

# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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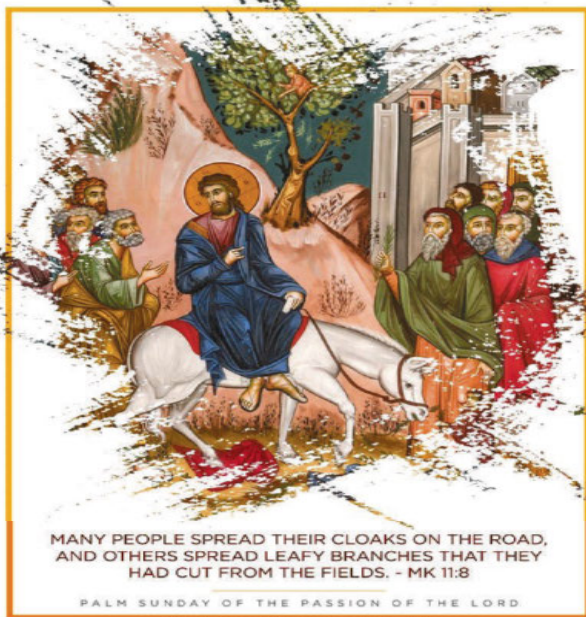
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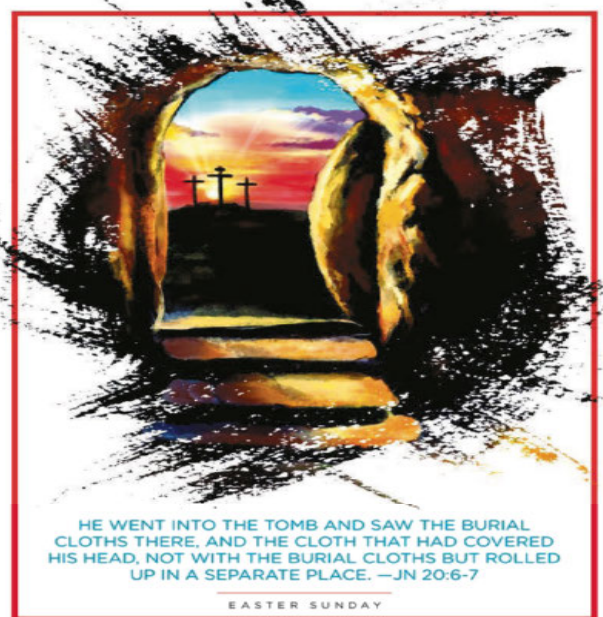
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March 24, 2024



March 31, 2024



## 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

 <p>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>March 24</b></p> <p>Mass 8am, 10am, 4:30pm (English) 12:15pm (Spanish) Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses</p>	<p><b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>March 28</b></p> <p>Evening of the Last Supper  Washing of Hands and Feet Blessing of Bread  Mass 7pm</p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>March 29</b></p> <p>Liturgy of the Word Veneration of the Cross Holy Communion 12pm, 7pm  Live Stations of the Cross 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>March 30</b></p> <p>Easter Vigil 7pm  NO Confessions  NO 5pm Mass</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>March 31</b></p> <p>Mass 8am, 10am, 4:30pm in English 12:15pm (Spanish) Children &amp; Youth Easter Egg Hunt after 10am &amp; 12:15pm Masses  <b>Happy Easter!</b></p>
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## Upcoming Events

### April

Wed 3 JOY Group 11am

Thur 4 Mass at Hearthstone 1:30pm

Fri 5 Healing Mass 9am

Adoration 9:30am—3:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

Sun 14 Baptism Class in Spanish 1:30pm

Mon 15 Baptism Class in English 6pm

## Upcoming Feasts to Remember

### March

3/28 Holy Thursday

3/29 Good Friday

3/30 Holy Saturday

3/31 The Resurrection of the Lord,  
Easter Sunday



### April

4/7 Divine Mercy Sunday

4/8 The Annunciation of the lord

## 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, 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 schedule:

All Family Catechesis programs will be on a two week break, classes will resume on:

Family Catechesis: Come & See April 7

Family Catechesis : Mondays April 8

Family Catechesis: Confirmation April 10

## Sacraments of Imitation; Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday we will be having 4 adults and 2 youth receiving the sacraments of initiation. We will also be having 10 adults that will be completing their sacraments of initiation by receiving their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. These children, youth & adults have been participating in our Family Catechesis programs, they have been attending Mass and have been actively trying to participate more in the life of the community.

