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# **WELCOME**

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#### **WELCOME MESSAGE**

We the welcoming family of Holy Cross are delighted to have you join our parish family. Whether you are new to the area, seeking a new parish home, or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we hope you come and spend some time with us at Mass and in prayer and adoration. We seek to offer as many opportunities as possible for parishioners to come together as a family of faith. We pray that you may find warmth and spiritual growth here at Holy Cross!



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

#### **DEAR FRIENDS**,

Today we continue our celebration of the birth of the Son of God. But, more than the birth, we celebrate the manifestation of the Divine Child as the Light of the world and Universal Savior. The scene of the Magi who undertake the journey in search of the Born King, reminds us of our own journey in search of the Lord; search that culminates with the joy of the encounter with the King of the universe.

The truth about the newborn King is obvious: He came to save us and to all who accept Him, He gives the power to become children of God. Two things are however to be considered here. For one, the Joy that fills the hearts of the Magi at the sight of the Child indicates the joy of the whole world welcoming and adoring the King who comes to make everything new. Today we are also invited to join in the celebration of that joy. Jesus is revealed to us as the One who comes to pull us out darkness. While we were still blinded by sins and our focus on the ephemera and illusory joy that the world offers us, true Light is given to us as now Jesus finds us in our struggles. He comes to us to call us to embark on the new journey of light and joy. His star rose for us too and made us sharers of the new creation.

The second thing we are to consider is the change – I will say, the transformation, conversion and metanoia – that occurs in the Magi's journey. They are warned not to take the same path. Scripture says, they took another path on their way back, after being warned not to. This is the consequence of and the requirement that comes from the encounter with the Light of the World. To encounter Jesus is and should always be a source of renewal. Renewal of the ways we had treated one another; renewal of our view of the world, and renewal of our own identity as children of God and disciples of Jesus. It is exactly that renewal at the encounter of the Lord that made Saint Paul claim that "my present life in faith, it is no longer I who live but Christ living in me." After a time of darkness and uncertainty, the Magi are guided to the newborn King. They find Him and they adore Him offering Him their presents.

Time and again we get lost on our journey of discipleship. Trust in God should always lead us in perseverance to find the light that leads us to the Savior. Our encounter with Him is our response to His call, as we say, "here am I Lord, I came to do your will." This journey we do not undertake it alone. We journey as a family and community. In the beginning of the new year, I would like all of us to hold one another to journey together in the spirit of a synodal Church, where everyone is a part of the family on pilgrimage to the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

As we thank God for the blessing of this New Year, we ask Him to strengthen us in the spirit of discipleship, so that holding one another, we may journey together for the building of the Kingdom where all are welcomed and cherished. And let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and everyone!

### **QUERIDOS AMIGOS,**

Hoy continuamos nuestra celebración del nacimiento del Hijo de Dios. Pero, más que el nacimiento, celebramos la manifestación del Divino Niño como Luz del mundo y Salvador Universal. La escena de los Magos que emprenden el viaje en busca del Rey Nacido, nos recuerda nuestro propio camino en busca del Señor; búsqueda que culmina con la alegría del encuentro con el Rey del universo.

La verdad sobre el Rey recién nacido es obvia: Él vino a salvarnos ya todos los que lo aceptan, les da el poder de convertirse en hijos de Dios. Sin embargo, aquí deben considerarse dos cosas. Por un lado, la Alegría que llena los corazones de los Magos al ver al Niño indica la alegría del mundo entero acogiendo y adorando al Rey que viene a hacer todo nuevo. Hoy también estamos invitados a unirnos a la celebración de esa alegría. Jesús se nos revela como Aquel que viene a sacarnos de las tinieblas. Mientras todavía estábamos cegados por los pecados y nuestro enfoque en lo efímero y el gozo ilusorio que el mundo nos ofrece, la verdadera Luz se nos da como ahora Jesús nos encuentra en nuestras luchas. Viene a nosotros para llamarnos a emprender el nuevo camino de luz y alegría. Su estrella también se elevó para nosotros y nos hizo partícipes de la nueva creación.

