

# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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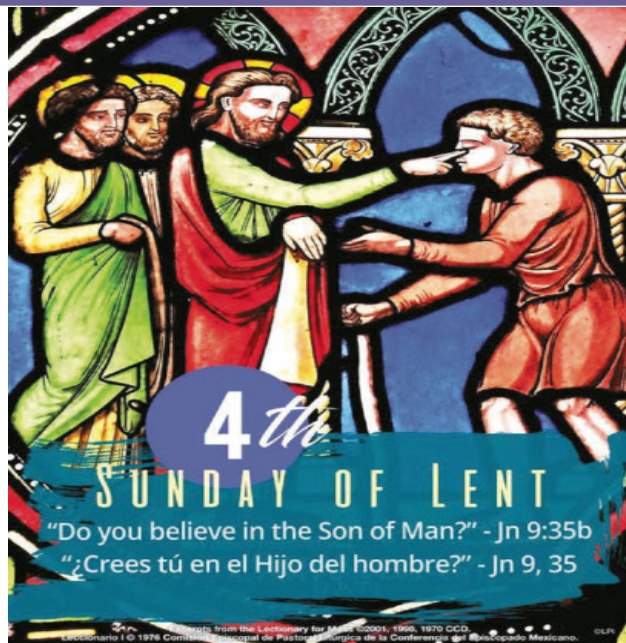
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March 10, 2024

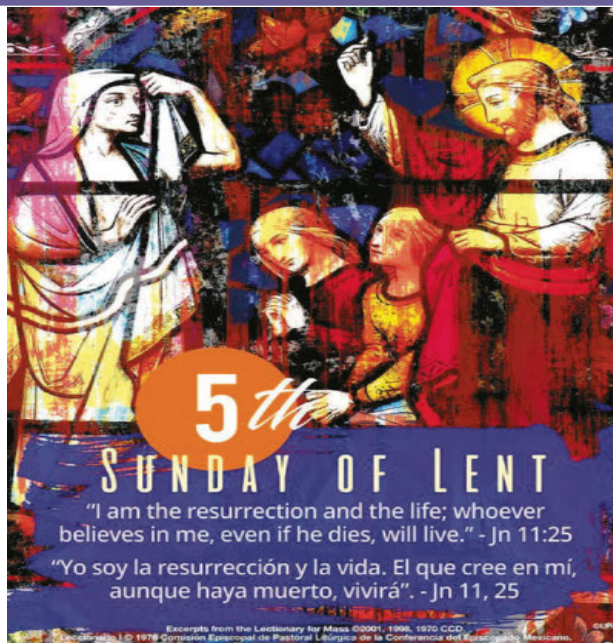


4<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF LENT

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35b

"¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?" - Jn 9, 35

March 17, 2024



5<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá." - Jn 11, 25

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil | 5 pm Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:30pm (English) 12:15pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass | Tuesday—Friday 12:00pm Noon Reconciliation | Saturday 4:00pm

## Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:

9:00am to 5:30pm

Lunch 12:30 to 1:00pm

Saturdays: 9:30am–5:00pm

Sundays: 9:00am–5:00pm

Office Closed On Fridays

## Parish Staff

Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Martinez

Associate Assistants:

Maria Ayala & Dulce Infante

Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts

Janitorial Services: Eduardo Chavez



We invite you to join us as a family for Mass every Sunday and to bring your little ones to share the joy! On Sunday's during the 10am (English) and

12:15pm (Spanish) Masses we have a great team of adults & teenage helpers that are excited to see your little ones for Children's Liturgy. The little ones are dismissed from the worship area and head into St. Joseph's Hall to hear the word of the Lord in words that they will understand, along with an explanation and some activity sheets to help them further gain the message from the Gospel. We would like to welcome our new adult volunteers, who have said a great yes: Yunuhen Espinosa, Velia Ortega, Rosalina Ramirez, Carmen Dorat, Josie Meza, Liz Deason, Lidia Chaidez, and Isabella McCloskey; who are joining our current, excellent, volunteers—Miriam Garcia, Veronica Mendoza, Brisa Rodriguez Duenez, David Alvarez and Dulce Infante. Please join us!

