Holy Cross Catholic Community

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September 22, 2024

September 29, 2024



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil | 5 p.m. Sunday | 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 4:30pm (English) 12:15p.m. (Spanish) Daily Mass | Monday—Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon Reconciliation | Saturday 4:00

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 Fridays

Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts

Parish Staff | Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Martinez Associate Assistant: Dulce Infante & Norma Gaytan Janitorial Services: Arnoldo Olivares

JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME IN **COMMUNITY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

Bilingual Mass at 10:00am Followed by delicious food, games, bounce house for the kids, children's games, raffles, music, dancing and a fun time.

> Hamburgers, Tacos, Filipino Food, **Cookies and much more!**

Get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy a fun time!







ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA PASAR UN BUEN RATO EN COMUNIDAD DOMINGO 22 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Misa bilingüe a las 10:00am

Habra deliciosa comida, juegos y bincolin para los niños, rifas, musica y un dia muy divertido.

> Hamburguesas, tacos, comida filipina, galletas y mucho más!

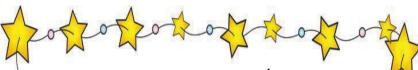
> ¡Conozca a sus compañeros feligreses y disfrute de un dia de diversion!





IMPORTANT Announcements

- 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.
- Scam Alert, Please be aware: Some parishioners have contacted the parish office, to inform us that they received emails or text claiming to be on behalf of Fr. Jose, requesting funds or assistance in an urgent matter. This is not a legitimate request, It appears the requests are asking for gift cards. Unfortunately there are a variety of scams out there, which are going around all the time, please be mindful of this and do not send funds this way. All appeals for donations are made through
- the bulletin, the pulpit and letters mailed from Holy Cross to parishioners.To all parish groups, for any event your group plans to have
- To all parish groups, for any event your group plans to have within the parish building, please make sure to obtain permission from the parish office, for any event in the Worship area, from the Pastor.
- 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.



<u>Starry, Starry Night</u> 37th Annual <u>Wine Tasting and Silent/Live Auction</u>

We are still looking for more volunteers to help make this a successful event, please consider signing up to help with a committee, sign up sheets are out in the gathering space.

Save the Date

Friday, November 8, 2024 at 6:00pm for our "Starry, Starry Night Wine Tasting and Silent Auction". Enjoy an evening of wine, beer, food, and fun.

Tickets for the Event

Tickets go on sale after Saturday's Mass, October 5, 2024 and every Mass on Sunday.

Tickets are available for the reduced price of \$30.00. Until November 8, day of the event. Tickets will be \$35.00 at the door.

> Hurry and purchase your tickets to enter early raffles.

Pray For ...

Joshua Alarcon Sandra Askins Scott Anderson Consuelo Barboza Christopher Beach Bob Burns Nicholas Bushgens Richard Chase Benjamin Chavez Jackie DaMichele Sandi DaSilveora Patsy Dearing Heather Deason Jim Ellis Mercy Escobar Gwen Flores Jeannette Franklin Edward Fulton Mary Gardenas **Rosemary Geis** Mauricio Guillen Dan Gustafson Dcn. Joe Haggarty Scott Hastings Veronica Hastings Mary Helen Katie Histing Jeanette Jesch Kenneth Jones Richard Kihs Jennifer Krush Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Sr. Marie Lemert Desiree Lintz Zachary Lintz Rebekah Lucey

Rosario Lund John Lyninger Theresa Lyninger Judy Medek Joyce Montgomery Majorie Ann Myers Carl McAdams Michael McCarthy Shawnee McGraw Lori O'Connor Aleiandra Ortiz Alan Ortiz Edlyn Ortiz Sandra Ortiz Bob Patterson Berta Perez Remi Plummer Travis Porter **Becky Prevost** Samuel Prieto Maria Rodriguez Sam Salisbury Rene Salomon Jon Sciabica Erick Smith Nanette Smith Carey Snyder Brianna Stuart Vincent Stuart Angela Teague Elsa Thomas Isaac Vargas James Vonderhaar **Bill Wehinger Bob Wolf** Sean Wolff Steve Woods