Please keep Natalie Armas Estrada, Dylan Bergsen, Leslie Camarena, Demetrio Cerda Cuevas, Devron Gonzalez, Gael Lopez-Madera, William Manke, Jesus Perez, Gabriel Reynaga-Torres, Alejandra Maderos-Romero, Brisa Rodriguez Duenez, Ciny Salazar, Jacob White, Haley Plascencia, Meelo Shopshire, and Kayla Ramirez Lara in your prayers as they become fully imitated into the Catholic Community.



## 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.



**Sunday, March 24**

- 8:00am** Garcia-Gurrola Family S.I. by Adela Velasco
- 10:00am** Juliana & Pedro Ortigoza† by Amelita Yumang
- 12:15pm** Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family
- 4:30pm** Susan Dimare† by Richard Dimare

**Mon., March 25**

- 12:00pm** Parish Family

**Tues., March 26**

- 12:00pm** Victor Guadalupe Silva Lara† by Family

**Weds., March 27**

- 12:00pm** Antonio Cruz Madera† by Family

**Holy Thursday, March 28**

**7:00pm**

**Good Friday, March 29**

**12:00m & 7:00pm**

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

**7:00pm**

**Sunday, March 31**

- 8:00am** Francisco Funcion Sr† & Eustiquia Funcion† by Funcion & Pasqual Families
- 10:00am** Garcia Gurrola Family S.I. by Adela Velasco
- 12:15pm** Parish Family
- 4:30pm** Jacob Roberts† & Robert Dunaway† by Randy & Susie Roberts

**Tues., April 2**

- 12:00pm** Julita Moyle† Sally Stone

**Weds., April 3**

- 12:00pm** Macario Carrillo† by Family

**Thursday, April 4**

- 12:00pm** Natalia Trejo† by Family

**Friday, April 5**

- 9:00am** Margaret Deyo† by Janet Simpkins

**Saturday, April 6**

- 5:00pm** Richard Aufiero† by Family

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| Joshua Alarcon     | Rebekah Lucey     |
| Sandra Askins      | Rosario Lund      |
| Scott Anderson     | John Lyninger     |
| Consuelo Barboza   | Theresa Lyninger  |
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| Nicholas Bushgens  | Majorie Ann Myers |
| Richard Chase      | Shawnee McGraw    |
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| Sandi DaSilveora   | Alan Ortiz        |
| Patsy Dearing      | Edlyn Ortiz       |
| Heather Deason     | Bob Patterson     |
| Jim Ellis          | Berta Perez       |
| Mercy Escobar      | Remi Plummer      |
| Jeannette Franklin | Travis Porter     |
| Susan Fanchar      | Steve Podhurst    |
| Edward Fulton      | Becky Prevost     |
| Mary Gardenas      | Maria Rodriguez   |
| Rosemary Geis      | Sam Salisbury     |
| Mauricio Guillen   | Rene Salomon      |
| Dan Gustafson      | Erick Smith       |
| Mary Helen         | Nanette Smith     |
| Katie Histing      | Carey Snyder      |
| Jeanette Jesch     | Brianna Stuart    |
| Kenneth Jones      | Vincent Stuart    |
| Richard Kihs       | Angela Teague     |
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| Richard Kunold     | James Vonderhaar  |
| Sebastian Laird    | Bill Wehinger     |
| Maria Larsen       | Bob Wolf          |
| Desiree Lintz      | Sean Wolff        |
| Zachary Lintz      | 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 31 Sun., March 31 8:00am**

**G:** Mike Morris  
**L:** Rita Rollings and Jessica Guzman  
**EM:** Kathie Geipel, Allegra Welton, Gretchen Oney, Veronica Alimurang  
**U:** Bob Holleman  
**GP:** Brian & Becky Turley  
**R:** Rita Rollings  
**AS:** Jacob and Arden

**10:00am**

**G:** Fonseca Family  
**L:** Jeannette Troise & Carla McCloskey  
**EM:** Mae Doreza, Briana Esquivel, Isabella McCloskey  
**U:** Tom McCloaskey  
**GP:** Kathia Olguin  
**R:** Carmen Vazquez & Family  
**AS:** Ben and Aaron

**12:15pm**

**B:** Leticia Zavala y Familia  
**L:** Lisangela Guerra y Yolanda Velasquez  
**ME:** Sandra Ortiz, Martha Flores Y Arnoldo Olivares  
**U:** Aldo Segura  
**GP:** Martina Lopez y Familia  
**R:** Flor Guevara Martinez y Familia  
**AS:** Lucia Olivares y Lilianna Martinez