Lo segundo que debemos considerar es el cambio, diré, la transformación, la conversión y la metanoia, que se produce en el viaje de los magos. Se les advierte que no tomen el mismo camino. Las Escrituras dicen que tomaron otro camino en su camino de regreso, después de que se les advirtió que no lo hicieran. Ésta es la consecuencia y la exigencia que surge del encuentro con la Luz del Mundo. Encontrar a Jesús es y debe ser siempre una fuente de renovación. Renovación de la forma en que nos habíamos tratado unos a otros; renovación de nuestra visión del mundo y renovación de nuestra propia identidad como hijos de Dios y discípulos de Jesús. Precisamente esa renovación en el encuentro del Señor hizo que san Pablo afirmara que "mi vida actual de fe, ya no soy yo quien vive, sino Cristo que vive en mí". Después de un tiempo de oscuridad e incertidumbre, los Magos son guiados hacia el Rey recién nacido. Lo encuentran y lo adoran ofreciéndole sus regalos.

Una y otra vez nos perdemos en nuestro camino de discipulado. La confianza en Dios siempre debe llevarnos a la perseverancia para encontrar la luz que nos lleva al Salvador. Nuestro encuentro con Él es nuestra respuesta a Su llamado, como decimos, "aquí estoy, Señor, vine a hacer tu voluntad". Este viaje no lo emprendemos solos. Caminamos como familia y comunidad. Al comienzo del nuevo año, me gustaría que todos nos abrazáramos para caminar juntos en el espíritu de una Iglesia sinodal, donde todos son parte de la familia en peregrinación hacia la realización del Reino de Dios.

Al agradecer a Dios por la bendición de este Año Nuevo, le pedimos que nos fortalezca en el espíritu del discipulado, para que, abrazados unos a otros, podamos caminar juntos por la construcción del Reino donde todos sean bienvenidos y apreciados. Y sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial. ¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo a todos y a todos!

## READINGS

#### **FIRST READING** IS 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

#### **SECOND READING** EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

#### **GOSPEL**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ="Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **MON, TUE, THURS & FRI**

8:00 am & 12:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00 am & 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

#### SATURDAY

8:00 am & 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (French)

#### SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday & First Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

First Friday 12:00 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm, Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SAT, JAN 1 NM 6:22-27/GAL 4:4-7/LK 2:16-21 8:00 am † Joseph LaRuffa

10:00 am Fr. Emery Longanga † 12:30 pm Aureliano Blass

4:00 pm Liv & dec mem Hill Family 6:00 pm All third order Franciscans

#### **SUN, JAN 2** IS 60:1-6/EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6/MT 2:1-12

8:00 am † Rita Drinan

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10:00 am Holy Cross Parishioners 12:30 pm † Alfonso Franco Cabrales

#### MON, JAN 3 1JN 3:22-4:6/MT 4:12-17, 23-25

Joanne Zapalla Severino Franco, Ir.

#### **TUES, JAN 4** 1 JN 4:7-10/MK 6:34-44

Aaron Hilario Antonio Falci 12:00 pm

#### WED, JAN 5 1 JN 4:11-18/MK 6:45-52

Vocations

Liv & dec mem McKenna Family Sara Hernandez

#### 1JN 4:19-5:4/LK 4:14-22A

Antonio Falci Susan Matheson

#### 1JN 5:5-13/LK 5:12-16

Bill Kennedy Saffa Kramer

#### 1JN 5:14-21/JN 3:22-30

Bridget McKenna

Gerald & Mary Geniusz & Family

Agnes Bowman

#### IS 42:1-4, 6-7/ACTS 10:34-38/LK 3:15-16, 21-

Holy Cross Parishioners

Betty Yoakem

Jacinta Espinoza Ramirez

# 8:00 am

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6:00 pm

12:00 pm

12:00 pm

FRI, JAN 7

SAT, JAN 8

**SUN, JAN 9** 

12:00 pm

**THURS, JAN 6** 

12:00 pm

10:00 am 12:30 pm

## **PARISH NEWS**



#### BINGO

Please join us for Monday evening BINGO! Doors open at 4pm. First games start at 5:45pm. Bring a friend or two! \$12 to start. Three jackpots. Hotdogs, snacks, pastries, and drinks for sale. A big thank you to all of our generous volunteers!

