



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Catholic Church

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 8:30am

Saturday | 5pm

Saturday | 7pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday | 8am, 10am

Sunday | 12pm (*Spanish*)

### CONFESSIONS

Friday | 7:30am - 8:15am

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:45pm

or by appointment.

## CLERGY

### PASTOR

Rev. John Taosan

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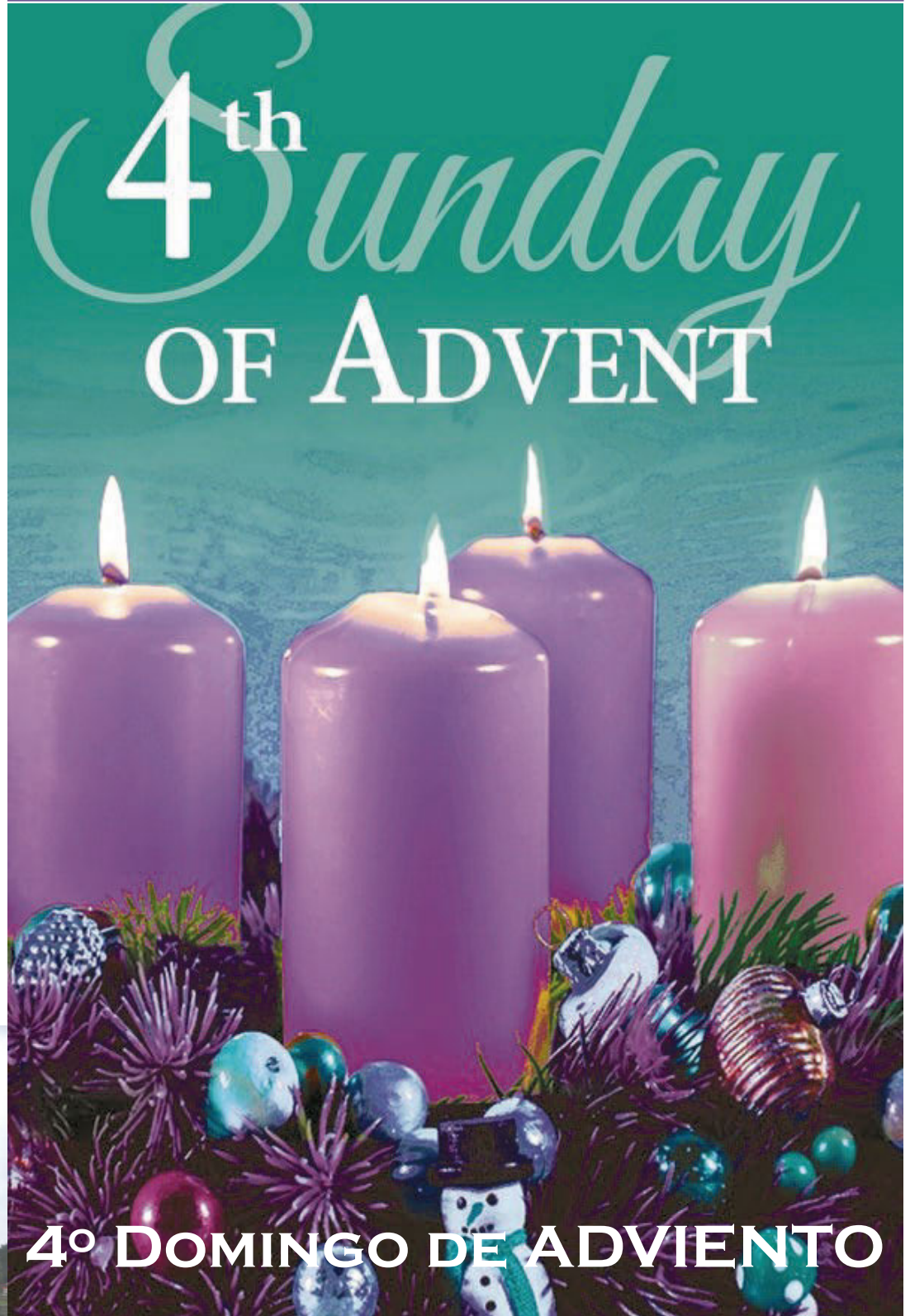
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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

