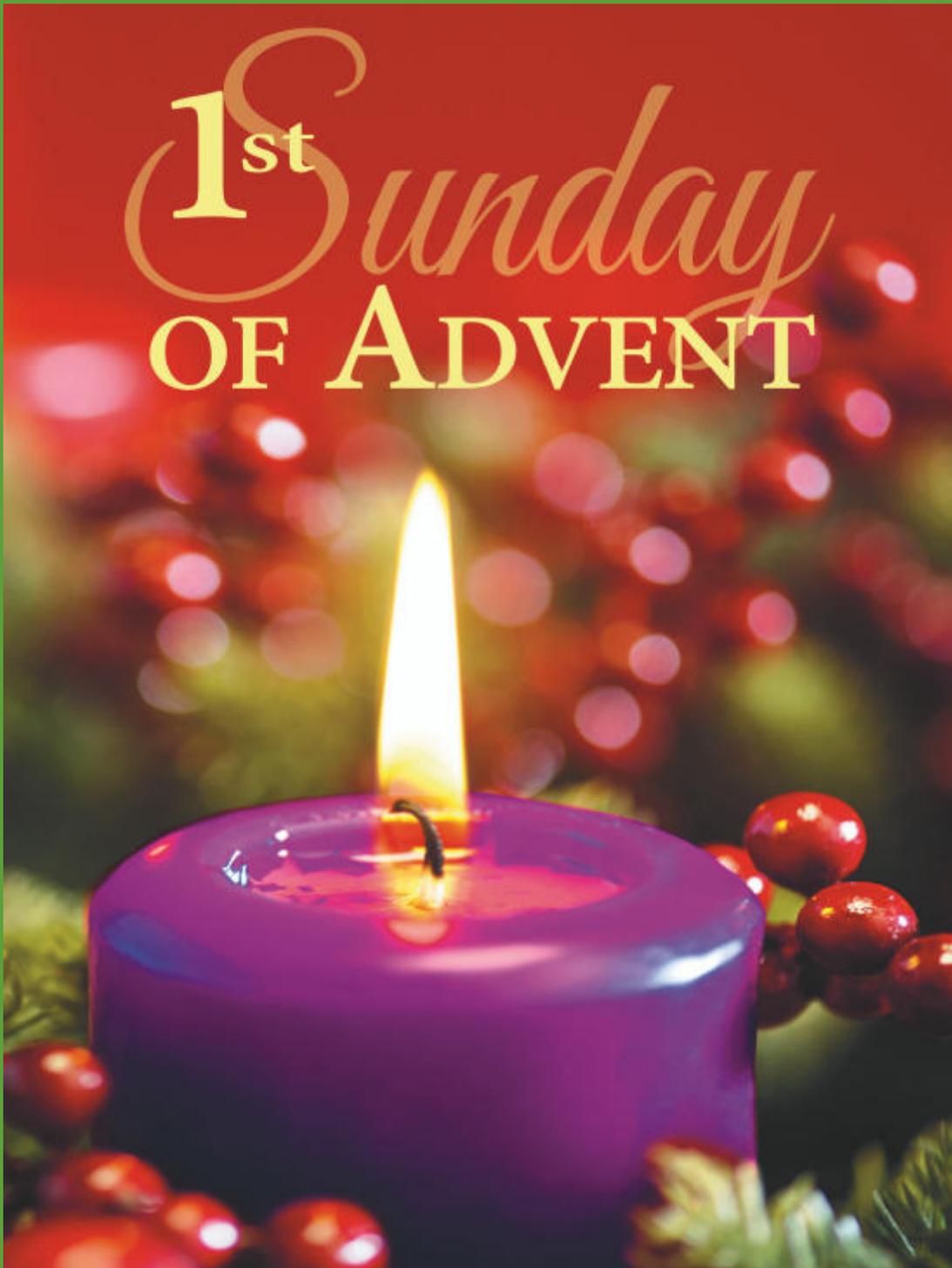


*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish*

*November 29, 2020*

*First Sunday of Advent*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**





Dear Friends,  
Welcome to a new liturgical year!  
I know we are so ready for a new year with what we have been faced with in 2020! Yet, we the faithful, begin a new year, a liturgical new year, that is all set in faith and with a purpose guided by our Lord and not the ball falling in Times Square on New Year's

Eve. Let us be positive and hopeful, as we embrace this time with one another!

