

January 16, 2022 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK OF PRAYER  
*for Christian Unity*

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21



ST. MEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

***The Mission of St. Mel Parish***

*We joyfully live our Catholic faith for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God gives His sons and daughters to build up the body of Christ and serve Him in the needs of one another.*

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**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*

*Please go to the St. Mel Facebook page to view the live stream.*

**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

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)**

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**Visit Jesus!**



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has several openings. Visit <https://stmel.weadorehim.com> to see the full schedule. All are welcome!

Contact Scott Crow at 916-204-0949 or [stmeladoration@yahoo.com](mailto:stmeladoration@yahoo.com) for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**NEW BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to [stmeloffice@yahoo.com](mailto: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
January 22 - 23	January 12
January 29 - 30	January 19
February 5 - 6	January 26
February 12 - 13	February 2

**Commentators & Altar Servers  
 January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Arledge	Lillian & Dylan
SUN 8:00AM	Karelius	Luke & John Michael
SUN 10:30AM	O'Grady / Wagner G	Garrett

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Albert Souza  
Amanda Barron  
Andrew Cobb  
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Arie Cornelis  
Arlene Michaels  
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Kathryn Hesia  
Larry Williams  
Linda Lambrite  
Louella Mortensen  
Maggie Harrington  
Margaret Hesia  
Margie Reilly  
Marvin Schluttenhofer  
Mary Jane Rocha  
Marylou Tavera  
Melanie & Sally Edwards  
Mike Browning  
Mike Tompkins  
Nick Oakes  
Norma Kaufman  
Pat Woods  
Patti Stevens  
Paul & Marti Gohring  
Rhonda Morgan  
Rita Vicory  
Ron Barbour  
Ron Barton  
Ron & Judy Martinez  
Ronnie Denton  
Rosemary Easter  
Rudy Rodoni  
Sara Donnelly  
Susan Arthur  
Talon Bonanno  
Teresa Lee  
Tracy Kent  
Victoria Hummer  
Walter Thompson

## TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



### Sunday, January 16

- 8:00am (I) Thanksgiving  
by Komorniczak Family
- 8:00am (I) Faith Russell by Goveas Family
- 10:30am (R) Kathleen Gohring by Paul Gohring
- 10:30am (R) Sean Michael Linehan  
by Linda, Danielle & Katie Linehan

### Monday, January 17

- 8:30am (R) Victor Albert Sucheski  
by Alicia Cadell Family
- 8:30am (R) Alvin Albert Adams  
by Alicia Cadell Family

### Tuesday, January 18

- 8:30am (R) Halina, Arkadiusz & Mariola  
by Anna Komorniczak
- 8:30am (R) Robert Alves  
by Judy & Jesse Bravo
- 8:30am (R) Linda June Miranda  
by Alicia Cadell Family

### Wednesday, January 19

No Mass

### Thursday, January 20

- 8:30am (R) Ann Woody Spry  
by Alicia Cadell Family
- 8:30am (R) Mario Tronci by Pugno Family
- 8:30am (R) Margi Dalmas by McKee Family

### Friday, January 21

- 8:30am (I) Gabe DeGuzman  
by St. Mel School
- 8:30am (I) Melvyn Goveas by Goveas Family

### Saturday, January 22

- 4:30pm (I) Sara Donnelly  
by Mary Ann Henrikson

### Sunday, January 23

- 8:00am (R) Kathleen Gohring by Paul Gohring
- 8:00am (R) Barbara Erti by Costa Family
- 10:30am (R) Steve Drobeck by Julie Cervantes
- 10:30am (R) Dale Barngrover by Usher Ministry



God created human beings in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female he created them.

~ **Genesis 1:27**

**Reflection:** It is only of God that the word "create" is used, because only He is the one Who can bring life out of nothing. The sanctity of life has its root in the unique relationship that human beings have with their Creator.

Life is sacred because it comes from God, belongs to God, and returns to God

**Prayer:** *Thank you Father of Life, for creating every human being, born and unborn, healthy and sick.*

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for January-**For true human fraternity**

*We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

## MASK WHILE AT MASS

We kindly ask that everyone respects Bishop Soto's request to wear a mask while attending Mass. Many of us do wear a mask. **Thank you!**

Your fellow parishioners will appreciate your compliance to this minor inconvenience. Consider it a small act of kindness to others.



The Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. **The office is closed on Friday and holidays.**



## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Monthly Food Drive to support St. Vincent de Paul is **next** weekend January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. St. Vincent de Paul is requesting single-serve, individually wrapped items such as sandwich crackers, flip top cans of tuna or chicken salad, cookies, and cookies. These items will help them serve the homeless community safely.



Donations can be left in the plastic containers in the church vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office Monday - Thursday between 9:00AM and 1:00PM. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Mel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 6:30PM in the church. **New voices are always welcome!** Looking forward to gathering, singing, and praying with you again. Please arrive 5 or 10 mins early so that we can start on time. Questions? Contact Aaron Thompson, Director of Music, at stmelmusic@outlook.com.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer group is now meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church. Please enter from the upper parking lot. Join us for praise, worship, and healing prayer. For information please call Chris 916-715-1162 or Karen Juten 916-712-3706.

## Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

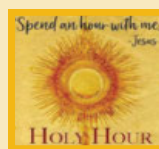
You are invited to a Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: *We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him* (cf. Matthew 2:2). This Special Event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. The Special Event will consist of three key segments:

**Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15 p.m.)** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address the topic of: *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*

**Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.)** will be Rev. Rola Al Ashkar of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and her topic is: *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*

**Worship Prayer Service (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)** led by 18 Christian faith leaders, with the sermon delivered by Rev. Aidan Rontani of the Episcopal Church.

*This Special Event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento), and also will be available through Livestream (link information will be announced soon).* There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.



Join Deacon Jack and Deacon Dave for Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament- Exposition, Adoration and Benediction the First Friday of each month. The next Holy Hour will be February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the Church. Just before the Holy Hour, from 6:00 to 6:30PM, the Rosary for an increase in Vocations is said. Please join us.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM



Attention Parents and Godparents. The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish office to register to attend. 916-967-1229

## ST. MEL SCHOOL AND CFF NEWS

### CFF Classes

CFF will be a homeschool format for at least the first 6 months of the 2021-22 School Year. Registration is open now. The registration form is available on [stmelchurch.org](http://stmelchurch.org) under Faith Formation - Religious Education for Children. If you have any questions please email Sara Donnelly, [ccd@stmelschool.org](mailto: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](mailto:Edwardsfamily@Reagan.com). You can also order online at [ShopwithScrip.com](http://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

Altar Servers are being scheduled to serve at all Masses. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Dave Murray for information about training. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you are eligible to be a server at St. Mel. ALL ages, from second-twelfth grade are WELCOME. Dave Murray, 916-716-5187 or [dddmurray@comcast.net](mailto:dddmurray@comcast.net)

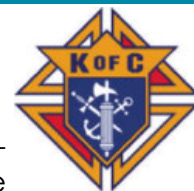
### REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

We are pleased to invite you to our Open House at Regina Caeli Academy - 6365 Douglas Blvd. Granite Bay, January 24th at 1pm.

RCA is a hybrid academy, serving students in grades Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Catholic tradition. RCA provides fully accredited academic and extracurricular classes for homeschoolers. Students attend classes using the Socratic method two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days. For more information visit [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org) or call Hannah Hollcraft, Center Coordinator, of Education at 530.444.2133 We look forward to welcoming you to RCA!

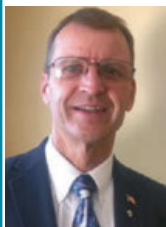
## KNIGHTS CORNER

### January is the Month for Life



The Knights of Columbus are continuing to support LIFE through the month of January with a Novena for Life. A novena is a term used to describe a spiritual devotion consisting of saying a set of prayers for, traditionally, nine days. The Knights of Columbus California State Council is leading a Novena for Life from January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 21<sup>st</sup> and you are welcome to join in. The Novena For Life will be a Live-streamed on the California State Council YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfmywCDeaH0KovuyOhSXWPQ>) and also on the California State Council Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/kofccalifornia>). It will start at 7:00 PM each night for nine nights.

Are you a Catholic gentleman, 18 years of age or older, and interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus? Visit our website: [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org) and click on "Join" at the top. The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization, helping bring communities together.