## Upcoming Events

### March

- Sun 10 RCIA & RCIC 2nd Scrutiny 10am Mass  
Baptism Class in Spanish 1:30pm
- Thur 14 Communal Penance Service 6pm
- Fri 15 Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper 6pm
- Sat 16 RCIA & RCIC 3rd Scrutiny 5pm Mass
- Mon 18 Baptism Class—English 6pm
- Fri 22 Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper 6pm
- Sat 23 RCIA Retreat 9am

### Upcoming Feasts to Remember

#### March

- 3/15 St. Zachary, Pope
- 3/17 St. Patrick
- 3/19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 3/20 St. John, Abbott
- 3/9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- For your safety, when exiting the parking lot, please consider turning right & going towards the apartments or Raley's. Use the stoplight to turn in and go to the roundabout. This will save you time, is safer & eases up the traffic at the entrance of Holy Cross.
- When writing a check for Holy Cross, whether it be for Sunday offering, CSA, WTSA, Second Collections, etc. Please make the check payable to Holy Cross Catholic Community and in the memo line note the intended purpose.

### GOOD TO KNOW....

- ♦ The local hospitals in town have a priest that is available to visit you or family members that are ill and in the hospital.
- ♦ At Renown Regional Medical Center & the VA Hospital, Fr. Joseph Infante is able to be contacted by the hospital's staff to visit you.
- ♦ At St. Mary's Hospital, Fr. Conrado Lomibao is the chaplain available to all who are admitted to the hospital—  
Fr. Conrado can be contacted by the nursing staff for a visit.



There will be Family Catechesis class schedule:

Family Catechesis; Come & See

March 17, April 7

Family Catechesis : Mondays

March 18, April 8

Family Catechesis; Confirmation

March 13 & 20, April 10

OCIA (RCIA)

March 21



As we journey further into the season of Lent, the RCIA/RCIC Catechumen and Catholics that will be initiated into the Church on Easter Vigil will be partaking in the Penitential Rites also known as Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare the Elect, those participating in RCIA, to enter the Catholic Church. They take place during the period of RCIA formation known as Purification and Enlightenment, near the end of their formation. The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for the Elect, and hopefully for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though they are meant for the RCIA Elect, the Scrutinies can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continuous conversion. The purpose of the Scrutinies is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful” in the hearts of the Elect and to “strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.” (Quotes from Ritual Text for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, paragraph #141)

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

- Sunday March 3 at the 12:15pm Mass:  
Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well, where He offers Himself as the Living Water.
- Sunday March 10 at the 10am Mass:  
Jesus healing the man born blind, where He gives Himself as Light of the World.
- Saturday March 16 at the 5pm Mass:  
Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

Please keep the Catechumen and Catholics in your prayers as we near Holy Week.



Holy Cross Catholic Community is looking to fill a full-time building & Grounds/Janitorial position.

Are you good with landscaping, know your way around a tool-box, and looking to put your talents and gifts to good use? If so, please submit your resume to the Parish office.

Pay is negotiable and will rely on experience. This position is full-time, with medical & dental benefits.





### Sunday, March 10

**8:00am** Garcia-Gurrola Family S.I. by Adela Velasco  
**10:00am** Parish Family  
**12:15pm** Maria de Lourdes Rios Cruz† by Family  
**4:30pm** Eduardo Payondoyon† by Anne Hazen

### Tues., March 12

**12:00pm** Claudia Flores† by Family

### Weds., March 13

**12:00pm** Rafael Zertuche Moreno† by Family

### Thursday, March 14

**12:00pm** Victor Lopez Sanchez† by Family

### Friday, March 15

**12:00pm** Jose Dolores Lozano Solorio† by Family

### Sat., March 16

**5:00pm** Jamie Nussbaumer† by Family

### Sunday, March 17

**8:00am** Garcia-Gurrola Family S.I. by Adela Velasco  
**10:00am** Parish Family  
**12:15pm** Enedina Reyes Munoz† & Soledas Muniz†  
by Enedina Muniz de Guzman  
**4:30pm** Dorothy Mae Hynes† by Kixie Pugh

