



*St. Gabriel & Prince of Peace
Catholic Churches*

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2nd Sunday
OF ADVENT
2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

- Mk 1:3

Voz del que clama en el desierto:

*“Preparen el camino del Señor,
enderezan sus senderos”.*

- Mc 1, 3

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December 6, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent / 2º Domingo de Adviento



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Starting July 6th

Reduced Office Hours at St. Gabriel:

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Parish Office: (360) 876-2762 Parish Fax: (360) 228-7008

Reduced Office Hours at Prince of Peace:

Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Prince of Peace Phone: (360) 275-8760 Fax: (360) 275-0742

Online Mass Reservations:

<https://calendly.com/stgabriel-princeofpeace>

St. Gabriel Mass Schedule

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 11:00 AM (limit 20 people)

Saturday: 6:30 PM (limit 90 people)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (limit 90 people)

11:00 AM (limit 90 people)

Prince of Peace Mass Schedule

Thursday (Jueves) at 10:00 AM (limit 20 people)

Saturday (Sabado) at 4:30 PM (limit 50 people)

Sunday (Domingo) at 9:30 AM (limit 50 people)

Baptismal Preparation

To make arrangements to attend baptismal preparation class please call the Faith Formation Office.

Sacramental Preparation

To sign up for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation classes, please contact the Faith Formation Office. These classes require 2 years of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual confessions every Saturday at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Please contact the office 1 year prior to the anticipated wedding date before making other arrangements. Please contact Deacon John Ricciardi.

Care of the Sick and Anointing

Communal anointing of the sick is scheduled on the First Wednesday of the month at the 11:00 AM daily Mass.

Individual anointing by the pastor or home visits by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can be arranged through the Parish Office. *In case of an emergency concerning death or dying please call (360) 876-2762 Ext #1*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Initiation into the Catholic faith is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. To learn more about this spiritual journey contact the Faith Formation Office.

Bulletin Submissions All bulletin submissions should be given to the Parish Office in writing/email no later than Friday at noon 2 weeks before you want the article to be run.

New Parishioners/Registration Are you new to the parish? If so, Welcome! Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket.

Moving? If you recently moved or are planning on moving, please don't forget to update your address and contact information here at the parish. We want to make sure that any parish mailings get to you.

You can give online for all stewardship and special collections:

<https://stgabepo.weshareonline.org/> or

<https://popbelfair.weshareonline.org/>

Dear Parishioners:

--**This Tuesday, December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary** (*Patronal Feast day of the United States of America*) **Mass is at 11:00 AM.**

---The **Second Sunday of Advent Season** every year, we encounter the voice of **John the Baptist** in the desert echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah: "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths... ..*" John heard, experienced and lived God's liberating word in the desert and was thus able to preach it to others so effectively because his life and message were one.

John the Baptist is the *Advent prophet*. His image is often portrayed in the finger pointing to the one who was coming: **Jesus Christ**. If we are to take on John's role of preparing the way in today's world, *our lives also will become the pointing fingers of living witnesses who demonstrate that Jesus can be found and that he is near*. John gave the people of his time an experience of forgiveness and salvation, knowing full well that he himself was not **the Messiah**, the one who could save. Do we allow others to have experiences of God, **of forgiveness and of salvation?**

John the Baptist came to teach us that there is a way out of the *darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition*, and **that way is Jesus himself. The Messiah** comes to save us from the powers of darkness and death, and to put us back on the path of peace and reconciliation so that we might find our way back to God.

Taking these clues from **John the Baptist, the last prophet in the New Testament**, each of us and our parish community are preparing the way of the Lord in a "*physical and spiritual way*". The *many activities* are taking place in our lives and in our parish community symbolized this physical process of preparation. I hope that, as you participate in the many activities (*from bulletins and announcements*) from our parish community early in this Advent Season, will lead all of us to that special preparation for the Lord coming into our lives and our world.

Here are a few examples:

--**Tree of Love** (*Christmas Giving Tree*) - Take a name tag at the Main Entrance or Religious Education Wing and consider giving a Christmas gift for a person in need.

--Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Mother of North America*) - **Saturday & Sunday December 12th & 13th.**

--**Simbang Gabi** - Novena in preparation for Christmas - **Saturday & Sunday December 19th & 20th.**

--**Individual Reconciliation: Every Saturdays** from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM and **Sundays in December** from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

Especially the week before Christmas: **Tuesday, Dec 15th 12:00 - 1:00 PM; Wednesday, Dec. 16th 12:00 - 1:00 PM; Friday, Dec. 18th 12:00 - 1:00 PM.**

---**The Calendar Year** is coming to the end soon. I'd like to take this opportunity "**to thank**" for your participation in many different ministries and volunteer opportunities in our parish community. Especially, I'd like to thank for your **Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure in a unique year of 2020**. Please be aware that "**all tax deductible contribution**" to the parish has to be done in the last week of December up to December 31st to be included for 2020.

