

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



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his people:  
his flock  
of sheep.

**PSALM 100**

JUNE 18, 2023 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH  
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm; and Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH  
1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am;

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following Mass, 8:30 to 9:00 am)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

## Fr. Carl's Corner



I want to share this important communication from Fr. Rex Pillai that was sent to the Ascension and St. Edmund parishioners, and will also be in their bulletin this weekend. It is also important for you, the members of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish, to know what is happening and the changes will be in place as we move forward with the *Building a New Reality* process and continue to create structures to support our church community in the future.

As we remember the events commemorated on the Juneteenth Holiday this Monday, let us be grateful for the gift of freedom for all. And, let us especially recall in faith, the greatest freedom that Jesus won for us by his cross and resurrection: freedom from sin and death and the hope and promise of eternal life.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Fr. Carl*

Dear Ascension and St. Edmund Faith Community,

As many of you know, I moved to Oak Park in the summer of 2020 and served as the Associate Pastor at Ascension Parish, while celebrating Mass at St. Giles on some weekends while Fr. Carl Morello became the Administrator at Ascension Parish. After the *Renew My Church* Oak Park unification process was completed, and at the strong encouragement of Bishop Birmingham, I accepted the appointment of becoming the Pastor of the newly united Ascension and St. Edmund Parish on July 1, 2022. Since this time, I have found my pastoral ministry at Ascension and St. Edmund to be to be very fulfilling, meaningful and lifegiving.

As a first-time pastor, coupled with the unique and expected challenges of having two worship sites, I have found my pastoral ministry at Ascension and St. Edmund faith community, combined with the administrative tasks and the added *Renew My Church* expectations to be more demanding than I anticipated. These added responsibilities have not afforded me the proper attention needed to focus on the important sacramental and pastoral needs of Ascension and St. Edmund faith community. As such, after much prayer and reflection, I have asked Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Birmingham to relieve me of my duties as Pastor of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, beginning on July 1, 2023. This decision will allow me to better focus on the important and necessary pastoral ministry and pastoral care, which has always been a privilege for me.

Due to this change in the administrative structure of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, Cardinal Cupich, with the support of Bishop Birmingham, has asked Fr. Carl Morello, a respected and experienced Pastor whom the parish knows well, to assume the role of Pastor. I have asked to assist Fr. Carl and continue to live at the Ascension campus and serve at Ascension and St. Edmund Parish in the pastoral care of this wonderful parish, and the Cardinal has granted this request. As you are aware, Fr. Carl Morello and I have already worked well together as a team these past three years, and after much conversation, I feel this would be an easy transition in advancing the vision of creating new structures that support the future of the Oak Park Catholic Community and its wider members.

With these changes, together we will also continue our vision in the development of strong lay leadership which has defined the Oak Park Catholic community for many years. Know, too, that I look forward to continuing in my role of accompanying all of you in our journey of faith. Christ, our Good Shepherd, will always be our community's strength in these moments of transition and in building a new reality for ourselves and for our future generations. Know of my continued prayers for all of you, as I also ask that you pray for me.

Blessings,  
Fr. Rex Pillai



# Spiritual Life & Worship

## We Pray For . . .

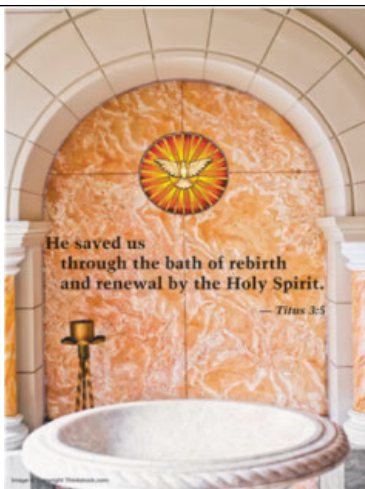
Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Andrea Dickson, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Tom and Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Michael Gallo, Grace Gryzlo Goodmanson, Jennifer Hanna, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Frank Huss, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Dennis LeValley, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Anne Muldihill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, John Poplett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz.

*(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)*

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Dan Foley, Sr. and Darlene Burnett, sister of Eric Breckenridge.

## Our Baptism Preparation Team is looking for new members

Do you love babies? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Then this is the ministry for you! The Baptism Preparation Team is looking for individuals and couples to help prepare first-time parents for their child's Baptism. The preparation classes are held once a month on either a Monday or Tuesday evening and take place in the prayer space behind the altar. Training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact Sharon at the Parish Center at 708-383-3430 Ext. 420.



## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, June 19

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, June 20

8:30 — † Brent Whiston

### Wednesday, June 21

#### Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

6:30 — † The Jim and Mary Dougherty Family  
† Owen Petzelka

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Thursday, June 22

8:30 — † Frances Hammer

### Friday, June 23

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family

2:00 — Wedding: Ashley Beaudoin and Andre Barsanti

### Saturday, June 24

#### The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 — † Lisa Bresnahan

\*4:30 — † Rose Jantelezio

† Louise Cafasso

† Fred Preuss

### Sunday, June 25

#### The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family

† Owen Petzelka

† Mary Rita Bresnahan

10:30 — † Harry Kekatos

† Claudia Marciniak

† Richard Carey

5:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, June 24

#### The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

5:00 — † Marie Stockinger

by Evie Stockinger

### Sunday, June 25

#### The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Irene A. Haberkorn

by Pat and Tom Nelson

Sister Teresita Weind

by Cynthia Weaver

***Just a reminder that the last regularly scheduled 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church is on June 24. Come hear the Praise Choir as they end for the season! Saturday evening Masses will continue at St. Giles Church at 4:30 pm.***

***The Wednesday 8:30 am School Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church is on hiatus for the summer.***



## WEDDING BANNES

- II Margaret Carey and Louis Cairo
- III Ashley Beaudoin and Andre Barsanti

# Lifelong Formation

## Mission, Vision, and Name Survey

The team for the new Oak Park initiative that will unify Religious Education for our children, offer opportunities to people of all ages, and reach out to people in the parishes as well as people who are searching has been working diligently and prayerfully. Multiple people from five worshipping communities were asked to participate.

Bringing together all the feedback from the previous Survey, Townhall, Vision Day, emails, and conversations, a group of volunteers crafted the Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

Your feedback is needed. The survey will close this Sunday, June 18.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRRZ7T9>

You may also scan the QR code here. Paper copies are available in the back of the churches.



### Planting Hope to Give Support St. Catherine-St. Lucy School

Please come this Wednesday, June 21, to the tented patio at FitzGerald's at 6:30 pm, to *Planting Hope*, the annual fundraiser to support St. Catherine-St. Lucy School. The fundraiser provides tuition assistance to the families of the 190 students who attend St. Catherine-St. Lucy, 85% of whom reside in Austin. This year, we will be honoring the teachers. Please come to celebrate the school's many successes and support their continued efforts to provide an excellent education for its students. To pre-register or make a donation, please scan the QR code here:



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# Parish Life

## UNBOUND at next weekend's Masses

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Bernard Robert Bonnot, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 18 developing countries. To learn more, visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).



# UNBOUND



## WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

## HOW WE WORK

We believe the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods. Mothers lead the way in our programs through active participation in small groups. From accessing microloans to starting small businesses and forming their own credit cooperatives, mothers are creating paths to self-sufficiency for their families.

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## Intercultural Immigrant Ministry Update: June 18, 2023

The Catholic Parishes of Oak Park (C-POP) which includes five worship sites: St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy, St. Giles, Family Mass Community, Ascension, and St. Edmund are waiting on a response to their application for funding to support a second migrant family.

Our first family, the Romero-Mora family, is doing really well and is moving quickly to independence. They are hoping to be in their own apartment before school starts so that their youngest will be in a permanent school system. It is likely that they will move to an area with other Venezuelan families farther north. We will miss having them close by.

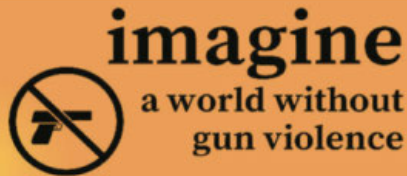
We have also been accompanying some young women who were living at Bethany House in Hyde Park and are now living independently. Recently, we made a trip to the Economy Shop buying clothes for adults and a little girl.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either:

Celine Woznica [celinewoznica@gmail.com](mailto:celinewoznica@gmail.com)  
or Margie Rudnik [margaretrudnik@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrudnik@gmail.com)

**To make donations, please write a check to St. Giles Parish and note that it is for the St. Giles Refugee Fund. Thank you.**





## The IMAGINE Campaign

*Imagine all the people  
Livin' life in peace.*

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month and local congregations will be displaying orange banners with the words "Imagine a world without gun violence." The Catholic Parishes of Oak Park are joining in this effort to blanket Oak Park and River Forest with this life-affirming message. The image will also be displayed on yard signs.

The campaign was inspired by the timeless song, "Imagine," written by John Lennon, himself a victim of gun violence. The banners have an orange background, the color hunters wear when they don't want to get shot. The Waging Peace team at First United Church designed the image.

Our children are forced to **imagine** an active shooter and practice the actions they would take. Let's change the narrative and **imagine** a world without gun violence, taking actions to make that a reality. We can do this. There are many gun violence prevention groups to join and important legislation to support.

A local vendor is providing the banners and yard signs at a deep discount because he so believes in the cause. If you are interested in purchasing a banner or yard sign, scan the QR code to reach an order form. The banners come in various sizes and prices; the yard signs only cost \$14. Any questions, email Celine Woznica at [celinewoznica@gmail.com](mailto:celinewoznica@gmail.com)

*You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one.*



Come learn about the process for your teen's journey to Confirmation!