REGISTER AT: forlifeandfamily.org

Diocese of Reno



Sunday, September 22 8:00am Parish Family **10:00am** Jean Rose[†] by Her Children & Grandchildren 12:15pm NO 12:15pm MASS **4:30pm** Jacob Roberts[†] & Robert Dunaway[†] by Susie & Randy Roberts Monday, September 23 **12:00pm** Juan Quintana Rascan[†] by Family **Tuesday, September 24** 12:00pm Ed Silva[†] by Sandy Parkins Wednesday, September 25 **12:00pm** Maria Teresa Vargas[†] by Family Thursday, September 26 **12:00pm** Don Merucci⁺ by Family Friday, September 27 12:00pm Robert Dunaway† by Susie & Randy Roberts Saturday, September 28 Mary Tillman[†] by Family 5:00pm Sunday, September 29 8:00am Jim Williams† by Emmanuel Cruz-Calderon **10:00am** Don Merucci⁺ by Family **12:15pm** Ramon Ayala[†] & Elvira Murillo[†] by Familia Ayala Murrillo **4:30pm** Chief Sam Okorie[†] by Okorie Family Monday, September 30 12:00pm Parish Family **Tuesday, October 1** 12:00pm Ramon Jordana[†] by Chinita Escudero Wednesday, October 2 12:00pm Joseph & John Duong† by Augustin Duong Thursday, October 3 **12:00pm** Lilian Pucetti[†] by Family Friday, October 4 9:00am Geraldine Goodnow[†] by Janet Simpkins Saturday, October 5 5:00pm Robert Morato[†] by Family

Upcoming Feasts to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 9/26 St. Cosmas & St. Damian, Martyrs
- 9/27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- 9/30 St. Jerome,
- Priest & Doctor of the Church10/1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus,Virgin & Doctor of the Church
- 10/4 St. Francis of Assisi

Liturgical Ministry Team for September 28 & 29

Sat., September 28 5:00pm **G:** Jeanne Amy AS: Lauren & Christian L: Carol Brown Marcia McClain **EM:** Vilia Natchez Paul Danen **Bob Bertschinger** Kathy Wegner U: Ron McClain **GP:** Bautista Family Sun., September 29 8:00am **G:** Holleman Family AS: Arden & Olivia L: Jessica Guzman **Ophelia** Wilson **EM:** Kathie Geipel Allegra Welton Ophelia Wilson U: Bob Holleman **GP:** Nuti Family **R:** Rita Rollings & Family 10:00am **G:** Melanie Calabrese AS: Kaye, Cassandra, Delilah, Carlos L: Terry Jenkins **Raymond Calabrese EM:** Marisela Lopez Kathia Oligun Jeannete Troise U: Derek Moore **GP:** Ethan Swenski & Fam **R:** Vivy Navarette & Fam 12:15pm G: Carmen Jones y Familia AS: Lilianna y Karen L: Rosie Chavez Yolanda Velazquez **EM:** Lucila Martinez Bertha Alvarez Manuel Alvarez U: Giovanni Alvarez GP: Allison Boyce y Familia **B:** Melanie Lopez y Familia 4:30pm **G:** Higley Family **AS:** Grace & Hayley

L: Kathleen Fralick

Doug Parry

EM: Marlene Humphreys

Leo Humphreys

Gene Seidlitz

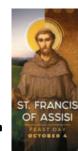
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U: Marlene Humphreys

Annette Granberg

Liturgical Ministry Team for October 5 & 6

Sat., October 5 5:00pm **G:** Patsv Liddick AS: Lauren L: Morgan Liddick Vilia Natchez **EM:** Earlene Rummel Cvndi Maria **Bob Bertschinger** Risa Ronan U: Don Turner GP: Dan & Lisa Garon Sun., October 6 8:00am G: Jay Campbell AS: Katie & Sarah L: Maggie Lee John Bell **EM:** Lisa Holleman Bob Holleman Megan Lambdin U: Harvey Ibarra **GP:** Fonseca-Espinosa Family **R:** JoAnn Jones 10:00am **G:** Macias Family AS: Benicio, Valeria, Jozsie L: Briana Esquivel Tony Pagano **EM:** Mae Doreza Sonia Deleon Linda Navarrete **U:** Steve Schiwart GP: Sinsay Family **R:** Rodarte Family 12:15pm G: Enedina Guzman y Fam. AS: Alex & Ricky L: Ashley Galvan Norma **EM:** Martha Flores Carlos Giron Raquel Giron **U:** Arnoldo Olivares **GP:** Alondra Garcia y Familia **B:** Camila Ramirez y Familia 4:30pm **G:** David Himes y Family **AS:** Mitchell L: Marlene Humphreys Dave Joyce **EM:** Noreen Parv Sarah Naegele Gene Seidlitz Kathleen Fralick U: Noreen Pary **GP:** Vanderpool Family



Upcoming Events

September

Mon 23 Young Adult Bible Study Group 7pm Tues 24 WTSA Basket Committee 10am—2pm. Thur 24 WTSA Basket Committee 10am—2pm Sat 28 Youth Group Rummage Sale 10am—6:30pm Sat 29 Youth Group Rummage Sale 8am—6:00pm October Wed 2 JOY Group 11am Healing Hearts Support Group 2pm Thus 2 Mass at Hearth terms 100mm

- Thur 3 Mass at Hearthstone 1:30pm Adult Bible Study Group 6pm Fri 4 Mass & Anointing for Healing 9am
- Fri 4 Mass & Anointing for Healing 9am Adoration 9:30am - 4:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

Youth Group Rummage Sale

Come one.. Come all to the to the first Youth Group Rummage Sale!

