 12: Unit 3: Sacraments: The Means of Our Sanctification "Marriage I—The Natural Order of Human Sexuality" Come and be spiritually nourished.



**Important Donation Information**—We would like to thank everyone who has supported St. Mary's Church and School during this 2021 calendar year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to the support from all of our members in the new 2021 year ahead. Realizing that some people wait until the end of the year to make sizable donations, we want to remind everyone that contributions are recorded on the date that they are received regardless of the date on the envelope or other source document. **Therefore, for contributions to be recorded for the year 2021, they must be received in the office by December 31, 2021. Contributions received after December 31 will be credited toward 2022.**



### Eucharistic Exposition :

† Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

- † Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.
- † We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.
- † Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

### COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover on Wed. from 4-5p.m., & 5-6p.m.  
On Thurs., we need Adorers from 10-11a.m., 12-1p.m., & 2-3p.m.

### PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Our next class is  
Sunday, January 16. 10:40-11:50 a.m.  
in the School Classrooms.



**Pamphlets**—There are some fantastic pamphlets for you to take home and read. You can find them in our pamphlet rack on the right-hand-side of the Main Church Baptistry when looking toward the Sanctuary.

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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JANUARY 9, 2022

Parish Week Events:		Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 9</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>Holy Name Sunday</i>	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR Resumes—10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in School Classrooms	<b>Mon., Jan. 10</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 8:15 a.m. Danilo Salmo (+)
<b>Monday, Jan. 10</b> Weekday	School: Classes Resume 1/10/2022 Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (Main Church)	<b>Tues., Jan. 11</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 8:15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 11</b> Weekday	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) S. & E. Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. (Conf. Room)	<b>Wed., Jan. 12</b>	<i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i> 8:15 a.m. Joseph Mikusa (+)
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 12</b> <i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) RCIA/Adult Faith Formation—7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)	<b>Thur., Jan. 13</b>	<i>St. Hilary</i> 8:15 a.m. Roy Holliday
<b>Thursday, Jan. 13</b> <i>St. Hilary</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (Main Church)	<b>Fri., Jan. 14</b>	<b>Weekend</b> 8:15 a.m. Ed Bednar
<b>Friday, Jan. 14</b> Weekend	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC)	<b>Next Weekend's Mass Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 15</b> BVM	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (Main Church) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (Main Church)	<b>Sat., Jan. 15</b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> 4:00 p.m. James Conrad Townes (+)
<b>Sunday, Jan. 16</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR—10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in School Classrooms	<b>Sun., Jan. 16</b>	<i>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. Luis Tobar (+) 9:30 a.m. St. Mary's Parishioners 12:00 p.m. Ed Bednar (+)

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or [parish@stmaryspiscataway.org](mailto:parish@stmaryspiscataway.org).

*Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.*

**Customary Donation: Mass Intention—\$10 per Mass.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of Sunday, January 10, 2022 to Saturday, January 16, 2022**

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the repose of the souls of Severino & Helena Di Rivera.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of Severino & Helena Di Rivera.

**EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of Sunday, January 10, 2022 to Saturday, January 16, 2022 Wed., Thurs.,**

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.

