

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A Catholic parish community served by the Carmelite Order

11 April 2021 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



"Incredulity of Saint Thomas" by Maerten de Vos , 1574 AD

"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:27-28



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Parish Life

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 11 — Sunday, April 25

(Mass Intentions are shown for first week only)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am (Saturday Vigil 4:00pm)

Intentions, 4:00pm: + William Barklage, + Brinetta Jara

Intentions, 8:30am: People of the Parish

Intentions, 10:30am: + Judy Donahue, + Marcia E. O'Brien

- Family Faith Formation, 9:00-10:00am

Monday, April 12

Mass: 8:00am.

Intentions: Nan Schwappach, + Clarita Miller

- Adult Faith: Museum Masterpieces, 10:30am – Noon

Tuesday, April 13

Mass: 8:00am.

Intentions: + Don Cristiano, + Betty Deshler

- Adult Faith: Small Group—Finding Peace, 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday, April 14

Mass: 8:00am. **Intentions:** + Fr. Del Klink, Fr. Ken Klink

- Prayer Group, 9:00am

Thursday, April 15

Mass: 8:00am. **Intention:** + Regina Miceli, + Geraldine Scott

Friday, April 16

Mass: 8:00am, Adoration: 8:30-9:30am

Intention: + Virginia Magero, + Bob Axiom

Saturday, April 17

Mass: 8:00am.

Intentions: + Dick Lyons, + Rosemary Vaccaro

Confessions: 3:00pm

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am (Saturday Vigil 4:00pm)

- Family Faith Formation, 9:00-10:00am
- **Primetime Sunday Cinema: "Calvary," 3:00pm** in Tillotson Hall. Free tickets in parish office.

Monday, April 19

Mass: 8:00am.

- Adult Faith: Museum Masterpieces, 10:30am – Noon

Tuesday, April 20

Mass: 8:00am.

- Adult Faith: Small Group—Finding Peace, 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday, April 21

Mass: 8:00am.

- *Divine Mercy Chaplet* with Prayer Group, 8:30am

Thursday, April 22

Mass: 8:00am.

Friday, April 23

Mass: 8:00am, Adoration: 8:30-9:30am

Saturday, April 24

Mass: 8:00am. Confessions: 3:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am (Saturday Vigil 4:00pm)

NEW FAITH SHARING SMALL GROUP FOR WIDOWS: All interested in growing in faith, holiness and the devout life are welcome to attend. For information, contact Marianne Cano, 941-966-0807/ext 314 or email: mcano@OLMC-Osprey.com.

April, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thousands of Catholics live in poor dioceses in areas such as Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, etc. The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is real for thousands of faithful living in Home Mission Dioceses.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection supports these dioceses in our own country as they struggle to make ends meet. "Home Missions" is the name for dioceses in the United States which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without additional help. Pastoral services include Mass and Sacraments, religious education, training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal aids these Mission Dioceses in forming vibrant faith communities and strengthening the Church in Mission areas.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 24 and 25, 2021. Please be generous in the Collection. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Thank you!

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Thank you to **Landon Goldstein** (Gr. 4, Family Faith Formation) who shared his gift of reading to serve as lector at the 10:30am Mass, Sunday, March 28th!

Stewardship of Treasure

This year vs. last year as of March 31, 2021

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$245,000.00	\$247,000.00
Pledge	124,330.00	131,162.00
Payment	100,363.00	106,499.00

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Divine Mercy Sunday

"Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."
~ Pope John Paul II

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II (now Saint) declared that the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, one of which was captured in a painting (above right) known as the image of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina wrote that Jesus said to her:

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it... My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."



Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday, April 14th

After the 8:00am Mass, in Classrooms 3-5.

(Please bring mask)

Have you ever prayed this Chaplet? If not, no worries!

Come join us and experience praying with others
this beautiful prayer ~

In his homily for the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II said of the image of Divine Mercy: *"From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299).*¹

To learn more about the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet and **join us this Wednesday, April 14th** to pray it.