**4:30pm**

**G:** Sinsay Family  
**L:** Kathleen Fralick & Nathan Carpenter  
**EM:** Noreen Parry, Doug Parry Sarah Naegele, Gene Seidlitz  
**U:** Doug Parry  
**GP:** Travers Family  
**AS:** Matthew

## **Team for April 6 Sat., April 6 5:00pm**

**G:** Lauren Baptista and Family  
**L:** Teresa Tighe & Lauren Frybarger  
**EM:** Earlene Rummel, Tom Tighe, Bob Bertschinger, Jim Shaw  
**U:** Ron McClain  
**GP:** Frybarger Family  
**AS:** Sammy & Michael

## **Team for April 7 Sun., April 7 8:00am**

**G:** De La Torre Family  
**L:** Ophelia Wilson and Gwen Flores  
**EM:** Bruce Seaver, Cathie Bundesen, Helen Martin, Danette Suhl  
**U:** Harvey Ibarra  
**GP:** Missy & Peter Nuti  
**R:** Aiden Crosbie & Family  
**AS:** Thomas and Isabella

**10:00am**

**G:** Perez Family  
**L:** Barbara Beverly & Steve Schiwart  
**EM:** Debbie Schiwart  
Kathia Olguin, Sonia Deleon  
**U:** Derek Moore  
**GP:** Jasmine Sanchez & Family  
**R:** Jennifer Reyes  
**AS:** Aaron, Edgar and Daniel

**12:15pm**

**B:** Brandon & Edwin Perez  
**L:** Gustavo Gonzalez y Mary Guerrero  
**ME:** Sandra Ortiz, Lupita Guzman y Abel Guzman  
**U:** Aracely Campos  
**GP:** Guzmán y Familia  
**R:** Veronica & Lizeth Mendoza  
**AS:** Alex Medina y Ricky Medina

**4:30pm**

**G:** Eliza Balant  
**L:** Gene Siedlitz & Nathan Carpenter  
**EM:** Marlene Humphreys, Leo Humphreys  
Kathleen Fralick, Annette Grandberg  
**U:** Leo Humphreys  
**GP:** Travers Family  
**AS:** Mitchell and Eleanor



*Eucharistic Prayer #11 –  
“For Francis our Pope and  
Daniel our Bishop”*

*“Let all reverence the deacons  
as an appointment of Jesus  
Christ, and the bishop as  
Jesus Christ, who is the Son  
of the Father, and the priests  
as the Sanhedrin of God, and  
assembly of the apostles.*

*Apart from these,  
there is no Church.”*

*- St. Ignatius of Antioch,  
Letters to the Trallians*

When we speak of the Church, there is the danger of treating it like an abstract reality.

However, the Church is and always has been composed of individual people. Within the Church there are those who have been given the difficult task of uniting and leading us.

And so in a special way we pray for these visible signs of unity and authority in the Church we pray for the bishop who is the primary pastor in the local church and we pray for the Pope who is the sign of unity within the Church as a whole.

**Have you ever met Bishop Mueggenborg, Bishop Calvo, or Bishop Strailing?**

## *Easter Egg Hunt*

**Sunday March 31, 2024**

**Following 10am Mass and 12:15pm Mass**

**Come & Join us for lots of fun—games, egg hunt,  
and music!**

**Please bring your own basket!**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are fast approaching Holy Week, and already our sights are on the Easter Season. I pray that you have been blessed with the many graces offered by this sacred time of penitential preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

The Mysteries of Holy Week are celebrated every time we gather for the sacrifice of the Eucharist, and we offer ourselves to the Father with the Son through the Holy Spirit so that we can be transformed to become the Body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion.

The Diocese of Reno will host a one-day Eucharistic Con-gress on April 27, 2024, at St. Rose of Lima Church to help strengthen and deepen our participation in the eucharistic sacrifice. The day will begin with a eucharistic procession at noon and will offer sessions in both English and Spanish. Livestream video should be available in both languages for those who cannot attend in person.

Dr. Scott Hahn will be our keynote English presenter, and Sister Norma Pimental will be our keynote Spanish presenter. We are truly blessed to have these two internationally known speakers to lead us in this one-day Congress.