Your faith community has prayed and discerned to deem this Advent/Christmas to be a theme of "Journey of Hope"! It does make sense since with all that we have been traveling with since March. How can we not move forward looking towards hope on the journey of our lives?

Can you join me, your faith community and all your sisters and brothers in a "Journey of Hope"? I would like to share with you many great things that will enhance our "Journey of Hope" during these few weeks.

First, did you ask your Pastoral Staff to make an Advent Package for you? Perhaps it's not too late, but check our bulletin and website. We have worked to make your Advent ready with necessary materials

Second, we (I) would enjoy it if you wish to share a photograph of your nativity/creche. For several years I have shared my creches along with some parishioners in church throughout the Advent/Christmas weeks. With the current situation of the pandemic, the Nativity/Creche exhibition will be altered. BUT, you and I can still participate! Would you be willing to send a picture of your Creche/Nativity to us to share with our parish/faith community? We will put these special creches on our website and before our masses on the weekend. Send your pictures to [kluke@dor.org](mailto:kluke@dor.org).

Third, last year we had a wonderful celebration of Saint Nicholas. Many, so many, of you participated in bringing your shoes to church and filling them with much needed socks for those in need. Even though we cannot set our shoes around the sanctuary because of the Pandemic, we can still gather much needed socks to warm the feet of our sisters and brothers who are on our cold streets. Please fill our container with warmth for the House of Mercy and Saint Joseph's House of Hospitality. It's a big green barrel that I (Rob) will not mind emptying for you to keep refilling.

Fourth, we have to have cooperation this year for our Christmas Masses. You do understand, right? We, your Parish Staff, have been working for months, since March, to make sure we have a most welcoming and safe environment for those who desire to join us for worship. Your Parish Staff has received much appreciation for their endeavors. No accolades needed but we have had your best interests of health before us and you. We trust you will understand our guidelines for worship on Christmas Eve and Day. Let us all be understandable, reasonable and on time for worship. It is not about ourselves but our whole faith community. Your Parish Staff is doing their best for you. Please help us accommodate everyone.

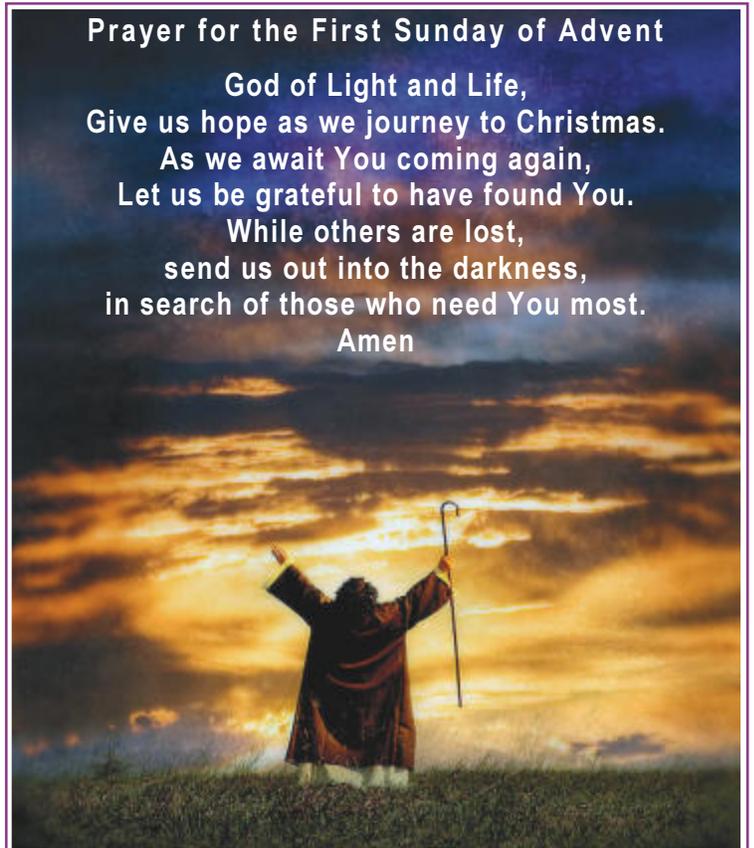
Fifth, I want to thank those who support me and our parish unconditionally. You are such a gift not only to me but the entire faith community. Stewardship is a great gift of understanding. You, and you know who you are, share Time, Talent and Treasure to make sure Saint Catherine of Siena is here not only this moment but for the tomorrow's we all look forward too! Let us pray the whole community will embrace what we believe and hope for tomorrow.