### Tues., March 19

**12:00pm** Fay Vaccaro† Libby Hoops

### Weds., March 20

**12:00pm** Julian Niave Luna† by Family

### Thursday, March 21

**12:00pm** Arturo Flores Espinosa† by Family

### Friday, March 22

**12:00pm** Ulisses Amador† by Family

### Saturday, March 23

**5:00pm** Rosemary Bertschinger† by Bob Bertschinger



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Joshua Alarcon  
Sandra Askins  
Scott Anderson  
Consuelo Barboza  
Christopher Beach  
Bob Burns  
Nicholas Bushgens  
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Benjamin Chavez  
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Sandi DaSilveora  
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Mercy Escobar  
Jeannette Franklin  
Susan Fanchar  
Edward Fulton  
Mary Gardenas  
Rosemary Geis  
Mauricio Guillen  
Dan Gustafson  
Mary Helen  
Katie Histing  
Jeanette Jesch  
Kenneth Jones  
Richard Kihs  
Jennifer Krush  
Richard Kunold  
Sebastian Laird  
Maria Larsen  
Desiree Lintz  
Zachary Lintz

Rebekah Lucey  
Rosario Lund  
John Lyninger  
Theresa Lyninger  
Judy Medek  
Joyce Montgomery  
Majorie Ann Myers  
Shawnee McGraw  
Lori O'Connor  
Alejandra Ortiz  
Alan Ortiz  
Edlyn Ortiz  
Bob Patterson  
Berta Perez  
Remi Plummer  
Travis Porter  
Steve Podhurst  
Becky Prevost  
Maria Rodriguez  
Sam Salisbury  
Rene Salomon  
Erick Smith  
Nanette Smith  
Carey Snyder  
Brianna Stuart  
Vincent Stuart  
Angela Teague  
Isaac Vargas  
James Vonderhaar  
Bill Wehinger  
Bob Wolf  
Sean Wolff  
Steve Woods

## MEMORIAL TREE

The Memorial Tree will be a great addition to our Prayer Garden. It is a great space one can sit outside and pray. The surroundings are very quiet and peaceful. We enjoy real Communion with nature. We experience real solitude and assurances. The Memorial Benches are a great place to sit, reflect, give thanks and pray. The setting here upon the hill overlooking Reno/Sparks is quite amazing and almost otherworldly. The Memorial tree will reflect our enduring relationship with our departed loved ones. At Holy Cross Catholic Community our emphasis is on relationality. We are relational beings and death does not destroy our relationships. I encourage all parishioners to support this new addition: Thank you and God Bless.

Fr. Jose Issac



## *Litururgical Ministers*

**Team for March 16 & 17**  
**Sat., March 16 5:00pm**

**G:** Patsy Liddick  
**L:** Morgan Liddick and Carol Brown  
**EM:** Paul Danen, Linda MacDonald, Risa Ronan, Jane Burke  
**U:** Ron McClain  
**GP:** Gina Morato  
**AS:** Sarah and Katie

**Sun., March 17 8:00am**

**G:** Missy & Peter Nuti  
**L:** Helen Martin and Mike Morris  
**EM:** Danette Suhl, Allegra Welton, Cathie Bundesen, Bruce Seaver  
**U:** Bill Conn  
**GP:** De la Torre Family  
**R:** Aiden Crosbie & Family  
**AS:** Olivia and Sierra

**10:00am**

**G:** Perez Family  
**L:** Tony Pagano and Jeannette Troise  
**EM:** Mae Doreza, Shelly Register, Linda Navarrete  
**U:** Doug Hensen  
**GP:** Jasmine Sanchez  
**R:** Jose Angel Rodriguez  
**AS:** Kina, Myah and Khaylen