The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

**Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra—\$10 per Week**

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The Tabernacle Flowers are donated by Rose Gazarek.** (Due to the closing of Sharper Florist, we now ask that you order and pay for your arrangements directly with your chosen florist. We ask that you contact the parish office to discuss the dates.)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Scot Cuzzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Krueger, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penafior, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Greg Scheirer, Leanette Marie Schilero, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Veronica Shourdes, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eva Sikora, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Anna Simpson, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Kathy Tesi, Lorraine Thompson, Janie Tilch, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, and those with the Coronavirus. *Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:** We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of January, from 1999-2021. Diane Marie Adkins (72), Maria Lucia Alfonso (46), Santiago De Vere Aquino (63), Margaret Frances Gallahan Baden (89), John Dale Bednar (53), Patricia Bladen (85), Carol Bottiglione (71), Edna Mae Brown (77), Phyllis A. Brune (83), William Patrick Burns (70), Anthony M. Cabotaje (22), George A. Carlson (57), Francis Jerome Countiss (66), Luis S. DeOrtube (74), Mary "Nina" Carolyn Edelen (87), Raymond Ted Fugate (86), Richard L. E. Dodson (68), Jonathan M. Duggan (43), Yvette G. Flubacher (71), Matthew James Foley (92), William Alton Gallahan, III (76), Norman Wilford Gilbert (71), Fred John Hurley, Sr. (96), Mary Lou Ihrig (67), George Jerome Lewis (58), Thomas Henry Lewis (64), Florante Telavera Magali (69), Dorothy Maneri (85), Blair William Mildenberg (57), Gertrude M. Miles (78), Frances Katherine Miller (79), Joan Vivian Miller (78), John Michael Miller (54), Denis Michael O'Donnell (70), Edward L. Pockey (72), Rita Valeria Quattrone (84), Dorothy Elizabeth Randolph (87), Sarah Sympronia Munson Sandridge (82), Ceasar Angpeo Solomon (80), Colleen Marie Spadafore (50), Charlene Jessie Sterling (80), Baby Watson (0), Margaret Teresa White (90), Doris Marie Willett (76), Amelia and Catherine Woodsome (87)

**NOTE:** All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website <https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list>.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY:** PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargent Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

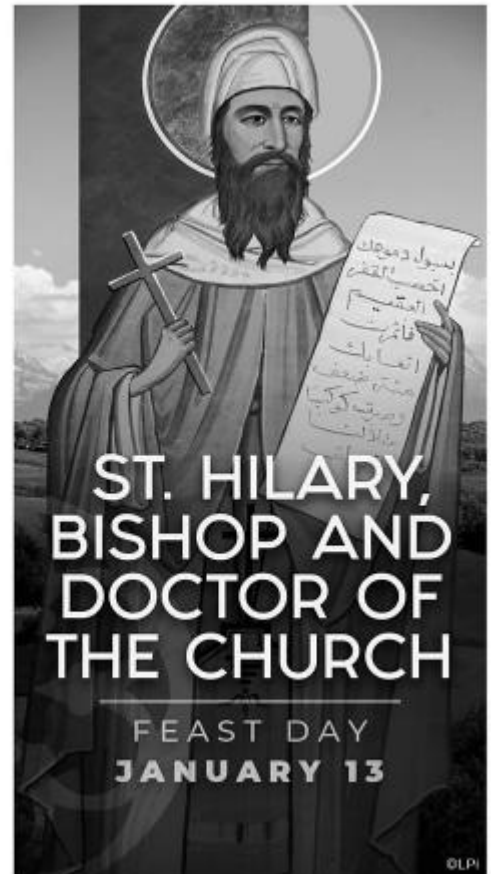
**Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



### FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.  
(40:5)



### PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



### SECOND READING

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



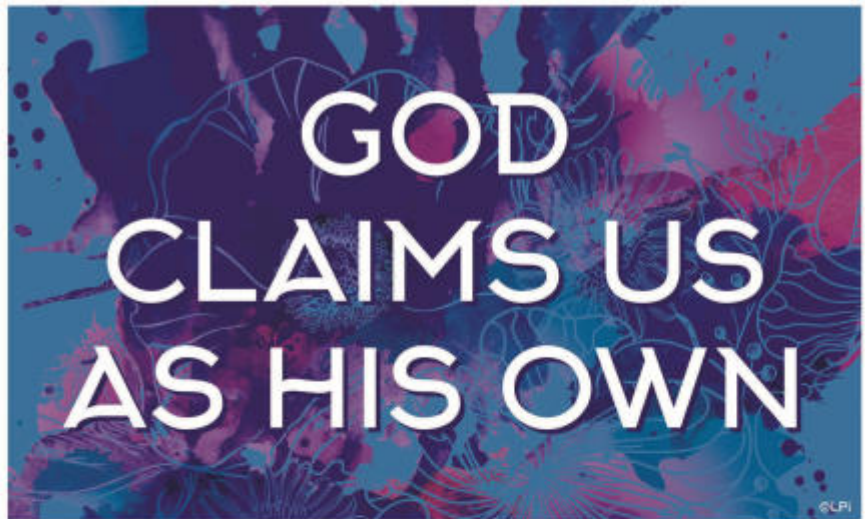
### GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized  
and Jesus also had been baptized and  
was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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