The Story Behind the Painting

Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) came from a poor family that struggled during World War I. As a young, uneducated girl, she became a nun of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. Between 1931 and 1938, she received extraordinary visions from Jesus who asked her to record these experiences. Her notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*.



In one of the visions, Faustina saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish..."*¹

Sr. Faustina had difficulty getting people to believe her visions until she met spiritual director, Fr. Michael Sopocko (at right). Appointed to be confessor to her convent, Fr. Sopocko quickly became the main advocate of her revelations. It was he who instructed Faustina to record her visions in a diary. When she spoke of her vision in which Jesus requested a new image be painted and spread throughout the world, it was Fr. Sopocko who found the artist, E. Kazimirowski, that painted the image (shown above left) and had it displayed on the Sunday after Easter in 1935.²



After Faustina's death and the start of World War II, Fr. Sopocko gave Faustina's materials to Fr. Joseph Jarzebowski, MIC, who, in escaping the Nazis, fled to the United States. Unfortunately, due to faulty translations of her diary, devotion to the Divine Mercy was initially banned. Fr. Sopocko died in 1975 without seeing the devotion spread. Three years after his death, however, with the help of Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, the ban was lifted. When he later became Pope John Paul II, he beatified and canonized St. Faustina. And roughly 33 years after Fr. Sopocko's death, Pope Benedict XVI approved a miracle through his intercession after which this priest's own beatification took place on September 28, 2008.

¹ From the website of The Divine Mercy: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/image

² From the website of Marians of the Immaculate Conception: www.marian.org/news/The-Priest-Who-First-Believed-Faustina-3354

Saint Melito's Paschal Mystery



Saint Melito (death 180 AD) was a bishop of Sardis in Lydia (Turkey); with Sardis being one of the seven cities mentioned in the book of Revelation. Melito is considered among the greatest Church Fathers of the 2nd century. While the volume of his written work is lost, scholars knew of their existence through references of the writings of other early Church Fathers. For example, Eusebius preserved Melito's list of Old Testament scriptures - the first such list known to scholars - along with fragments of a discourse recommending that Marcus Aurelius adopt Christianity as the religion of the Roman Empire. It was not until the early-to-mid 1900's that one of his most distinguished works was recovered - *Peri Pascha* - which also turned out to be the most important text ever written on the Resurrection. Composed around 160-180 AD, *Peri Pascha* conveys what early Christians believed on the doctrine of the Paschal mystery. Outside of the New Testament, *Peri Pascha* is the oldest known Easter homily that exists. When translation of *Peri Pascha* was completed, scholars were also astounded to learn that it is one of the most theologically profound works of early Christianity.

According to scholars, Melito pictured Jesus rising from the tomb and, in a loud voice, issuing the challenge, "*Who will contend against me? Let him stand before me.*" Melito's vision of the Risen Lord helps to correct a modern misconception of many about the Resurrection. With Easter often considered the "final chapter of Jesus' career," the Resurrection is "not so much the last word as the opening line of a whole new story." Melito explained that through His death and resurrection, Jesus "*triumphed over the enemy, trod down Hades and snatched mankind up to the heights of heaven.*" Jesus, he then states, extends an invitation to all of humanity: "Come here, all you families of men, weighed down by your sins and receive pardon for your misdeeds." Melito further writes that as judge, Jesus is stern with those who seek to shift blame while

Peri Pascha

(Excerpts from *On the Passover*)

100) "The Lord clothed himself with humanity, and with suffering on behalf of the suffering one, and bound on behalf of the one constrained, and judged on behalf of the one convicted, and buried on behalf of the one entombed, rose from the dead and cried out aloud:

101) "Who takes issue with me? Let him stand before me. I set free the condemned. I gave life to the dead. I raise up the entombed. Who will contradict me?"

102) "It is I", says the Christ, "I am he who destroys death, and triumphs over the enemy, and crushes Hades, and binds the strong man, and bears humanity off to the heavenly heights." "It is I," says the Christ.