#### **SACRISTAN NEEDED**

We are in need of a new sacristan volunteer immediately, to cover daily and weekend Masses. Training provided. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Thank you!

#### **BOOK STUDY**

Our next book study will begin Thursday, January 6, from 10-11am in the small hall, on *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri. If you would like a book to be ordered for you please contact Laura at 813-340-9305 or tennismc@msn.com. January 6 will cover p1-16.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

We are starting a ten-week study on the Gospel of Matthew in **February**, at 10 am in one of the classrooms on campus. Our group leader will be Kristen Noakes-Fry. Books are \$20. Please contact the office to register.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 2

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 8am—D Ashcroft, P Jones, 10am—A Gerardi, R Hughes, **Lectors:** 8am—D Ashcroft, I Ashcroft, 10am—L Reale, 12:30pm—Andreina, Fabio, Gil, Teresita

Monday, January 3

Lectors: 8am—L Reale, 12pm—K Noakes

Tuesday, January 4

Lectors: 8am—K Noakes, 12pm—L Lapointe

Wednesday, January 5

Lectors: 8am—L Reale, 12pm—L Lapointe, 7pm—

Thursday, January 6

Lectors: 8am—L Lapointe, 12pm—L Shields

Friday, January 7

Lectors: 8am—A Convery, 12pm—L Ferreira

Saturday, January 8

Eucharistic Ministers: 4pm—J Terrell, L Fitzpatrick,

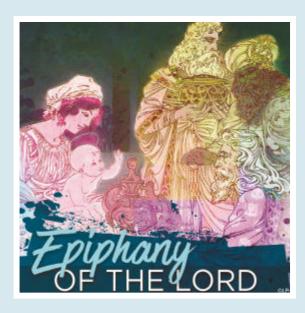
Lectors: 8am—A Convery, 4pm—L Ferreira

Sunday, January 9

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—N Banks, C Banks, 10am—

M Branesky, A Shaw, Lectors: 8am—D Ashcroft, I

Ashcroft, 10am—L Reale, 12:30pm—



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please note that names will be automatically removed from this list after three months. Please call the parish office to add a name to this list.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Faith, Mary, Meghan, Paul, Edith, Peggy Anne, Sylvia, Jean Ann, Felicitas, Adolfo, Jesus, Ileane, William, Jacob, Jeremy, Miranda, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, Gail, Karon, Beth Anne, Joe, Evelyn, Gerry, Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Verstappen, Victor, Karen, Rose Marie, John, Maureen, Colin, Paul, John, Joseph, Peggy, Kami, Katie, Anne-Marie, Simo, Josephine, Terry, Bill, Maria, Holly, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, Jodi, Carly, Ann, Sharon, Beverly, Emily, Lynn, Mary Lou, Catherine, Roger, Maria, Alfredo, Eleanor, Dayana, Janet, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Bobby, Charlie, Christina, Peggy H., Mark, Renee, Glenn, Mary, Lynn, Sandra, Sally, Nick, Frank, Ed M., Paulette, Frank, Bozana, Mary Ellen, Sharon, Patty, Carlos, Maria Julia, Paula, Pam, Catherine, Amanda, Pat, Dennis, Lauren, Grace, Heidi, Scott, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Declan, Bodhi, Zora, Marie, Katherine, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, Jeanie, Anne, Lynn, Chuck, Carl, Bella, Bill, Montana, Eli, Susan, Karen, Fran, Diane & Troy & Family, Lori, Patricia & Anthony, Paul, Kathy, Maryann, Mario, Anthony, Christina, Joseph & Lucy, Chuck, Robert, Missa, David, Chuck, Sue Ann, Tina, Angie, Don, Justine, Maria, the Agars, Eleanor, Fr. Tom, Arlene, Brooke, Vincent, Larry, Daniel, Kristen

# STEWARDSHIP: THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/ And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf

is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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# **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of December 18-19, 2021

Envelopes: 170 (out of 734 families)
Online Giving: \$ 843.50 (from 24 donors)

Weekly Total: \$ 8,366.00 Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

# **2021 APA**

As of December 20, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00 Pledged: \$ 58,723.00 Paid: \$ 61,380.50

Pledges: 251 (out of 734 families)

#### **APA Pledging**

Many people feel that they can participate at a sacrificial gift level if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule.