## 4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



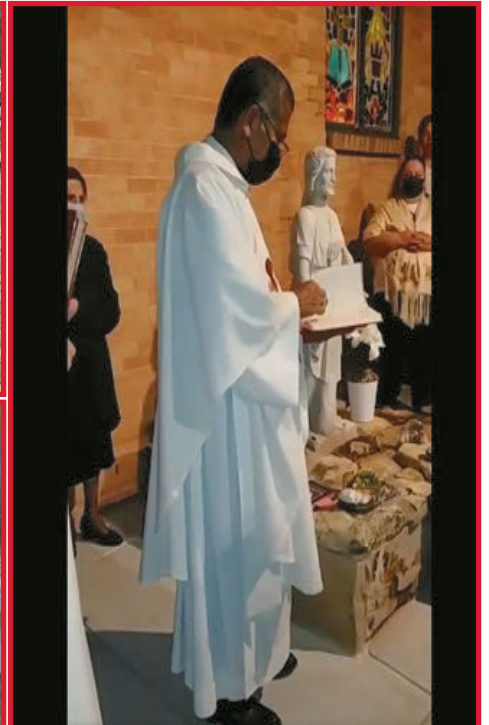
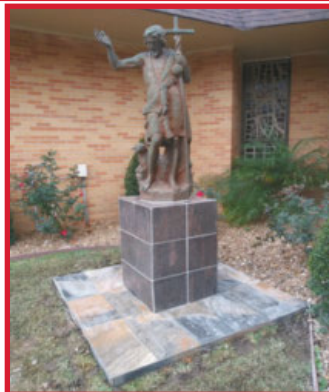
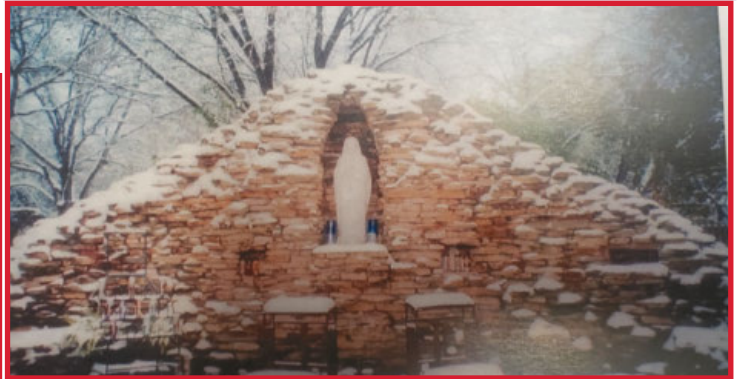
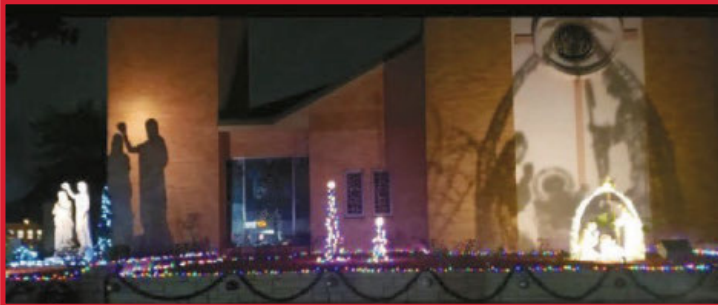
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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**Brothers and Sisters:** I feel blessed these days by your generosity that comes in so many different ways. I see it in the kitchen, people cooking and baking for families in need and for the Church. People get involved in decorating, cleaning the Church and the Shrine of our Lady, redoing the landscape around the church and the rectory including setting up the statue of St. Joseph at its new location outside the church by the ramp to the front door. I also saw your generosity your financial gifts for the church. A number of big checks came in to our mailbox and weekend collection baskets. I honor the wishes of the givers not to mention them but I must share my gratitude to God for their show of generosity. God is good all the time, all the time God is generous. For those of you who do not know the origin of the statue of Saint Joseph, here is a brief story. The St Joseph statue was donated by Mr. Ronald "Butch" Pucek II in 1987 for the Grotto that was removed on January 15, 2019. Some of the stones and statues from the Grotto were stored for later use within the church grounds. On Dec 4, 2021, St Joseph was installed in its new location near the church entrance. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception the Statue was blessed. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. I'd like to thank all that were involved in this beautiful story. **Blessings, Father John Taosan**