## Confirmation Parent Information Meeting

Pine Room at Ascension School

601 Van Buren, Oak Park

June 22, 2023 at 7 PM

OR

McDonough Hall on St. Giles Campus

1101 Columbian Ave, Oak Park

June 25, 2023 at 12 PM

This meeting provides information for parents of rising 8th graders from both Oak Park parishes who plan to receive the sacrament in Spring 2024.

Both meetings will cover the same information. Choose whichever works best for your schedule.



## Faith & Fellowship

### Maybe a Cookout?

*Faith and Fellowship* is a ministry of faith formation with and for adults with severe and persistent mental illness, most of whom live in residential facilities on the West Side. We generally go into Summer hiatus, but we do try to have some special events to bring us all together. One we're thinking of is a cookout! It's still in the brainstorming stage, and we're inviting members of both Oak Park parishes to help get it going. Lots of work, lots of fun! Details – Connie Rakitan, [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708-383-9276.





# Parish Life

## Newly Formed Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee assists the pastor in the administration of parish temporal matters. An active, well-formed finance committee is, therefore, a key element for promoting the financial health of the parish and supporting its mission.

Canon 537 introduces the Finance Committee as a mandated body having an advisory and consultative role with the pastor. It states:

“Each parish is to have a finance committee which is regulated by universal law as well as by norms issued by the diocesan bishop; in this council the Christian faithful, selected according to the same norms, aid the pastor in the administration of parish goods with due regard for the prescription of Canon 532.”

Every parish, therefore, is required to have a Finance Committee, both by adherence to the Code of Canon Law and by local norms issued by the diocesan bishop. To be effective, the Finance Committee should meet regularly with specific agendas and should have access to all relevant financial information and policies of the parish. These guidelines are designed to aid pastors and Finance Committee members in the effective functioning of the committee by supporting the pastor in his stewardship of parish resources while being accountable to the parish and diocesan bishop.

Fr. Carl formed a new parish Finance Committee which has now met two times. The first meeting consisted of introductions and discussion of the work of the Finance Committee. Most of the members have served on parish finance committees in years past. Two weeks ago, they met for a second time and the discussion focused on the combined parish budget of St. Catherine-St. Lucy & St. Giles along with the budget for St. Giles School. St. Catherine-St. Lucy School is operated by the Big Shoulders Fund, although Big Shoulders does not cover the total costs of school expenses. More information about the parish costs relative to the school will be forthcoming.

Members of the newly formed Parish Finance Committee and their legacy parishes are:

Carolyn Burke	St. Giles Parish
John Bruun	Family Mass Community
Sharon Bresnahan	St. Giles Parish
Daniel J Delaney	St. Giles Parish
Kevin Kell	St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish
Stephen Legatzke	St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish
John Milder	St. Giles Parish
Thomas Schouten	St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish
William B. Sullivan	St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish

In next Sunday's bulletin, each committee member will share a brief bio with an accompanying picture. We would like to thank these women and men for their willingness to serve the parish in this capacity.

## Our Parish Weekly Stewardship For Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

6/11/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 11,620.00	\$ 817,511.42
Loose	\$ 1,385.27	
Electronic*	\$ 13,117.00	\$ 563,812.76
Total Giving	\$ 26,122.27	\$1,381,324.18

\*6/6/23-6/12/23

The end of our fiscal year is just a few weeks away. Currently, we anticipate a deficit in the Sunday Offertory of \$75,075. If you have been waiting to donate or sign up for GiveCentral, now is the time to do it! Help us narrow the gap. Your support is appreciated and critical to maintain and operate all that we do. If you need assistance with GiveCentral, contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420. We could not be here without you!



## The Senior Corner



Our next grand event for our St. Catherine-St. Lucy-St. Giles Seniors will be our annual **Senior Indoor Picnic**, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 20**, at 12:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus. In addition to tasty hot dogs and trimmings, we will engage in fun activities (bingo, etc.) All attendees are encouraged to help bring along something to share. Please call **Ann Sullivan at 708-345-3374** to register and to see what types of items may be needed. We hope to see you there, everyone is invited for loads of fun.

# The Emergency Overnight Shelter is Now Year-Round!

**St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church**  
**38 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park**



**VOLUNTEERS ARE A KEY PART OF OPERATING OUR  
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## The opportunities for this shelter are:

- > **Site Captain**  
Site captains recruit and manage a team of volunteers from their congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation.
- > **Evening Shelter Host** (6:30 pm–10:00 pm)  
Volunteers help get set-up for the evening, greet the shelter guests as they arrive help them to set up their sleeping area, host dinner, and interact with clients until lights out.
- > **Overnight Attendant** (10:00 pm–5:00 am)  
Volunteers support staff in ensuring a safe experience for the shelter guests.
- > **Breakfast Host** (5:00 am–7:00 am)  
Volunteers serve a light breakfast, help shelter guests exit and assist with light clean-up.
- > **Meal Provider** (To be delivered at 7:00 pm)  
Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 15 people.