**12:15pm**

**B:** Lupita Guzmán y Familia  
**L:** Rosy Chavez Y Cecilio Urias  
**ME:** Bertha Alvarez, Carlos Giron Y Raquel Giron  
**U:** Abel Guzmán  
**GP:** Veronica Mendoza  
**R:** Flor Guevara Martinez y Familia  
**AS:** Lucia Olivares y Diego Ruiz

**4:30pm**

**G:** Gene Seidlitz  
**L:** Theresa Choman and Doug Parry  
**EM:** Susan Daly, Bob Daly, Noreen Parry, Doug Parry  
**U:** Gene Seidlitz  
**GP:** Juan Diaz & Family  
**AS:** Matthew

**Team for March 23 & 24**  
**Sat., March 23 5:00pm**

**G:** Frybarger Family  
**L:** Mary Diebel and Connor McClain  
**EM:** Marcia McClain, Ron McClain, Teresa Tighe, Tom Tighe  
**U:** Bob Bertschinger  
**GP:** Jane Burke  
**AS:** Gracian and Benicio

**Sun., March 24 8:00am**

**G:** Stephanie Neder  
**L:** Sierra Higley and John Bell  
**EM:** Lisa Holleman, Bob Holleman, Kris Evans  
**U:** Michael McGraw  
**GP:** Danette Suhl  
**R:** Jo Anne Jones  
**AS:** Jacob and Arden

**10:00am**

**G:** Martina Lopez & Family  
**L:** Terry Jenkins and Briana Esquivel  
**EM:** Yunuhen Espinosa, Kathia Olguin, Maricela Lopez  
**U:** Derek Moore  
**GP:** Nancy Villavicencio  
**R:** Fabian Padilla & Family  
**AS:** Kaye, Edgar and Daniel

**12:15pm**

**B:** Brandon & Edwin Perez  
**L:** Lourdes Ramirez y Raul Macias  
**ME:** Julieta Paz, Lupita Guzman Y Abel Guzman  
**U:** Aracely Campos  
**GP:** Lupita Guzmán y Familia  
**R:** Veronica & Lizeth Mendoza  
**AS:** Alex Medina y Ricky Medina

**4:30pm**

**G:** Eliza Balant  
**L:** Leo Humphreys & Marlene Humphreys  
**EM:** Bob Daly, Susan Daly, Kathleen Fralick, Annette Grandberg  
**U:** Kathleen Fralick  
**GP:** Hoven Family  
**AS:** Mitchell and Eleanor

## Communal Penance Service

Lent offers Catholics the perfect invitation to receive the Sacrament of Penance ahead of the Easter celebration.

The communal services are liturgies that bring members of the Body of Christ together to acknowledge sins and ask God for His forgiveness. They typically include Scripture readings and a homily to help penitents prepare for confession, as well as petitions for God's mercy.

Penance services are communal in the sense that the faithful gather to acknowledge the effects of sin on the community and to celebrate the liturgy, but penitents don't confess their sins collectively, nor do they receive a general absolution. Each person makes a private confession with a priest in the confessional during the service.

An Examination of Conscience is a helpful and proper way for penitents to reflect on The Ten Commandments and the sins they have committed before they enter the confessional.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY  
MARCH 14, 2024 AT 6:00pm  
FOR A COMMUNAL  
PENANCE SERVICE



## GENEROSITY IS INVITING

Invite someone. There is something wonderful about being invited. It is life-giving to be included. Extend an invitation to someone.

“I want to be a noticer of the good and eager to speak the rare word...a kind word.”  
- Lysa Terkeurst

Excerpt from Matthew Kelly book “The Generosity Habit”



## Blessed & Thankful

Prayerful greetings to you from Holy Cross Catholic Community. Hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well. Please be assured of my prayers.