Due to limited space, participation will require preregistration. More information about the Eucharistic Congress is contained in this issue of the High Desert Catholic along with registration information. Please register early. Participation will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. If we are not able to confirm your participation at the time of registration, you will be added to a waiting list.

I want to express my gratitude to the members of the Eu-charistic Revival Steering Committee, who have generously served for the past two and a half years. Their encourage-ment and sage advice have been instrumental in the various Eucharistic Revival initiatives that have taken place, including the prayerful silence after Communion, the communal Act of Thanksgiving, The Meaning of the Mass small group study, and this Eucharistic Congress. Please join me in thanking Deacon Jim McClenahan, Malou Alano, Ally Klekas, Jor-dan Dicus, Deacon David O'Connor, David Willems, Marina Hedwall, and Maripaz Ramos for their dedicated service on this steering committee. May God bless you during these remaining holy days of Lent and throughout the Easter Time.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel Henry Mueggenborg

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**March 24, 2024**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

Father John Muir ©LPi

**March 31, 2024**

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

Father John Muir ©LPi

## Eucharistic Revival Eucharistic Congress

- The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. The event begins at 12:00 noon with a Eucharistic Procession and ends after the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Parishioners can register for the event by going online or following the QR code on the Posters. This event is Free but registration is LIMITED to 1100 persons on a first come first serve basis.

Eucharistic  
**CONGRESS**



Join us for our annual  
**HOLY CROSS DINNER**

**Friday May 3, 2024**

**6:30pm**

**Adults \$18**

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**All funds raised will go towards  
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time in community!**



### Youth Corner

**Hygiene Kit Drive:** The Middle schoolers have been working hard these past 3 weeks with organizing, advertising and announcing our Hygiene Kit Drive, where we asked for donations to create Hygiene Kits in support of Eddy House, for homeless youth. We have had around 3-4 kids every Mass for the past 3 weeks helping to reach out our drive to the community, along with students Giada Nuti, Jaslin Macias, and Aly Diaz helping with announcements during certain Masses. The students along with parents, are planning on organizing, creating and dropping off the kits March 21st and 22nd. The endless effort that these middle schoolers have put in is an exceptional example of outreach during Lent.

**Catholic Charities:** The High school youth were called to service the community at the St. Vincent's Super Thrift Store March 17th. We had help from 12 youth from our confirmation and RCIC programs along with Diana Giron, Rosie Meza, Josie Deleon, & Dulce as teacher chaperones for the service event. 7 youth along with Diana were in charge with helping sort out donation bins into categories that are used to help shelf the thrift store easily. 4 youth along with Josie, Rosie, and myself were in charge of organizing clothing donations into bins that help aid the tagging of the clothing items. It was an experience that we will never forget and are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to help. We are looking forward to more service events with Catholic Charities in our future.

**The Live Stations of the Cross:** The Holy Cross Youth have been working for 2 months to prepare for the Live Stations of the Cross play, a reenactment of Jesus' journey to death on the Cross, acted out by our youth. We have a total of 35 youth involved in our 2024 play, including our Narrator, Jesus, behind-the-scenes help, and more. The Live Stations has also proven itself to be a tradition beloved by youth over the years, including myself as a previous actor, and around 10 youth coming back from last year's performance. The power behind the youth in this play is touching, and they are working extra hard to make the experience a meaningful one for the community and themselves. The talent, the love, and the trust that the youth give out in their performances is breathtaking to say the least. They will be performing at 6:30pm on Good Friday at Holy Cross. Please come out to support this amazing group of youth!



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**Weekly Offering  
March 3, 2024**

Sunday Offering	\$	5,876.50
Votive Candles	\$	295.00
Church in Latin America	\$	5.00
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$	30.00
Children’s Stewardship	\$	341.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	30.00
Memorial Tree - Leaves & Stones	\$	2,910.00
Easter	\$	40.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	260.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$	10.00
Mass Intentions	\$	1,025.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,822.50</b>



**CRS RICE BOWLS**



**THANK YOU!**

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say **THANK YOU!** Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl, there is a bin in the gathering space for you to drop off your rice bowl.

Please bring the bowls in by Easter.

**February Online**

Sunday Offering	\$	8,040.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	20.00
Capital Campaign	\$	20.00
CCD	\$	20.00
Pastor’s Charity	\$	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,250.00</b>

**Parish Registration Form**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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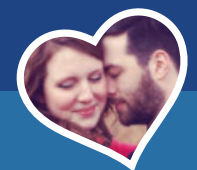
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