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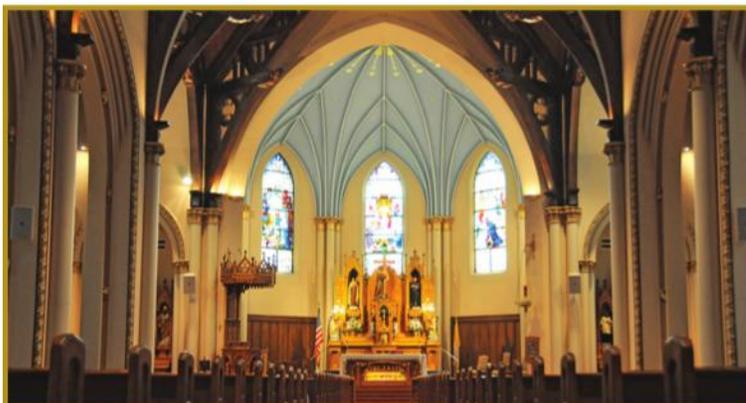
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## PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love.

May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

### PARISH STAFF

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

### NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### ADORATION

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm - In the Parish Center

### ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
In the Parish Center

### INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

### MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

## Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

That first Easter morning must have been a whirlwind of confusion, perplexity, and ultimately joy. Much as it may sound surprising to us, the resurrection of Jesus seemed to be a surprise to his disciples. Mary of Magdala's first reaction to the empty tomb is logical: someone stole the body. Peter and the Beloved Disciple stare into the same emptiness, but only one believes. They did not understand the Scripture. Perhaps you are experiencing a similar emptiness as we live through this Covid-19 pandemic. We are hoping and praying for that curve to flatten.

The Resurrection reminds us that we live by faith and we seek understanding. Easter gives us our north star, the guiding light by which we live our lives. The death of Jesus was not his end. God raised him in a wholly unexpected way to new life. His destiny is our destiny; we who seek to follow him will share his new life.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum ends at sunset on Easter Sunday with evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. As the universal church, we are celebrating a single liturgical arc, spanning the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection. The Triduum is the one time of the year that the universal church is called to unity as the Body of Christ. Yet I feel the emptiness of the tomb because so much is missing from the Triduum this year. Among those missing are our Elect and Candidates for Reception into Full Communion, our liturgical ministers, our choir, our children, our young people, and elderly parishioners and orchard of Easter lilies. Missing are 4,000 plastic eggs strewn upon the rectory lawn and the scramble by our youngsters to collect them. Beyond all those missing people and pieces, is sharing with you the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You all bring such life and fulfillment to our celebrations.

In spite of this pandemic Easter will arrive. Although the date changes from year to year, the Church cannot transfer the Easter mystery to another date or time. Easter is happening every day in what we are living and witnessing. God wants nothing less of us than to share in the risen Life of the Son. We are fully alive when we open ourselves to risen Life. On this Easter morning, may we be open to the unexpected ways that God may work in our lives and fill our emptiness with the Spirit of His Risen Son.

St. Francis of Assisi as in many parishes throughout our country will celebrate the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night on April 11 at 8:00 pm and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Mass on April 12 at 9:30 am in a virtual way. **Instructions on how to view the live stream of all our Holy Week Liturgies are at the end of this article.**

We invite you to make a spiritual communion using this prayer by St. Alphonsus;

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – April 11 - 8:00pm** - live streamed from our parish church. We will celebrate the initiation of the Elect and Candidates for reception in Full Communion later in the Easter Season.

**Easter Sunday – April 12 - 9:30 am Mass** - live streamed from our parish church. We have postponed our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday for a future date.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Uptown Canticle - continued

Second Sunday of Easter Mass and Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19 will be live streamed from our church at 9:30 am.

Easter Mission with Lorraine Hess - Mercy & Miracles. Sunday April 19 at 3:00pm (Adults) and Monday, April 20 at 6:00pm (Adults and Children). Both sessions available on our Facebook page and our website.