When: Saturday 9/28 10am - 6:30pm & Sunday 9/29 8am - 6:00pm

All funds raised will support youth ministry activities and events.

If you would like to donate items, please drop them off anytime before in the blue cart in the gathering space, below are some suggested item:

The following items are accepted and wanted New or Gently used only:

*Clothes *Shoes (only in pairs)

*Toys

*Electronics *Socks (only in pairs)

*Books

- *Records *Gaming systems
- *Jewelry *Board Games
- *Furniture *Exercise equipmen
- *Antiques *Office Supplies
- *Tools
- *Art (pictures, paintings, statues)

*House Decorations

NO TORN, WORN OUT, DIRTY OR BROKEN ITEMS PLEASE!



FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAMS

There will be classes on the following days:

September 29 & October 6 — Family Catechesis; Come & See

September 23, 30 & October 14 — Family Catechesis : Mondays

September 25 & October 2 — Family Catechesis; Confirmation

September 26 & October 3 —OCIA (RCIA)

Young Adult Bible Study Group

"You've placed your trust in the Lord to guide and uplift you - now it's time to deepen that connection. Join us at Holy Cross for Bible Study, where we explore His word and grow in faith together. Your journey with Him is

just the beginning." Meetings are on Mondays at 7pm at Holy Cross. All are welcome. Follow us on Instagram.



"Has puesto tu confianza en el Señor para que te guíe y te eleve, ahora es el momento de profundizar esa conexión. Únase a nosotros en

Holy Cross para el Estudio Bíblico, donde exploramos Su palabra y crecemos juntos en la fe. Tu viaje con Él es solo el comienzo". Las reuniones son los lunes a las 7 p.m. en Holy Cross. Todos son bienvenidos. Síguenos en Instagram.

Adult Bible Study Group

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00pm for an adult Bible study Group. Dive deeper into the scriptures and gain a greater understanding of them. Teacher is John Bell, Holy Cross parishioner since 1988. If interested come join us and make sure to bring a Catholic Bible. All adults are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

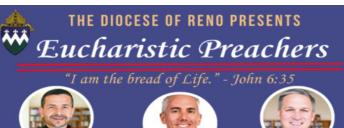


This ministry is open to all children/youth in our Parish who have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and have a desire to server the

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Serving at the altar, Pope Francis told the young people, is a privilege way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn "enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them. The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the lord, the better able you will be to go out to others , bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received."

Join us on Sunday October 13 at 11am to go trough a training for new Altar servers!



Fr. Edgardo Jara, O.F.M. ESPANOL OCTUBRE 4 • 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Saint Gall Church, Gardnerville

OCTUBRE 5 • 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM St. Therese Church of the Little Flower, Reno

OCTUBRE 6

- 9:00 AM 11:30 AM St. Joseph Church, Elko
- 2:30 PM 5 PM
 St. Paul Church,
- Winnemucca

St. Joseph Church, Elko SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER ESCANEE EL CÓDIGO QR PARA REGISTRARSE



Priesthood Sunday - September 29,2024

Priesthood Sunday is a day to honor and acknowledge the Priests within our community. Help us to give thanks for the vocation that Fr. Jose Issac and Fr. Norman King, along with all the priests of the Diocese that have said the great YES to. Take some time to thank them for their ministry.



BILINGUAL WORKSHOP ON MENTAL HEALTH

HOPE AND HEALING In search of mental well-being

More about the workshop We will meet for a day of Formation, Reflection and Friendship, where we will talk about the importance of mental health. We will hear from our guest Ms. Maricela Campa (currently the Bilingual Mental Health Awareness Program Manager for the Mental Health Ministry office of the Diocese of Phoenix.)



To register scan the QR code or use the link below https://renodiocese. jotform.com/242535 492886166



ENGLISH

OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Carson City

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Reno

t. Rose of Lima Church,

Corpus Christi Church,

OCTOBER 13

Maricela Campa ~Graduate in Psychology~

Join us! September 29th: 9:30.am-1:45pm Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Religious Education Building 2900 N McCarran Blvd, Sparks, NV 89431

Questions? Maripaz Ramos (775) 326-9423 or maripazr@catholicreno.org

Eucharistic Revival 2024-2025 Holy Cross Catholic Community Initiatives (Final Year)