Christ's Peace, Fr. Phuong Hoang

What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: #490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.: The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

#491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware the Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

¿Qué es la Inmaculada Concepción?

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica lo explica así: # 490 Para convertirse en la madre del Salvador, María "fue enriquecida por Dios con dones apropiados para tal función: el ángel Gabriel en el momento de la anunciación la saluda como "llena de gracia ". De hecho, para que María pudiera dar el libre asentimiento de su fe al anuncio de su vocación, era necesario que estuviera totalmente soportada por la gracia de Dios.

491 A lo largo de los siglos la Iglesia se ha vuelto cada vez más consciente de que María, "llena de gracia" por Dios, fue redimida desde el momento de su concepción. Eso es lo que confiesa el dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción, como proclamó el Papa Pío IX en 1854: La Santísima Virgen María fue, desde el primer momento de su concepción, por gracia y privilegio singular de Dios todopoderoso y en virtud de los méritos de Jesucristo, Salvador del género humano, preservada inmune de toda mancha del pecado original.

Catholic Answers

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

GLPI

Readings for the week of December 6th

Sunday, December 6

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3: 8-14; Mk 1: 1-8

Monday, December 7

Is 35: 1-10; Ps 85: 9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday, December 8

Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38

Wednesday, December 9

Is 40: 25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11: 28-30

Thursday, December 10

Is 41: 13-20; Ps 145: 1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11: 11-15

Friday, December 11

Is 48: 17-19; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11: 16-19

Saturday, December 12

Zec 2: 14-17; Jdt 13: 18bcde, 19; Lk 1: 26-38

Sunday, December 13

Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1: 46-48, 49-50, 51-54; 1 Thes 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de Diciembre

Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

Is 40, 1-5, 9-11; Sal 85, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pe 2, 8-14; Mc 1, 1-8

Lunes, 7 de Diciembre

Is 35, 1-10; Sal 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 5: 17-26

Martes, 8 de Diciembre

Gn 3, 9-15, 20; Sal 98, 1, 2-3, 3-4; Ef 1, 3-6, 11-12; Lc 1, 26-38

Miércoles, 9 de Diciembre

Is 40, 25-31; Sal 103, 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves 10 de Diciembre

Is 41, 13-20; Sal 145, 1, 9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 11, 11-15

Viernes, 11 de Diciembre

Is 48, 17-19; Sal 1, 1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11, 16-19

Sábado, 12 de Diciembre

Zac 2, 14-17; Jdt 13, 18, 19; Lc 1, 26-38

Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

Is 61, 1-2, 10-11; Lc 1, 46-48, 49-50, 51-54; 1 Tes 5, 16-24; Jn 1, 6-8, 19-28



Remember in Your Prayers

Pope Francis' December Intention: For a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

General Prayers: Parishioners awaiting test results, those residing at Retsil, medical facilities & at retirement centers, the home-bound, imprisoned, unemployed, and for our military loved ones in service around the world.

Prayers for the Sick: In your kindness and charity towards others, please pray for Lorenzo Abeyta, Anthony Bianchini, Bernie Boyd, Bryan Feik, Mary K. Irwin, Maria Martin, Marge Murphy, Donald Myers, Rodrick family, Amy Roth, Leopoldo San Luis, Jr., Jake Toma and the sick of our parish.

Prayers for the Deceased: For all those who have died, especially Gene R. Burns, Daniel Drew (11/13), Millie Pacunski (11/11), Donald Pouliott, Jack Rheinschmidt (11/15) and Kenneth Rodrick (11/14). May God grant them the joy of eternal life and peace for their families. May God grant them the joy of eternal life and peace for their families.

Please notify the parish office at parishoffice@stgabePOP.org to have names added on our prayer lists. Names will remain on the list during the month they are submitted.

Recuerda en tus oraciones

Intención del Papa Francisco en Diciembre: Para una vida de oracion. Recemos para que nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo se alimente de la Palabra de Dios y de una vida de oración.

Oraciones generales: oren por: los feligreses que esperan los resultados de las pruebas, los que residen en Retsil, las instalaciones médicas y los centros de jubilación, los que están en el hogar, los encarcelados, los desempleados y por nuestros seres queridos militares en servicio en todo el mundo.

Oraciones por los enfermos: En su amabilidad y caridad hacia los demás, Lorenzo Abeyta, Anthony Bianchini, Bernie Boyd, Bryan Feik, Mary K. Irwin, Maria Martin, Marge Murphy, Donald Myers, Rodrick family, Amy Roth, Leopoldo San Luis, Jr., Jake Toma, y los enfermos de nuestra parroquia.