First of all, let me wish you all a very fruitful **Season of Lent**. Conversion and renewal is the heart of the Season. I invite all parishioners to join the community for Liturgical Celebrations, Daily Mass, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper, Five Loaves, CRS Rice Bowls, Communal Penance Service and so on. I pray that we celebrate Easter with Peace, Reconciliation and Renewed Hope.

**"We are one body"** is the title of C.S.A. 2024 Campaign. (Bishops Appeal) Our Goal is \$94,000.00. I wish and pray all Holy Cross parishioners support this campaign. It is more important that we all participate than the amount we pledge.

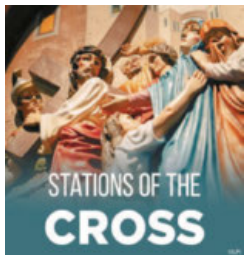
Thank you to all who supported **Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund**. We have \$230,000.00 so far. I would like to reach the \$300,000.00 goal this year. Kindly consider making a pledge to support the Scholarship Fund.

The "Memorial Tree" is going to be a great addition to our Prayer Garden. It reminds us that death does not end our relationships with our departed loved ones. We all carry in us a part of them though they are not physically with us anymore. I ask you for your prayerful participation.

Finally, thank you to all for your faithful presence and support to Holy Cross in the year 2023. I had a great time with my family, I rested and relaxed. I took the 'Ayur Veda' (Science of Life) Treatment; we had a family get-together to celebrate the first Mass and reception for Fr. Paul (my cousin's son).

Thank you and God Bless You.

Fr. Jose Issac



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US  
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**6:00PM**

**BENEDICTION**

**6:30PM**

**SOUP SUPPER TO FOLLOW**




### DONATE EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies have a distinct trumpet shape, which signifies Jesus's triumph over death at the resurrection.

The white of the Easter lily symbolizes rebirth and purity.

We invite the community to bring in an Easter lily or two to help us prepare for Easter Sunday.

<b>HOLY WEEK</b>  <b>SCHEDULE</b> <small>©2003 LPI</small>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>March 24</b> Mass 8am, 10am, 4:30pm (English) 12:15pm (Spanish) Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>March 28</b> Evening of the Last Supper Mass Washing of Hands and Feet Blessing of Bread 7pm	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>March 29</b> Veneration of the Cross 12pm, 7pm Live Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>March 30</b> Easter Vigil 7pm NO Confessions NO 5pm Mass	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>March 31</b> Mass 8am, 10am, 4:30pm in English 12:15pm (Spanish) Children & youth Easter Egg Hunt after 10am & 12:15pm Masses
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**March 10, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me?

Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

Father John Muir ©LPi



**March 17, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

Father John Muir ©LPi

### ***Eucharistic Prayer #10 – The Mystery of Faith***

***"When we eat this Bread and Drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again." - Excerpt from the Roman Missal***

After the words of Consecration, the priest will proclaim "The Mystery of Faith." However, when the priest proclaims those words, he isn't inviting the people to say what the mystery of faith is. Rather, he is declaring that the Mystery of Faith is present here and now; he is speaking of the Eucharist on the altar.

The Eucharist is the mystery of our faith. The response we make is our belief in what that means for us: That Christ's sacrifice and our participation in it through the Eucharist brings us life.

**How are you participating in the death and resurrection of Christ at this moment in your life?**





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### Weekly Offering February 18, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$	7,489.61
Priests' Relief	\$	160.00
Women's Group—Gift Cabinet	\$	80.00
CSA Rebate 2023	\$	2,495.00
Church in Latin America	\$	50.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	50.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$	1,586.29
Ash Wednesday	\$	3,022.29
Mass Intentions	\$	927.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,860.19</b>



### Weekly Offering February 25, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$	8,774.50
Priests' Relief	\$	40.00
Women's Group Gift Cabinet	\$	283.00
Memorial Tree	\$	2,085.00
Easter	\$	20.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	3,350.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$	150.00
Mass Intentions	\$	2,280.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,982.50</b>

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

- St. Alphonsis Ligori



### Parish Registration Form

Names of your Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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