Sixth,....Journey of Hope...

I pray your heart may join my own for the goodness and future of this parish,  
Father Rob

### Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

God of Light and Life,  
Give us hope as we journey to Christmas.  
As we await You coming again,  
Let us be grateful to have found You.  
While others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness,  
in search of those who need You most.  
Amen



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Mark your calendar for an  
Advent Penance Service  
Wednesday, December 16th  
7:00 P.M.



Pre-registration is not required.  
The Service will be live streamed.

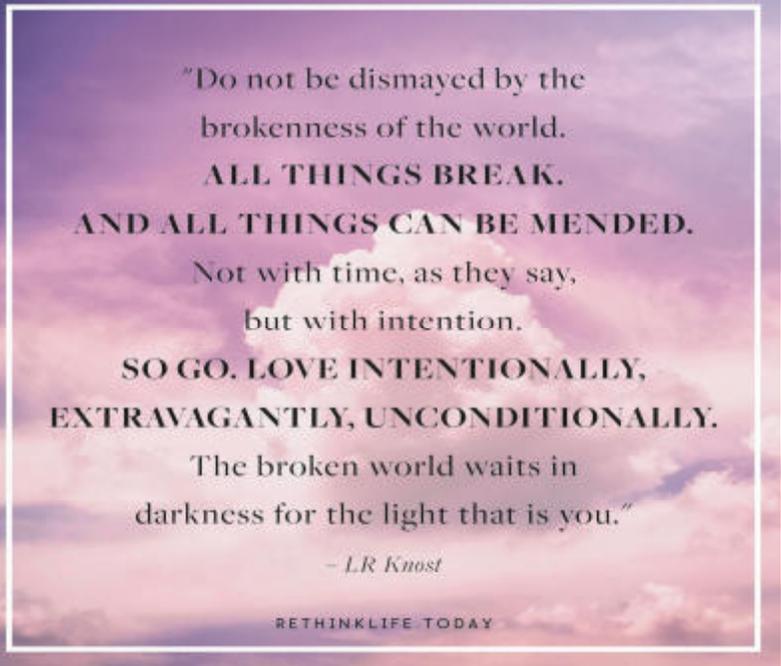
Individual Confession available  
following the service for those who  
desire to participate in this  
Sacrament.

**Advent Morning Reflection**

The Scriptures of Advent offer us an insider's view into the faith and the faithfulness of Elizabeth, Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. Each one of these four hears God's Word spoken uniquely to them through the angel Gabriel.

During our time together we will listen to, reflect on and attend to the intricacies of these invitations from God. We will spend some time in prayer, private reflection and group sharing as we seek guidance from each of these Advent Companions.

Facilitator : Giovina Carosua, MA  
Date : December 10, 2020  
Time : 9:30 am—Noon  
Fee : \$20  
Place : via Zoom  
Registration : 585—473—6893

**Thanksgiving Food Appeal**

Many thanks to all who donated gift cards and other items. We were able to help 26 local families with their Thanksgiving dinners.

**Advent Series  
with Sr. Barbara Moore, SSJ****Saturdays at 10:00 AM****December 5, 12, 19****In the Church of St. Catherine's**

“What will this new Church year look like with Covid-19 and deaths continuing, and election completed and major divisions still existing between and among us?” Our reflections will be divided into two parts. First an exploration of the Scripture readings and then their application for this season.

December 5, 2020—Theme:

“Who was in Jesus' family? Mark's Gospel is of little help in answering these questions.”

December 12, 2020—Theme:

“Mark and John's Gospel both introduce John the Baptist. But aren't they way out of line with the traditional timeline?”

December 19, 2020—Theme:

“Finally, our Gospel from Luke describes the Annunciation. They are just in time because Christmas is six days away!”

**American Red Cross****2020 FINAL  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 ~ 1pm to 6pm ~ Schnacky Center**

### Christmas Gift & Food Appeal

The children's needs and wishes can be found on St. Catherine's Gift Appeal Registries. (Amazon & Target). Direct links to the registries are located on the St. Catherine's Website. Feel free to browse and purchase items of your choice. Your items will be shipped directly to Sally Whitbeck's & Phyllis Hagen's homes so you won't need to drop them off at St. Catherine's. We will shut the registries down by Dec 8th to allow for shipping time.