To sign up, please scan the QR code to access the interactive calendar. Additional job descriptions and volunteer requirements can be found on the calendar.

For additional information, contact Cherrell Jackson at [cjackson@housingforward.org](mailto:cjackson@housingforward.org)



## Parish Life

### **A Community Conversation with Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ: *Forgive Everyone Everything***

Join us on Thursday, July 13, at 3:00 pm at the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Gym (Maguire Hall) in Oak Park for a community conversation with Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ.

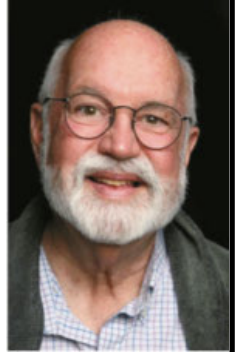
Fr. Greg Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang reentry program in the US, and a New York Times bestselling author.

RSVP required, please scan the QR code or go to this link:  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/904044fafac28a1fe3-frgreg>

**When: July 13, 2023 at 3:00 pm**  
**Where: St. Catherine-St. Lucy Gym**  
**38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park**

Donations are welcomed: proceeds will go to support the opening a new social services community center on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus.

*"There's no denying how difficult things can be. But the way out to the place of resilience, the place of restoration, the place of not allowing your heart to be hardened by resentment, relies on one thing: forgive everyone everything."* Fr. Greg Boyle



# WE'RE MOVING!

## THE OAK PARK CATHOLIC PARISHES 5PM MASS

**THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, THE 5PM OAK PARK CATHOLIC  
PARISHES MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. GILES CATHOLIC  
CHURCH, LOCATED AT 1025 COLUMBIAN AVE.**

Masses geared toward young adult community members will take place the 4th sunday of each Month, with hospitality and community building activities after mass:

**Sunday, June 25th**  
**Sunday, July 23rd**  
**Sunday, August 27th**

# Parish Life



## Parish Center Office Hours for the Summer

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Summer hours will now begin on Fridays. The Parish Office will close at 1:00 pm on Fridays beginning Friday, June 16 through Friday, August 11.

A happy, fun-filled summer to all!

## But wait! There's more!

Want to know **ALL** the latest parish news? Sign up for the **weekly parish e-news** via our broadcast email program, **flocknote**! To sign up, just scan the QR Code here, or go to this URL in your browser: <https://stgilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox!



## Food For Thought Without Cost

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.  
Cure the sick, raise the dead,  
cleanse lepers, drive out demons.  
Without cost you have received;  
Without cost you are to give."  
(Matthew 10:8)*

It was under the bronze canopy of Bernini in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican that Pope Paul VI closed Vatican II. It was the ninth of December, 1965, sixty-eight years ago.

Results from Vatican II oozed theology, meant to bury the Church of the Middle Ages. But the final results disappointed: Failing to bring the Church into the modern world, in the model of Jesus.

Whatever changes that the people had wanted from Vatican II were essentially formless, silent and just lost in the busy Church, frozen in a medieval mind—400 years with no council of reform.

Why did nothing change despite change being expected? Bishops from around the world supported the vote on the documents, which lay yet in Rome, drying in wet ink there and causing no stir here. Bishops largely ignored them.

A few churches redesigned their confessionals, and a few more removed their precious altar rails. Add to those the move to vernacular in all liturgical events; not too much happened. Changes were window dressing.

No talk of reunion with the Christian family, for instance, and no one moved to include women within full leadership positions.

Few lay ministers were deployed in ministry within the churches themselves.

Our synodality this time is different: Pope Francis has the faithful themselves, with women, as a part of the agenda-making.

The laity, including women, is involved in the Church theology.

Laity will say what topics must be discussed—married priests, equality, women ministers, and lots more... they will be allowed to speak. All around the world, the faithful have gatherings to identify issues.

The male Church in large part stayed male, despite women being allowed as readers and altar servers. The Church prayers and pronouns continued to be male; invisible women left the Church. Why had so little changed?

Bishops around the world who voted top support the documents came home and promptly ignored them. Popes John and Paul, who led the way, both died. Both lived on in the hearts of people in the pews. But Synodality differs.

We must listen to each other in all parts of the world, for a scripture-based following of Jesus. We must listen to the human cry for support.

Tom Lynch. [tl7714@gmail.com](mailto:tl7714@gmail.com). 6/18/23  
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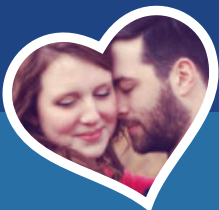
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