

July 4, 2021 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



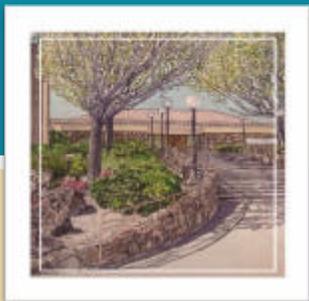
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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ST MEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to stmeloffice@yahoo.com no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass Intention requests are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Articles DUE
July 10 - 11	June 30
July 17 - 18	July 7
July 24 - 25	July 14
July 31 - August 1	July 21

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM

The Sunday 8:00AM is the only live streamed weekend Mass.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30AM

All weekday Masses will be live streamed

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 9:00-10:00AM in the Baptismal Room and "Cry" room inside the church or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office to make appointment

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Email.....ccd@stmelschool.org

ST MEL SCHOOL

916-967-2814..... www.stmelschool.org



Eucharistic Adoration The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open during the following hours: Monday through Saturday 9AM – 12PM and Wednesday 6PM – 9PM. **We need volunteers for Monday 11AM – 12PM & Tuesday from 9AM – 10AM.** If you would like to volunteer for an hour please contact Doug at douglas.2.crumley@ampf.com or Scott at teamcrow25@gmail.com

LIVE STREAM INFORMATION

The Sunday, 8:00AM Mass and weekday Masses will continue to be lived streamed via the St. Mel Facebook page. Use the below link to connect to the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mel-Catholic-Church-104087984568676/videos/>

There is also a link on the St. Mel website, stmelchurch.org. Simply click on the photo of the Blessed Mother to view the Mass.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July Holiday. Have a safe July 4th!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.



Sunday, July 4

8:00am (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
 10:30am (R) Sanchez & Arce Families
 by Amelia Santos

Monday, July 5

8:30am (I) Rosa Maria Quinonez
 by Amelia Santos
 8:30am (I) Brian Duarte
 by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Tuesday, July 6

8:30am (R) Bessie Curran by John Pippig, Jr.
 8:30am (R) Jim Lovewell
 by Jim & Laurie Phillips

Wednesday, July 7

No Mass

Thursday, July 8

8:30am (R) Claire Bourne by Audrey Swiderek
 8:30am (R) Don Cecchi
 by Tom & Mary Robbins

Friday, July 9

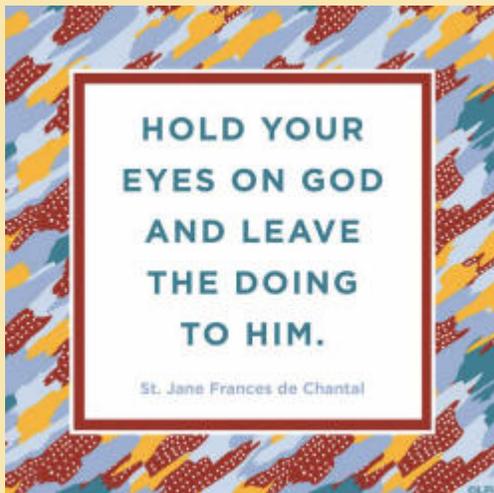
8:30am (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
 8:30am (R) Therese Pippig by John Pippig, Jr.

Saturday, July 10

4:30pm (I) Mass for Parishioners

Sunday, July 11

8:00am (R) Al & Bette Johnson
 by Marcia Moser & Joan Waldron
 8:00am (R) June Schott by Louise Melton
 10:30am (I) William Goveas by Goveas Family
 10:30am (I) Gretchen Cahill by Tufto Family



People brought children to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them. –Mt 19:13-14

Reflection: The Apostles mistakenly thought that Jesus didn't have time for the children, that they were not important enough for His attention, that they were a distraction from His mission.

Instead, Jesus indicates that they are at the heart of His mission.

Prayer: Lord, the kingdom belongs to children. Grant that we may treat them accordingly.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for July - **Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mercy San Juan Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested in becoming a hospital Eucharistic Minister, or if you have additional questions, please contact Matt Sanders at 916-537-5098 or Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org. A current Eucharistic Minister at the hospital said: "bringing communion to the patients is one of the most rewarding things that a person can do."

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

Albert Gonzales	George Snyder, Sr.	Kathy Houser
Auroa Deese	Gianna Atilano	Louis Patterson
Betty Cerato	Howie Hoel	Lynn Warner
Bruce King	James English	Ralph Virgen
Charles J. Ortner	Jody Martinez	Veronica Saenz

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

There will be a collection **this** weekend, July 3rd & 4th, for the St. Mel Maintenance & Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facilities. Thank you for your generosity.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding anniversaries for the month of July will be recognized at all Masses this weekend.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND FAITH DIRECT

If you have started making your donations to St. Mel through FaithDirect, please let the office know so that your name can be removed from the contribution envelope mailing list. Thank you. 916-967-1229 or stmeloffice@yahoo.com.