**Hermanos y Hermanas:** Me siento bendecido estos días por su generosidad que viene de muchas maneras diferentes. Lo veo en la cocina, gente cocinando y horneando para familias necesitadas y para la Iglesia. La gente se involucra en la decoración, limpieza de la Iglesia y el Santuario de Nuestra Señora, rehaciendo el paisaje alrededor de la iglesia y la rectoría, incluida la instalación de la estatua de San José en su nueva ubicación fuera de la iglesia junto a la rampa que conduce a la puerta principal. También vi su generosidad con sus donaciones financieras para la iglesia. Recibimos varios cheques grandes en nuestro buzón de correo y en las canastas de recolección de fin de semana. Honro los deseos de los donantes por no mencionarlos, pero debo compartir mi gratitud a Dios por su muestra de generosidad. Dios es bueno todo el tiempo, todo el tiempo Dios es generoso. Para aquellos de ustedes que no conocen el origen de la estatua de San José, aquí hay una breve historia. La estatua de San José fue donada por el Sr. Ronald "Butch" Pucek II en 1987 para la Gruta que fue removida el 15 de Enero de 2019. Algunas de las piedras y estatuas de la Gruta se almacenaron para su uso posterior dentro de los terrenos de la iglesia. El 4 de Diciembre de 2021, San José se instaló en su nueva ubicación cerca de la entrada de la iglesia. En la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción se bendijo la estatua. El Papa Francisco describe a San José como un padre amado, un padre tierno y amoroso, un padre obediente, un padre que acepta; un padre creativamente valiente, un padre trabajador, un padre en las sombras. Me gustaría agradecer a todos los que participaron en esta hermosa historia. **Bendiciones, Padre Juan Taosan**





**Altar Flowers  
In Memory:  
†Alice Adame**



## DEVOCIONES 12/18/21



### La Sagrada Familia

Fam. Zuñiga  
Niños: Jimena & Stephany



### Crucifijo de Vocaciones

Fam. Guzman



### Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Fam. Mata



### Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Fam. Sánchez

*Salmo 80: Oh Señor, ¡Haz que volvamos hacer lo que fuimos!  
¡Miranos con buenos ojos y estaremos a salvo!*

## SATURDAY, SABADO DECEMBER 18

5:00pm †Rudolph & †Annie Appelt

7:00pm †Ruben Hernandez

## SUNDAY, DOMINGO DECEMBER 19

8:00am †Paul Jackson & Piper Jackson Birthday

10:00am †For the People

12:00pm †Melissa Wissman

## MONDAY, LUNES DECEMBER 20

8:30am †Maria Guadalupe Campos

## TUESDAY, MARTES DECEMBER 21

8:30am †Noelia Salinas

## WED, MIERCOLES DECEMBER 22

8:30am Patty Miglicco Wheeler

## THURSDAY, JUEVES DECEMBER 23

8:30am Enrique & Graciela Lares 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## FRIDAY, VIERNES DECEMBER 24

4:00pm Calvin Taylor Birthday

7:00pm †Agustina Martinez

10:30pm †Ed & †Dorothy Kocian

## SUNDAY READING

### First Reading:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

### Second Reading:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

### Gospel:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

## Stewardship for December 11 & 12, 2021

*Offering \$12,442.50*

*Retirement for Religious \$2,470.00*

*Immaculate Conception \$2,278.00*

*Virgen de Guadalupe \$548.00*

## SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECTA

-Today's second collection is for *DSF*

-La segunda colecta de hoy es para *DSF*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

**Friday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

## NOVEMBER

### FINANCE REPORT

**Income Total** \$77,762

**Expense Total** \$66,522

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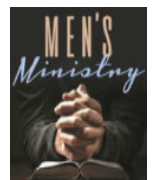
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### Pray for Vocations Crucifix Schedule

5:00pm Jan 1 Magda & Jerry Gwodz  
8:00am Jan 2 Antonio & Carmen Arreola  
10:00am Jan 2 Marguerite & Curtis Bagwell



To Participate please contact Mary Cortinas 409-789-9931

## NEWS & EVENTS

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Cooking for the Priests!  
Cocinado para los Padres!  
Thank you Gracias  
AMSIF!