Oraciones por los fallecidos: por todos los que han muerto, especialmente Gene R. Burns, Daniel Drew (11/13), Millie Pacunski (11/11), Donald Pouliott, Jack Rheinschmidt (11/15) and Kenneth Rodrick (11/14). Que Dios les conceda la alegría de la vida eterna y la paz para sus familias.

Por favor notifique a la oficina parroquial en parishoffice@stgabePOP.org para que se agreguen nombres en nuestras listas de oración.

Schedule for Week Ahead

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel
 9:30 AM Mass at Prince of Peace
 11:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel

Monday, December 7

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

10:00 AM Mass at Prince of Peace
 11:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel

Wednesday, December 9

11:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel

Thursday, December 10

10:00 AM Mass Prince of Peace

Friday, December 11

11:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel

Saturday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 4:30 PM Live Stream Mass at St. Gabriel
 4:30 PM Mass at Prince of Peace
 6:00 PM Confession at St. Gabriel
 6:30 PM Mass at St. Gabriel

Sunday, December 13

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel
 9:30 AM Mass at Prince of Peace
 11:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel Stewardship

Stewardship of Treasure / Mayordomía del Tesoro
 Through November 30, 2020

Stewardship:	\$ 6,703
Loose Cash:	\$ 111
<u>Total Year To Date Offerings:</u>	<u>\$ 195,738</u>
YTD Budget:	\$ 170,695
<u>Over Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 5,044</u>
Holy Days:	\$ 203
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 2,447</u>
Deferred Maintenance:	\$ 15
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 3,060</u>
Fr. Dell Scholarship:	\$ 0
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 565</u>
Utility Fund:	\$ 20
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 727</u>
Share & Care:	\$ 1,565
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 9,071</u>

*Thank you for your faithful Stewardship
 to St. Gabriel Parish & your generous heart.*

Prince of Peace Stewardship

Stewardship of Treasure / Mayordomía del Tesoro
 Through November 30, 2020

Stewardship:	\$ 1,880
Loose Cash:	\$ 15
<u>Total Year To Date Offerings:</u>	<u>\$ 71,028</u>
YTD Budget:	\$ 71,013
<u>Over Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>
Holy Days:	\$ 10
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
Building Fund:	\$ 5
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 785</u>
Good Samaritan:	\$ 50
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 1,577</u>
Utility Fund:	\$ 0
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>
Scholarship:	\$ 0
<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 213</u>

*Thank you for your faithful Stewardship to
 Prince of Peace Parish & your generous heart.*

Weekly Bible Reflections

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1: 3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Reflexiones Del Boletín De Administración

"Preparen el camino del Señor ..." - MARCOS 1, 3

Todos estamos llamados a vivir una vida santa. Todos estamos llamados a invitar a otros a vivir vidas santas. Vivir un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad, ser agradecidos y generosos con nuestros dones, nos pone en el camino de la santidad y es un ejemplo para que otros también sean santos. Somos responsables no solo de nuestras propias vidas, sino también de las vidas de los demás.

<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Stewardship ...Cont.

Called to Serve as Christ Campaign

THANK YOU to all those households who have pledged and contributed to the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign.

St. Gabriel: THANK YOU to the 83 households as of November 27th who have pledged to the Call to Serve as Christ Capital Campaign. Our reports show that \$213,051 has been pledged toward our goal of \$706,466. This is 30% of our goal.

Prince of Peace: THANK YOU to the 40 households as of November 27th who have pledged to the Call to Serve as Christ Capital Campaign. Our reports show that \$67,640 has been pledged toward our goal of \$241,088. This is 28% of our goal.

For more information on the campaign and to make a pledge online, you can visit the Campaign website: <https://www.calledtoserveaschrist.org/>.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Updates

Confirmation

Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our program this year will be a combination of home-based online video classes and in-person spiritual development sessions on certain Sunday evenings starting in January. The deadline to enroll students in confirmation preparation is January 1, 2021. Please email maria@stgabepop.org for details.

First Communion

Students in grade 2 and older are invited to prepare for 1st Communion. Our program this year will be a combination of home-based learning led by parents, and in-person spiritual development sessions on certain Thursday evenings starting in January. The deadline to enroll students in first communion preparation is January 1, 2021. Please email maria@stgabepop.org for details.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated throughout America as the Patroness of the Americas. Today is a feast in the USA, but in many Hispanic countries, such as Mexico, it is raised to a solemnity. The story of the origins of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well known. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin was a quiet, humble man, a poor peasant. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor, Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop would not believe him. So Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, with roses in December, and when he emptied out these beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, there, imprinted on his tilma, was a wonderful image of the Virgin, dressed like a young Aztec woman.