103) "So come all families of people, adulterated with sin, and receive forgiveness of sins. For I am your freedom.

I am the Passover of salvation.

I am the lamb slaughtered for you,

I am your ransom, I am your life,

I am your light, I am your salvation,

I am your resurrection, I am your King.

I shall raise you up by my right hand, I will lead you to the heights of heaven, there shall I show you the everlasting father."

~ **Melito of Sardis, c. 190 AD**

at the same time offering clemency to those who seek Him. And although Jesus possesses immense power, we do not need to fear Him for he explains:

**"This is the Christ, this is the King,
This is Jesus, this is the commander,
This is the Lord, This is He who rose from the dead...
To Him be the glory and the might forever! Amen."**

A selection of Melito's beautiful Easter homily is highlighted above. To read it in its entirety, visit: www.sachurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/On-Pascha-Melito-of-Sardis.pdf.

Blessings to all this new Easter season ~

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Evangelization and Catechesis



Het Lam Gods (Adoration of the Mystic Lamb)

Hubert and Jan van Eyck, c. Mid-1420s—1432

Located in St. Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium, this 15th-century polyptych altarpiece is attributed to the Flemish brothers, Hubert and Jan van Eyck. Considered a masterpiece of European art and one of the world's treasures, it measures 11 feet x 15 feet (+/-), fully open. The panels are organized in two main horizontal registers. **The upper register** represents the heavenly redemption. It is centered on Christ the King flanked by the Virgin Mary and John the Baptist. They, in turn, are flanked by angels playing music followed by Adam and Eve on the outermost panels. **The lower register** is centered on a gathering of saints, sinners, clergy and soldiers attendant at an adoration of the Lamb of God, all overseen by the Holy Spirit. **The key panel of the entire altarpiece** is the lower, central panel known as "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb." The focus of this panel is the altar on which stands a Lamb that bleeds from a wound in its side (*enlarged detail at right*). This stream of blood flows directly into a chalice set on an altar cloth with an inscription that reads, "*Ecce Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata*



mundi, miserere nobis" (Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world). Angels beside the altar hold instruments of the Passion.

With a storied history over the centuries of having been sold, stolen and plundered, including being seized by Hitler in 1942, it was recovered by the Allied group "Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program" and returned to Belgium.

(From www.joyofmuseums.com/museums/europe/belgium-museums/ghent-altarpiece-by-jan-van-eyck/)

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Saint Peter's Basilica, Easter, 4 April 2021

(Excerpts)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy and peaceful Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen"...

The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us...

The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses...

The crucified and risen Lord is comfort for those who have lost their jobs or experience serious economic difficulties and lack adequate social protection. May he inspire public authorities to act so that everyone, especially families in greatest need, will be offered the assistance needed...

"The poor of every kind must begin once more to hope." Saint John Paul II spoke these words during his visit to Haiti. It is precisely to the beloved Haitian people that my thoughts turn...I urge them not to be overwhelmed by difficulties, but to look to the future with confidence and hope...

The risen Jesus is also hope for all those young people forced to go long periods without attending school or university, or spending time with their friends. Experiencing real human relationships, not just virtual relationships, is something that everyone needs, especially at an age when a person's character and personality is being formed. We realized this clearly last Friday, in the Stations of the Cross composed by the children...

May the light of the risen Jesus be a source of rebirth for migrants fleeing from war and extreme poverty. Let us recognize in their faces the marred and suffering face of the Lord as he walked the path to Calvary...

May the people of Lebanon, who are undergoing times of difficulty and uncertainty, experience the consolation of the Risen Lord and find support from the international community...

May Christ our peace finally bring an end to the clash of arms in beloved and war-torn Syria... in Yemen, whose situation has met with a deafening and scandalous silence; and in Libya, where at last there is hope that a decade of bloody strife and clashes may come to an end...