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00pm Mass (English)  
7:00pm Mass (Spanish)  
10:30pm Mass (English)



#### December 25th—Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am Mass (Bilingual)  
12:00pm Mass (Indonesian Comm)  
5:00pm Mass (English)  
7:00pm Mass (Spanish)



### Holy Hour / Hora Santa

English Holy Hour Every  
Wednesday 6:30pm



Hora Santa en Español  
Primer Viernes  
después de la Misa de 7:00pm  
Everyone is Welcome  
Todos son Bienvenidos

### From Father John and all the Staff



The parish office will be closed  
Dec 23, 24 and 27th.  
La oficina de la Parroquia estará  
cerada Dec 23, 24 y 27.

We would like to Remind everyone that the **Chapel of Perpetual Adoration** is open 24 hours a day & 7 days a week; except during Mass times. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus and become an adorer or would like to be a substitute please contact us. Also at this time we have 3 hours available:

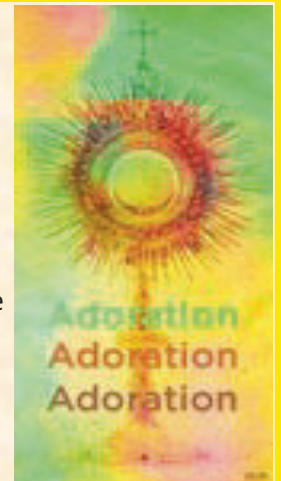
THURSDAY (12-1 AM), FRIDAY (1-2 AM) and SATURDAY (2-3 AM).

CONTACT: Prisciliano DeLaPaz (832-474-0671) or Lupe Rodríguez (832-385-2763).

Nos gustaría recordarles a todos que la **Capilla de la Adoración Perpetua** está abierta las 24 horas del día y los 7 días de la semana excepto durante las misas. Si quieres pasar una hora con Jesús y convertirte en un adorador o quieres ser un sustituto por favor contáctanos. También en este momento tenemos 3 horas disponibles:

JUEVES (12-1 AM), VIERNES (1-2 AM), y SÁBADO (2-3 AM)

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Ministry / Ministerio

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas with nearly 65,000 members in 1,150 courts. The local court has a membership of approximately 110 members who work throughout the year of St. John the Baptist Catholic Daughters to raise money with which to support local, state, and national charitable projects. All Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The CDA misión statement is:

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith, working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of rights and human dignity for all”

Monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

## HIJAS CATÓLICAS

Hijas Católicas de las Americas es una de las organizaciones más antiguas y grandes de las mujeres Católicas en el continente Americano con cerca de 65,000 miembros en 1,150 tribunales. El tribunal local tiene una membresía de aproximadamente 110 miembros que trabajan todo el año para recaudar dinero para apoyar a nivel local, estatal y nacional, proyectos de caridad.

Toda mujer Católica mayor de 18 años esta invitada a unirse a las Hijas Católicas de las Americas.

La declaración de misión de CDA es:

“Hijas Católicas de las Americas se esfuerzan por adoptar el principio de la fe que obra por amor en la promoción de la justicia, la igualdad y la promoción de los derechos y la dignidad humana para todos”

Las reuniones mensuales se llevan a cabo el 3<sup>er</sup> jueves de cada mes a las 7:00pm en el Salón Parroquial.

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Santa Bendides



† Alonzo Flores †

**4º Domingo de Adviento, 19 de Diciembre** Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: "Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá" (Lucas 1:39). Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su "sí", trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. "¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?" La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. "Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel". María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: "¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?" (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018). Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discipula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su parienta Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



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