The Christmas Food Appeal will be the same as Thanksgiving. Each family will receive a gift card to purchase items for their Christmas dinner. Families favorite places to shop are: The Marketplace, Aldis, Wegman's & Walmart. Please place your gift cards in an envelope marked "Phyllis Hagen". You may drop them in the collection baskets in church or in the locked drop box outside the Parish Office. You may also donate to the Good Samaritan Fund on our website and we will purchase the gift cards. Donations need to be dropped off by Dec 13th. If you have any questions please contact myself [pyhagen3@gmail.com](mailto:pyhagen3@gmail.com) or text/call 585-721-6568 or [Sallysjwhitbeck109@gmail.com](mailto:Sallysjwhitbeck109@gmail.com). We hope these new changes will keep both our parishioners and local families safe. Thank you so much for your continued support.



### Annual Mitten Tree

Our Annual Mitten Tree Collection happens the weekends of Nov. 28 & 29; Dec 5 & 6; and Dec. 12 & 13.

In these days of Covid-19, we will not have our actual Mitten Tree. Instead, we will have a "Mitten Tree" gift box in the Gathering Space to accept your donations of warm mittens, winter hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks for women, men and children.

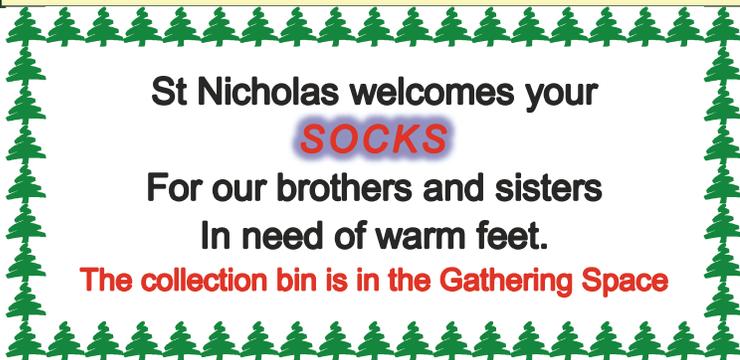
For those that are not attending Mass at this time at Church, we will also have a "Mitten Tree" box in the Chapel for those who can stop by during the week as the Chapel is open Monday through Thursday until 3:00pm

Donated items will go to Hope Hall, House of Mercy and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

*Hope Hall* is a school for students marginalized by the traditional education system due to specific learning challenges. The majority of these children are in situations of poverty.

*House of Mercy* is a homeless shelter and advocacy center located in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Rochester. The House provides food, shelter, clothing and a variety of support services to people who struggle to survive every day.

*St. Joseph's House of Hospitality* is a Catholic Worker Community located in down-town Rochester, which provides food, clothing, shelter and spiritually-centered care to its guests.



St Nicholas welcomes your **SOCKS**

For our brothers and sisters  
In need of warm feet.

The collection bin is in the Gathering Space



STANLEY LABINSKI  
GRANDFATHER OF GLEN (EMILY) LABINSKI  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

### WELCOME HOME

Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
November 22, 2020 EFT	\$ 4,306	\$7,208	(\$2,902)
November 22, 2020 EFT	\$ 1,108	\$1,165	(\$57)

July 1, 2020—November 23, 2020

Actual: **\$209,959** Budget: **\$236,172** Variance **(\$26,213)**

Thank you for your generous stewardship during this difficult time



While the Prayer Shawl Ministry is not meeting in these Covid Days, they are still praying and creating Prayer Shawls. So Prayer Shawls are available for those who are ill or grieving.

To obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, you can see Ruth after Mass or call (624 - 4990) or stop by the Parish Office.



**Our 2020/2021 CMA Responsibility is: \$117,953**

**Our progress as of November 23rd is: 88 Donors; \$26,815 Pledged;  
22.73% of our goal; \$94,948 remaining responsibility**

*We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.*

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*Thank you for your prayerful generosity!*

Yes! It's true!  
Our dear Matthew's Closet  
is temporarily closed due  
to Corona Virus concerns  
at Matthew's Closet Store.  
We hope and expect that  
the doors will open real  
soon. When you see the  
board down... you will  
know that donations are  
welcome! Thank you for  
your patience and your  
prayers. In peace always.