Please contact me if you have any questions. John Brennan - 916-548-4962, [JPBrennan7262@gmail.com](mailto:JPBrennan7262@gmail.com)

## 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!

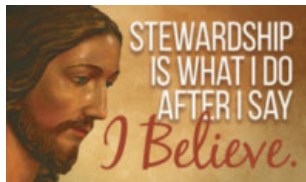
Emails and text messages are being sent from people claiming to be Father Aldrin. If you receive a text or an email asking you to buy gift cards DO NOT RESPOND. Father will never ask for help in this way. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. 916-967-1229.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to



be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

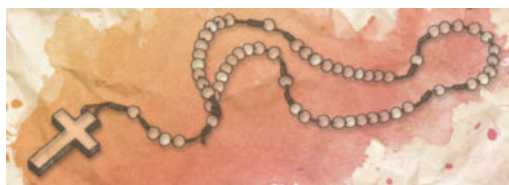
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



In 2014 Pope Francis directed a new program to help young men in discerning the call to Priesthood. It is called the The Propaedeutic Year. It is a pre-seminary preparation program to prepare men who have been accepted by their bishops for priestly studies to enter into the philosophical and theological disciplines. Both seminaries that our Diocese sends men to have initiated the Propaedeutic Year and it is being received very well.

**Action Item:** You can help your children and grandchildren learn to listen to God's quiet voice by taking them to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel for a regular Holy Hour.

## 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.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH RETREATS

The 2021-2022 Christ the King Parish Retreat theme is "**God's Dream for Our World**" to ponder God's dream for our world, though the lens of sacred scripture and storytelling. We invite all to come and probe the depth of God's Love for us in Christ as we gather in prayer, study, meditation, sacraments, and rest. The **WOMEN'S retreat** for St. Mel will be **MARCH 4-6** (but also available: March 25-27, April 1-10 and 22-24) and the men have several options (Feb 4-6, 11-13, 25-27 and April 1-3). Please reserve your spot today by calling your Parish Coordinator Martha Styer at 916-962-3307 or the CTK at 916-725-4720 Ext 301. You can also register online at <http://christthekingretreatcenter.org>. If you're unable to attend our parish date, sign up for other date. *Accept this invitation as a precious gift to yourself as you awaken and rejuvenate the spirit within you.* Please know: no one is refused because of inability to pay full amount.



## ST. SEBASTIAN

### Feast Day January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.



We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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## Dale Barngrover Memorial Book Fund Collection

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Dale converted to the Catholic Faith in June, 2020. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed to his eternal reward on Oct. 16, 2021.



Dale's family would like to share his religious collection with you.

Please help yourself to a book for a suggested minimum \$5 donation (or what you are able from your generosity.)

All collected donations will go to the Knights of Columbus to assist St. Mel in new technology and security improvements at the parish.

Please place your donation in the collection box labeled "DALE BARNGROVER MEMORIAL BOOK FUND COLLECTION"

## REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables in your car when you go to Mass. There have been break-ins in the parking lot.

## How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go



all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE

On behalf of the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, whose donation box is in our back parking lot behind the Adoration Chapel, thank you for your generosity. We offer one reminder though, please kindly consider what you put in. For both practical and safety issues the store cannot accept some items.

- Anything with Missing Parts or Structural Damage
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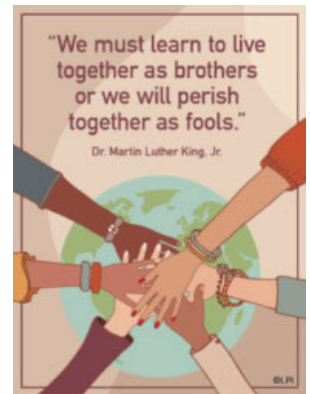
## A PRAYER FOR A JUST SOCIETY

Heavenly Father, You create every human person in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family, united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom to protect this dignity and life at all stages.

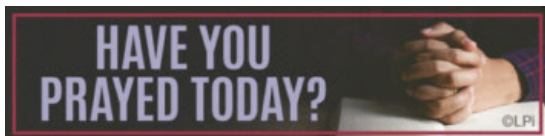
Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable. Good and Gracious God, make our hearts to love like Yours.

Amen.



The Usher Ministry is looking for men and women to help during all weekend Masses. If you would like to find out more about this important ministry, contact Jack Valle at [jvalle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvalle@sbcglobal.net) 916-397-9920 or Bruce Kuban at [bkuban123@aol.com](mailto:bkuban123@aol.com) 916-390-9836.



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# COUNTRY BREAKFAST

February 6, 2022 9am-12:30pm

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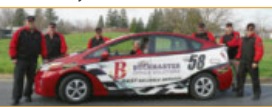
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