Instructions on how to view the live streaming of the Holy Week Liturgies:

On your computer, desktop, laptop, iPhone or iPad go to Facebook.com/sfauptown. If you do not have a Facebook account, you will be prompted to log in, create an account, or NOT NOW. If you do not want to create a Facebook account, please click "Not Now" and you will still have the opportunity to watch Mass. The Easter Vigil and Our Holy Week Liturgies can also be viewed on our website stfrancisuptown.com.

Let us implore the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor to hasten to help us and our patron St. Francis of Assisi to make us instruments of the Lord's peace.

Worship Aids for all services can be found on our website: www.stfrancisuptown.com



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April 5, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Easter 2020 will have its own unique chapter in history. Throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday we usually gather in our churches to celebrate the Solemn Liturgies. This year is indeed different as we endure the coronavirus and are called to small group gatherings and to social distancing.

Though we cannot gather in our churches, we are called to enter into prayer and walk with Jesus in his suffering, death and resurrection. These days call us to spend additional time in prayer. Choose a Gospel account and reflect on Jesus' journey to Calvary and the tomb. In the midst of that prayer we also hear Jesus say, "If you wish to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me." Matt. 16:24

I have heard some ask, "Is this coronavirus God's punishment on the world?" No, the God who loves us is not a God of revenge or condemnation, but a God who calls us to be converted to his love and mercy. God allows tragedies to call us to a greater dependence on him as the God of our lives and promises that out of this darkness he will bring hope and new life.

Many in our community are suffering physically and emotionally. We ask God's healing for the ill and eternal rest for those who have died from the virus. There is anxiety as we wonder about the future, our employment, finances, school, basic security and care for our families. In the midst of all these questions, Jesus says, "It is I... do not be afraid... peace be with you", as he said to the disciples after his resurrection. We must open our hearts and see him, standing outside the tomb offering to bring light into our darkness.

Please remember health care professionals and all who serve us at this time. May our church bells ringing at 6:00 p.m. daily be a sign of our prayer for those who risk their lives for us. A special word of thanks to our clergy who have provided opportunities for us to grow spiritually.

To more than 300 people who were to enter the Church at Easter, through Baptism or Profession of Faith, we eagerly look forward to welcoming you into our family of faith in the near future.

May the peace of the Risen Christ bring light into any darkness you experience and hope in this time of uncertainty.

Wishing you the blessings of the Risen Christ and a remembrance at Easter Mass, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
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Mothers Prayers - Virtually

Join us in weekly prayer for our children/grandchildren
Wednesday's 10:00am & Sunday's 8:00pm
For more information contact
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Please continue to pray for those preparing for the Elect for Baptism and the Candidates for reception into Full Communion to the Church. We have postponed their initiation to an appropriate Sunday in Easter or later.

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## CHURCH SUPPORT

Since all public Masses have been suspended, we have no source of income via the normal Sunday collections. Please consider supporting the Church during this time so that we can continue to provide ministry at St. Francis of Assisi, pay our employees, and pay our bills. We realize that many people are in difficult financial situations. We are grateful for any support you can offer.

You can mail in your contributions or try our online giving which allows you to donate to our general collection while providing you the autonomy to change and alter your donation at any time. Donations can be scheduled as a one-time gift or recurring gift. For a recurring gift go to our website: [www.stfrancisuptown.com](http://www.stfrancisuptown.com). Click: E-giving. If you need assistance with online giving, contact Matt in our office.

### Adult Confirmation - Update

Adult Confirmation classes will begin April 22 and meet for six weeks online on Zoom. The sacrament of Confirmation for adults is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday (May 31) at the St. Louis Cathedral. If you are over 18, have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and wish to be confirmed, please contact the Christi Schott at (225) 571-1547 or [cschott@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuptown.com) for more information.