### *A Coronavirus Prayer*

May we, who are merely inconvenienced by  
the Coronavirus remember those whose  
lives are at stake.

May we, who have no risk factors for the  
Coronavirus remember those most vulnerable.

May we, who have the luxury of working  
from home remember those who must  
choose between preserving their health or  
making their rent.

May we, who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close  
remember those who have no options.

May we, who have to cancel our trips,  
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we, who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market,  
remember those who have no margin at all.

Lord, we ask that you hold all of us in the  
palm of your hand.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



November 28 & 29 is the last weekend of  
our on-site can and bottle collection in support of the  
Good Samaritan Fund. We would like to thank everyone  
for all their plentiful donations. Look for results of the  
on-site collection in December. If you would like to  
continue to support this worthy cause please take your  
can/bottle returns to a Nickel and Dime Redemption  
Center located at 1336 Pittsford Mendon Road, Mendon  
or 4 Ontario Street, Ho-neoye Falls. Remember to let  
them know you would like your returns to go towards  
**St. Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund**. Thank you  
again for your continued support.



**Weekend of...**

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Mk 13:33-37

*Bernie Wiese by The Family*

*Evelyn Dattilo by Nancy Pool & John Nieznanski*

*Lorraine Apperman by Helen Dunn*

**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

9:00<sup>am</sup> *The lonely rich and the lonely poor.*

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Kay Anderson by Ron Anderson*

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

9:00<sup>am</sup> *Patrick M. Lawler by Jim & Anita Lawler*

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00<sup>am</sup> *St. Catherine of Sienna Parish*

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

9:00<sup>am</sup> *No Service*

**Weekend of...**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

*Stanley Zeller by Marcia Opperman*

*Brandon Williams by Nancy Pool & John Nieznanski*

*Jenna Simonetti by Rob Bourcy*

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

(pre-registration required—go to St. Catherine's Website to register)

Christmas Eve—December 24, 2020 :  
3:00 pm and 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day—December 25, 2020 : 10:00 am

**Notice: Our 3pm mass is live streamed.  
Go to [saintcath.org](http://saintcath.org) to access.**

**Christmas Mass Guidelines**

- † Masks MUST be worn by all attendees walking from the car, into the church and for the entirety of mass. Your mouth and nose should be covered by the mask the entire time.
- † Church doors will open 40 minutes prior to Mass and will close 10 minutes before Mass begins. Latecomers will not be let into the church after doors are closed even if you have reservations.
- † Unfortunately, we WILL NOT be able to accommodate walk-ins.
- † Once you register, you and the members you place in your reservations will have a seat assigned to you.

These changes and guidelines are to protect all those coming to celebrate the Birth of Christ. We thank you in advance for your continued patience and willingness to be celebratory during our Christmas Masses!

**Christmas Flowers**



If you would like to make a monetary donation " **IN MEMORY**" or " **IN HONOR** " of a loved one for Christmas Flowers, please, fill in and cut out the form below and place it in an envelope marked "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" and drop it in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office. **Please print clearly!**

**Christmas Flower Donation**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number or email \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**IN HONOR OF**

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Sunday 8:15am
Sunday 10:30am
Monday-Thursday 9am



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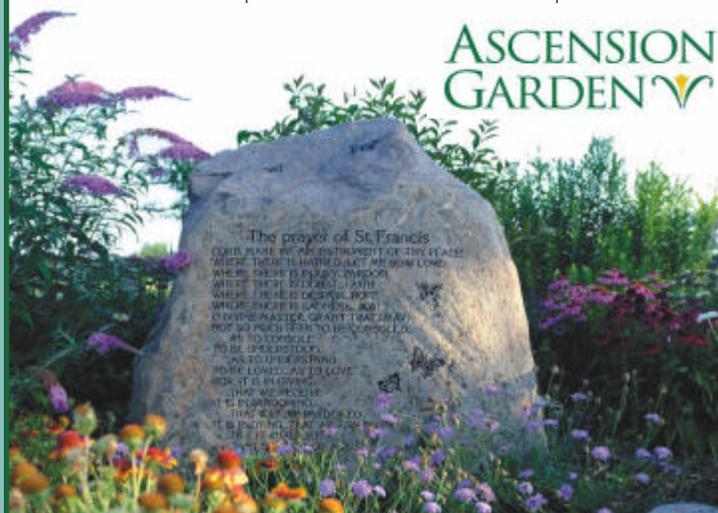
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