Sourcebook 2021

Monthly Prayer Challenge

Join with our faith formation students in learning a new prayer each month. The month of December has several days that honor the Blessed Mother.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we set up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LA SALVE DIOS TE SALVE

La salve Dios te salve, Reina y Madre de misericordia, vida, dulzura y esperanza nuestra; Dios te salve. A Ti clamamos los desterrados hijos de Eva; a Ti suspiramos, gimiendo y llorando, en este valle de lagrimas. Ea, pues, Senora, abogada nuestra, Vuelve a nosotros esos tus ojos misericordiosos, y despues de este destierro muestranos a Jesus, fruto bandito de tu vientre. Oh clemente, oh piadosa, oh dulce Virgen Maria!

Winter Course for Adults

God has put within each one of us a desire to seek Him. Whether you are a novice at faith, or a life-long Catholic, The SEARCH will help you reflect on some of the deeper questions of life. This video-based series is part of our parish FORMED video library. You can watch the videos at any time. If you would like to participate in the discussion groups, using the accompanying participant guide, please register with maria@stgabepop.org. Participant guides are available for \$7 each. Sessions will meet on ZOOM at 10 AM or 7 PM Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, and March 4.

Advertiser of the Week

Please patronize the businesses advertised on the back page of this bulletin. Tell them you saw their ad here. Advertiser of the week is:

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Special Masses

Please mark your calendars for the special upcoming Masses and be sure to reserve your place at Mass. The Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th will be held at 11:00 AM at St. Gabriel and 10:00 AM at Prince of Peace. Stayed tuned for Mass times for Christmas.

St. Gabriel Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree will be placed in the main narthex starting the first week of Advent. Pick out an ornament, buy a gift that is suggested on the ornament and please return the gift to the parish office on Tuesday, December 11th. Please place the present with the ornament attached in a gift bag. Thank you for your generous support.

News, Information and Resources

Reservations for Mass

You can call the parish office Monday-Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM. If we do not answer, please leave a message and we will call you back. You can also schedule a reservation online by going to <https://calendly.com/stgabriel-princeofpeace>.

The deadline to make reservations is as follows: Weekend Mass reservations must be made by 12 PM the Friday before; Weekday Mass reservations must be made by 12 PM the day before. You will need to make a separate reservation for each person (including children) who will be attending with you. Part of the reservation is some health screening questions that will need to be answered for each person attending. Please note that the Parish Office is closed on the weekends. Phone messages left at the office **after 12PM on Friday** do not count as a reservation for that weekend's Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule for both locations:

Saturday: 4:30 PM at Prince of Peace

Saturday: 6:30 PM at St. Gabriel

Sunday: 8:00 AM at St. Gabriel

Sunday: 9:30 AM at Prince of Peace

Sunday: 11:00 AM at St. Gabriel



Christmas Wreath and Holiday Décor Sales
Beautifully designed wreaths, crosses, centerpieces, garland, and Swags!
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Wreath Sales after Mass at St. Gabriel's December 5/6th.

Wreaths: 24" for \$25.00 - Cross for \$25.00 - Centerpiece for \$15.00



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

Bulletin Holiday Deadline

Due to the holiday season our bulletin publisher has asked that we submit bulletins early for certain weekends. Below is a schedule of when we need to submit our bulletins:

Weekend of:

December 13th

December 20th

December 27th

January 3rd

Submit to Printer by:

Monday, December 7th

Friday, December 11th

Thursday, December 17th

Wednesday, December 23rd

The date for **submit by** is the date we have to **submit the bulletin to the printers**. Due to this shifted schedule, please make sure to submit content for the bulletin as soon as possible. Thank you!

Protect & Heal Website

In its continued commitment to transparency, the Archdiocese of Seattle, in 2019, launched a website addressing the clergy sex-abuse crisis, <https://protect-seattlearchdiocese.org/>. As Archbishop Paul Etienne says in a video message on the site, "I'm here today to assure all of our people of my ongoing commitment to make sure that these crimes and these sins no longer occur within the church."

The site offers facts about the abuse crisis and the Archdiocese of Seattle's response to it, including resources for victims. It gathers into one easily accessible site information that was previously located in various locations. Key features include the Archdiocese of Seattle's disclosure list of clergy and religious brothers and sisters who have been credibly accused of abusing minors (originally published in January of 2016); a timeline showing when reported abuse occurred; and information about the actions the archdiocese has taken over the past three decades to respond to the crisis, such as implementing a Safe Environment program of background checks and abuse-prevention trainings for employees, volunteers and students.

The site also provides information about the U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted in 2002; and the Archdiocesan Review Board, a group of mostly lay subject-matter experts that advises the archbishop on matters pertaining to clergy sexual abuse.

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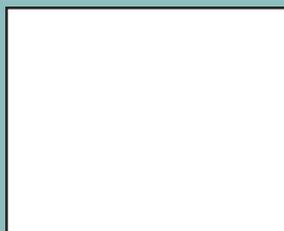


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