 Attention Parents and Godparents. The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish office to register to attend. 916-967-1229

DONATE YOUR CAR FOR CHARITY

The **Father Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund** partnered with Donate for Charity, Inc. to help donate your vehicle to support local religious education and vocations. It's easy, just go to <http://www.donateforcharity.com/car-donation-form/> OR call Donate For Charity directly at (866) 392-4483.



BE AWARE!

Emails and text messages are being sent from people claiming to be Father Aldrin. If you receive a text or an email asking you to buy gift cards DO NOT RESPOND. Father will never ask for help in this way. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office. 916-967-1229.

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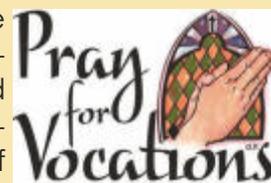
A REMINDER

Before entering the Adoration Chapel, remember that you are in the Real Presence of Our Lord. Please refrain from talking and be sure to turn off your cell phone. This will be greatly appreciated by the other Adorers.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves.

Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing of you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



ST. MEL SCHOOL AND CFF NEWS

CFF Classes

We wish all CFF families a wonderful summer! We are still waiting to hear what our format will be next year. As soon as we know, you will know. If you have any questions please email Sara Donnelly, ccd@stmelschool.org.

ST MEL SCHOOL SCRIP

Now more than ever St. Mel School needs our help. You can purchase Scrip by calling or emailing Regina Edwards, Scrip Coordinator, at 916-752-3878 or Edwardsfamily@Reagan.com. You can also order online at ShopwithScrip.com by using the St. Mel enrollment code, 3DL76FEA2151L. All Scrip orders will be sent directly to Regina who will then arrange delivery. Thank you for your support of St. Mel School!



ALTAR SERVERS – RETURN TO SERVICE

Great news! Bishop Soto has approved the return of Altar Servers at Mass and we are ready! We have missed you immensely, and so has the congregation. We are grateful to Michael and Andrew for their service over the last few months. We need and want MORE of you back. And we welcome new servers. ALL ages, from second-twelfth grade are WELCOME.

If you have been an altar server and are ready to return, please contact us so we can update your information and get you back on the roster. If you are in second grade and have already received your First Holy Communion, you are eligible to be a server at St. Mel. We will ask you to fill out an information form and set you up with training, followed by 2-3 training Masses before you can begin serving a weekend Mass.

Please contact us if you are ready to return, if you are new and want to begin, or with any questions. Dave Murray, 916-716-5187; daddrmur-ray@comcast.net

KNIGHTS CORNER

“ONE NATION, UNDER GOD”



Did you know this phrase was not originally in our Pledge of Allegiance? The pledge we recite today is credited to Francis Bellamy, who wrote the words in 1892 and was then formally adopted by Congress in 1942. The title, “The Pledge of Allegiance”, was officially adopted in 1945. In 1951, the Knights of Columbus began a campaign to gain public support for the addition of “under God”. With encouragement from the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to our congressional representatives, a bill was submitted and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, adding “under God” to our Pledge of Allegiance on June 14 (Flag Day), 1954. **Have a Happy 4th of July!**

We are always looking for Catholic men, 18 years and older, who would like to join the Knights of Columbus. We have several events coming up that we are looking for additional volunteers. You do not have to be a Knight to help, but you can come and see what we do and how we work together to serve others. See below for some of the opportunities to get involved. Find out more about the Knights of Columbus at www.KofC.org. To join, go to this website and click on “Join Us”.

Rummage Sale Meeting for Volunteers – There will be a meeting on July 8th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center for all **Rummage Sale** volunteers. We will discuss scheduling and details for the week of the sale Sunday, July 25th through – August 1st.

Rummage Sale Donations Needed – Did the pandemic give you time to clean out your garage? Donations of clean, unbroken, usable items for the Rummage Sale will be accepted Sunday, July 25th from noon – 3pm and July 26 – 29 from 4pm – 6pm.

Our Knights of Columbus **50th Anniversary Golf Charity FUNDraiser** on August 14th at Rancho Murieta Country Club. For additional details and to sign up or become a sponsor, please visit our Council website at: www.KofC6066.org

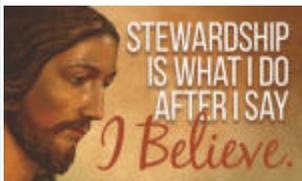
The **Installation Ceremony** for our newly elected Knights of Columbus Council Officers, followed by the **Past Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner**, will be on July 10th after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass. Tickets for the chicken dinner will be \$20.00 each. Reservations must be received by July 5th. Please RSVP via phone, text or email to: John Brennan - 916-548-4962, JPBrennan7262@gmail.com. All are welcome to join the Knights as we remember and honor our Past Grand Knights.

Please contact me if you have any questions. John Brennan - 916-548-4962, JPBrennan7262@gmail.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.