The Resurrection naturally takes us to Jerusalem. On Jerusalem we ask the Lord to grant peace and security (cf. Ps 122), so that it can embrace its calling to be a place of encounter where all can see one another as brothers and sisters...

On this festive day, my thoughts also return to Iraq, which I had the joy of visiting last month. I pray that it may continue along the path of peace and thus fulfil God's dream for a human family hospitable and welcoming to all his children.

May the power of the risen Lord sustain the peoples of Africa who see their future compromised by internal violence and international terrorism, especially in the Sahel and Nigeria, as well as in Tigray and the Cabo Delgado region... There are still too many wars and too much violence in the world! May the Lord, who is our peace, help us to overcome the mindset of war...

Dear brothers and sisters, once again this year, in various places many Christians have celebrated Easter under severe restrictions and, at times, without being able to attend liturgical celebrations. We pray that those restrictions, as well as all restrictions on freedom of worship and religion worldwide, may be lifted and everyone be allowed to pray and praise God freely.

Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ (cf. 1 Pet 2:24). In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world. A good, happy and serene Easter to all of you!

Eucharistic Celebration

Order of Worship

Introductory

Rites

Processional Hymn:
Baptized in Water

Greeting

Penitential Act

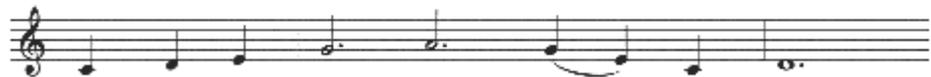
Glory to God

Collect

Baptized in Water



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren,



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing,
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b.1932, © 1982, Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody; arr. by Robert J. Brazantini, b.1942

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from Acts of the Apostles

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,
but they had everything in common.
With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great favor was accorded them all.
There was no needy person among them,
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,
bring the proceeds of the sale,
and put them at the feet of the apostles,
and they were distributed to each according to need.

The Word of the Lord.

Eucharistic Celebration

Responsorial Psalm

PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is ever-lasting.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ever-lasting.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them

and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,

was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not

believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into

my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

Eucharistic Celebration

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Water of Life

Profession of Faith

During the Easter Season, if the renewal of Baptismal promises takes place, the Creed is omitted.

Universal Prayer

R/ Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn

Hold Onto Love

(At the 10:30am Mass only: during the offertory, children are invited to come forward to place their offering of can/dry food in the collection basket at the bottom of the steps.)

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Holy Holy Holy

Consecration

Mystery of Faith

Doxology

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

WATER OF LIFE

Stephen Dean

Refrain

Wa-ter of life, cleanse and re-fresh us; raise us to life in Christ Je - sus.

Verses: Cantor

1. All you who thirst, come to the wa - ters,
2. As rain from heav'n, so is God's word, _____ it
3. Dy - ing with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
4. Turn to the Lord, cast off your wick - ed - ness,

to Refrain

1. and you will nev - er be thirst - y a - gain.
2. wa - ters the earth _____ and brings _____ forth life.
3. death shall no long - er have pow'r o - ver us.
4. you will find peace in his in - fi - nite love.

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HOLD ONTO LOVE

Refrain

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,
where joy a-bounds. Hold on to Love,
where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.

Hold on to Love.

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Eucharistic Celebration

Communion

Communion Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

*To all Visitors,
Thank you for worshipping
with us today!*

*Welcome packets along with
registration information may be
found in the gathering space or
inquire at the front desk.*

Ite, missa est

Go, you are sent...!

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what
God has ready for those who love him;
Spir - it of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has yet per - ceived!
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead;
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un - known,
1. Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the form - er days be - long.
2. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing, Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
3. Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es; Child of God, lift up your head!
4. When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!
1. All a - round the clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
2. God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits;
3. Pa - tri - archs from dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n,
4. Oh, to en - ter that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,
1. In God's like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
2. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
3. Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
4. Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

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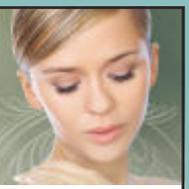
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