- 1. Daily Mass will be offered Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome!
- Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 11:00am to 12:00pm noon. There will be monthly Adoration on all 1st Fridays from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Please join us for 30 minutes to one hour. Pray for Respect Life, World Peace, Vocations, and Parish unity.
- 3. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament as individuals or families.
- 4. Organize study groups on 'The Meaning of Mass". Become a small group leader. Hold the study groups twice a year from October to December and from February to April. Complete the study in six to seven weekly sessions.
- 5. All current and future liturgical ministers make an effort to complete the "The Meaning of Mass" study guide.
- 6. All parents in the family Catechesis program will have the first six sessions on "The Meaning of the Mass"
- 7. Two "Eucharistic Celebrations" will be held for all families in the Family Catechesis program, it is going to be a family get together.
- 8. One Eucharistic procession to be organized; time and date will be decided later.
- 9. <u>Call to Mission</u>: The Parish community and the various groups to undertake service projects as part of our "call to mission"
- 10. 20 seconds of Silent adoration after Holy Communion after every Mass.

HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Cross Catholic Community offers a support group for those who have experienced a loss. **Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm.** If you have questions, please contact Randall Hedrick, 775-240-7345.

SAYING GOODBYE

Hopefully one has the opportunity to say goodbye to their loved one before they pass. Unfortunately, there are many reasons why this may not occur. As a result, one's grief may be complicated by the regret or guilt that is felt by not having been able to communicate. If you feel that your goodbye was inadequate, there are ways to help overcome these feelings: writing a letter to your loved one, journaling, speaking a prayer, writing a poem, expressing feelings in art or music, visiting the gravesite, attending a support group. Sometimes it may be necessary to receive counseling.

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

Memorial Tree Update So far the community has purchased: 46 Copper Leaves 29 Silver Leaves 43 Gold Leaves

10 of the 10 Small Stones 3 of the 3 Large Stones

September 22, 2024—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

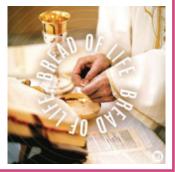
Communion Rites #3: The Fraction Rite

"Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." - Luke 24:35 NAB

During the Lamb of God, the priest will break the principle host. This has a twofold significance. Primarily, it is a symbol of Christ's body broken for us at His Crucifixion, entering into our broken humanity. Paradoxically, however, it is also a symbol of our unity-that the body of Christ broken is shared by the whole Church uniting it together in Christ Jesus. We receive the one bread so become one in Christ (c.f. 1 Corinthians 10:17).

How does Christ unite you to those around you?

How do you see Christ's Crucifixion in the Mass?



September 29, 2024—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin. -Father John Muir ©LPi





WHY GIVE ONLINE?

1. You can share your gifts... Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.

2. Leave your checkbook at home. Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.

3. Your funds are protected. Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.

4. Support our parish consistently, even if you are unable to attend Mass.

5. Give on-the-go! Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

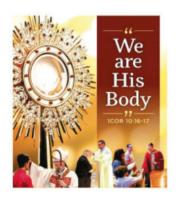
- 1. Visit holycrosssparks.com and click Give Online.
- 2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact the parish office at 775-358-2544

"We are His Body" **Catholic Service** Appeal 2024

Parish Goal: \$94,090.00 Number of Pledges: 151 **Total Amount Pledges** Received: \$107, 825.00 Total Amount of Pledges Redeemed: \$92,555.00



Thank you for your kind and generous support. The Parish is nearing the set goal amount in received donations, we appreciate all of your generous giving.

Weekly Offering September 1, 2024

Total	\$ 11,563.95
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,570.00
Memorial Tree Leaf	\$ 190.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 70.00
Family Catechesis	\$ 1,900.00
WTSA 2024 Raffle Tickets	\$ 110.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 15.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 409.00
Sunday Offering	\$ 7,289.95

August Online				
Sunday Offering	\$	9,055.00		
CSA	\$	45.00		
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	95.00		
CCD	\$	165.00		
Pastor's Charity	\$	200.00		
Total	\$	9,560.00		

Weekly Offering September 8, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,194.58
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 437.00
Children's Stewardship	\$ 360.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 1.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 2,474.78
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 700.00
WTSA 2024 Raffle Tickets	\$ 245.00
Family Catechesis	\$ 757.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,650.00
Total	\$ 13,819.36

Parish Registration Form / Formulario de Registro Parroquial

Names of your Family Members / Nombres de los miembros de su familia:

Mailing Address / Dirección postal : _____

Phone Number/ Número de teléfono :

Alt Phone Number / Número de teléfono alternativo :

Email Address / Correo Electrónico :

Preferred Mass Time / Horario de Misa preferido : ______Ministry you would like to be involved in /

Ministerio en el que le gustaría participar: :

Contribution envelopes/Sobres de contribución : _____or Online Giving/o Donaciones en línea: : _____



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