When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

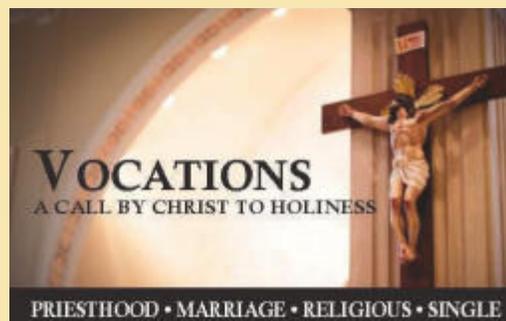
All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

We are happy to announce that the Rosary will again be said before all weekend Masses. The schedule is:

Saturday 4:30PM – Rosary begins at 3:40PM
 Sunday 8:00AM – Rosary begins at 7:10AM
 Sunday 10:30AM – Rosary begins at 9:40AM



We pray for vocations. But vocations are not just to the priesthood. A vocation is to marriage, the diaconate, religious life as a monk, nun, and brother. There are orders (groups) all around the world, active (working) and contemplative (just praying) and they all have different charisms (jobs). Vocation comes from the Latin verb *vocare*, which means "to call, or summon". So we are called to a religious life or to marriage as a vocation, and it will change our lives!

VIRTUAL QUO VADIS BOYS RETREAT

Fr. Memo Hernandez, the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento invites all boys aged 13 to 17 to attend this Zoom retreat in order to help boys grow in their faith and explore the vocation that the Lord has for him. The retreat will be August 5 through 8. Register at www.scd.org/quovadis for more information call the diocese at 916-733-0258 or email Marisela at msmith@scd.org



Tune in to hear inspiring and faith filled conversations with guests such as Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, from EWTN, Fr. Matthew Spencer, OSJ, from Relevant Radio and many more. Shows are on Comcast Channel 20, Consolidated 19 and AT&T 14. Sundays 7:00am, Tuesday 9:30am, Wednesday 8:30pm and Thursday 5:00pm. All episodes are also uploaded to YouTube and the Catholic Viewpoint website www.catholicviewpointfhl.com.

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Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is working on the bulletin advertising for the upcoming year. If you own a business, please consider sponsoring an ad in the bulletin. The revenue from the ads makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. If you know of any other business in the community that might like to support St. Mel, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. As you might imagine, we could use some extra support this year, as many businesses have suffered because of COVID-19 and other recent tensions. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!

If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Gina Shaughnessy at 952-356-6488, or gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

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Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church reminds and recognizes that their consciences are not yet fully developed, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.



Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

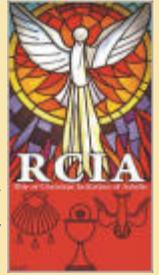
Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
 Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
 and remember that, in all we do or say,
 you are with us, here this day.
 We are thankful for all you do
 and for everything you have given us.
 But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
 and the ability to protect others' freedom.
 We are free because of you.
 We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
 Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

GOD Bless AMERICA

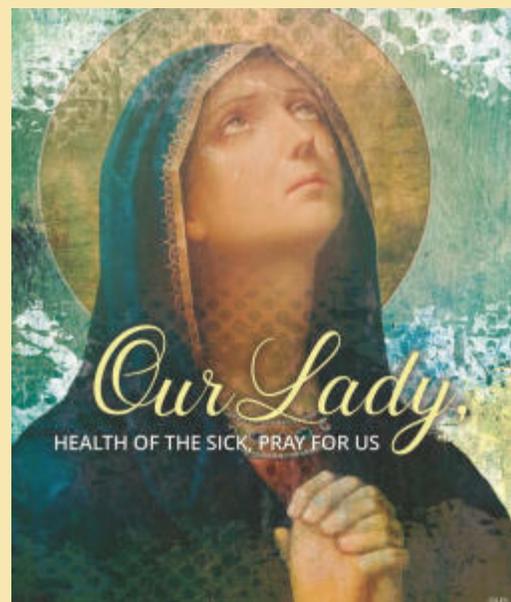
RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about it? Join RCIA to learn about the teachings and Doctrines of the Catholic Church, ask questions, grow in your faith! If you need to be baptized, or confirmed, or come from a Protestant Faith background and feel God is calling you to become Catholic, or perhaps you just want to know more, contact Michael Faber at (916)719-5565, or e-mail mfaber@elkgrove.net. RCIA is held every Sunday from 8:00AM until 10:45AM.



LOAVES & FISHES VOLUNTEERS

Want a great way to fulfill Christ's call to feed the hungry? St. Mel Parish needs volunteers to help in the meal preparation area at Loaves & Fishes on the first Friday of each month. This is a rewarding and humbling experience to help those who are hungry and less fortunate. It usually is about a 3-5-hour commitment. You do not need to serve every month. Volunteers are welcome to help when it fits into your schedule. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Richard Phelps 916-807-0943 (phone or text). Email Richard at: wetduck33@gmail.com



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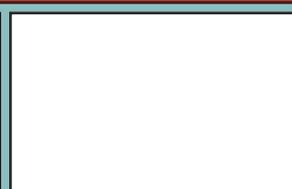
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