#### **APA One-Time Gifts**

If donors prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled for later.

#### **APA Electronic Giving**

All major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments are accepted. Donor managed online giving is available through the diocesan website at:

https://s.dosp.org/give

#### **APA Checks**

Please **do not** combine APA and Offertory in one check.



# **ALTAR FLOWERS**

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Christmas flowers fund this year!

# SANCTUARY LAMP

There are no sanctuary lamp intentions this week.

# ALTAR BREAD & WINE

There are no altar bread and wine intentions this week.

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL**

#### **FUNDING DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND SERVICES**

#### 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)

We are changing the way the Diocese funds ministries and shared expenses. Starting in 2022, diocesan leadership provided through the Office of the Bishop, Chancellor and Vicar General necessary for shepherding our local church will be funded through a Cathedraticum tax equal to 2% of parish offertory and donations. Diocesan ministries will be funded through a new, voluntary "Catholic Ministry Appeal," and the former "Annual Pastoral Appeal" (APA) will no longer take place.

#### **Pledging**

We currently work with monthly, quarterly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge and do not establish an e-payment account will receive reminders through the mail according to their chosen payment schedule.

#### **One-Time Gift**

A one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled a later date.

#### **Online Giving (E-Giving)**

We accept all major credit/debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system.

#### Donor managed online giving is available through

- 1. Our diocesan website at: GivetoMinistry.dosp.org
- 2. Text to give (NEW!) Donors can text "2022appeal" to 727-788-5125 to receive a direct link to our secure online giving page
- 3. QR Code (NEW!) Donors can scan the code below and be redirected to our secure online giving page Authorization forms for credit cards and direct debit donations are not available on in-pew envelopes or on commitment cards mailed to homes. If donors require assistance, they can contact the Campaign Processing Office by phone at 727-341-6841.



#### PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most. Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through our Catholic Ministry Appeal. We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. Amen.

# ORACIÓN POR EL LLAMAMIENTO DEL MINISTERIO CATÓLICO

Más numerosas que las estrellas en el cielo son tus bendiciones, oh Dios bondadoso y compasivo. Nos has llamado para anunciar la buena nueva de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, mediante nuestras palabras y acciones. Fortalece nuestra fe y abre nuestros corazones para que cuidemos de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente aquellos que más nos necesitan. Ayúdanos a comprender la diferencia que podemos hacer, el amor que podemos compartir y las vidas que podemos acercar a Cristo a través de la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos. Oramos para que tu gracia, oh Señor, nos lleve a ser hoy tu corazón y tus manos amorosas. Amén.



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Millie Haylock Baptisms

# FAITH FORMATION

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This time of year gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the previous twelve months and how we have spent them in the service of God, and also to prepare a plan for how we will improve our relationship with Him in the year to come. With that in mind, here are some ideas for things to do this coming year:

- 15 minutes of daily mediation on Scripture, the writings of a saint, or the story of their life
- 2. 30 minutes of adoration of Our Lord in the blessed sacrament (exposed or in the tabernacle) each week
- 3. Attending an extra mass each week
- 4. Receiving the sacraments more often (confession and holy communion)
- 5. Considering what your main defect is and resolving to grow daily in the opposing virtue

#### **SAINT OUOTES ON CHRISTMAS**

"Man's maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips,



the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die." Saint Augustine

"O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity." Saint Anthony

"This day He Who Is, is born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not." Saint John Chrysostom

"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men." Saint Ambrose

#### **FORMED WATCHLIST**

This week's FORMED weekly watchlist is *John of the Cross: The Living Flame of Love,* an audio drama about the life of this powerful saint. Visit us at holycrossrcc.com to see how you can listen to this amazing and inspiring story about a master of the spiritual life for free on FORMED.org!



#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much to our Women's Club for delivering 200 lap robes, hats, T shirts and cookies to the director of Balanced Health for their residents on Saturday, December 12!





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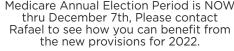
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