### Praying the Rosary

Our parishioner Missy Duncan is leading us in praying the rosary Monday - Saturday at 9:30 am via a meeting on Zoom. Anyone can join.

To get Zoom: Go to [Zoom.com](http://Zoom.com); Create an account. (free); At 9:30 AM log onto your Zoom account and click "Join Meeting"; The meeting ID is 527 214 055.

If anyone would like to test it before the meeting goes live, or to have support setting it up please call Melisa Rey at 504.227.3766.



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Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns  
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## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, April 11 - 8:00pm** - Lucille Mire McCann, Anna Baehr, Robert McIntyre, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia Pansano, Genevieve Young, Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock, Sidney A. Mills, III, Hans Schroeder  
**SUNDAY, April 12 - 9:30am** - Parishioners  
**MONDAY, April 13** - All Souls Book of Remembrance  
**TUESDAY, April 14** - Ethel Hyde Strack  
**WEDNESDAY, April 15** - Karin McGrath  
**THURSDAY, April 16** - Ethel Hyde Strack  
**FRIDAY, April 17** - Henry Schorr

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 12<sup>th</sup> - April 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Act 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

### Prayer Intentions

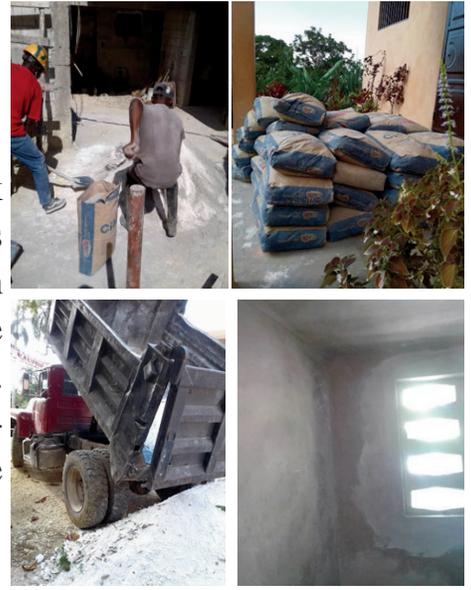
Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Christopher Brewster, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Margaret Fanning, Mildred Flynn, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Juanita Hernon, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, John "Junior" Morreale, Joy Morton, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Linda Sayegh, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant and Poydras Homes.

*O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.*

Our **Prayer Intentions** list is for anyone who needs prayers especially due to illness. If you would like to add anyone or if you wish to remove anyone from the list, please contact the parish office (504) 891-4479.

# HAITI UPDATE FROM #IGIVECATHOLIC support

We have positive news from our sister parish in Giles, Haiti. Work has started on completing the bedroom of the rectory. This was funded with the \$5,000 we sent to St. Francois Xavier parish which came from this year's #iGiveCatholic campaign. The first phase included gravel, sand, cement, and the masonry work for the walls. By completing a bedroom, it will allow space to house a Seminararian, visiting priests or missionary for work in the parish—or maybe some parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi!



## *St. Francis of Assisi* *Easter Mission: Mercy & Miracles*

*Presented by Lorraine Hess*

**Sunday, April 19th at 3 pm (Adults) &  
Monday, April 20th at 6 pm (Family)**

Both sessions will be available on our Facebook page [facebook.com/sfauptown](https://www.facebook.com/sfauptown) and on our website [stfrancisuptown.com](http://stfrancisuptown.com). You do not need a Facebook account to access.

For more information or technical difficulties, please contact Melisa at 504.227.3766.

Lorraine is a nationally published Catholic singer, songwriter, recording artist, and speaker. She travels around the country using scripture, story–telling, and music to inspire audiences of all ages.

For more information about Lorraine, visit [www.lorrainehess.com](http://www.lorrainehess.com)



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# EASTER SUNDAY



## Living Our Salvation

Lord of heaven and earth,  
the Resurrection of your Son is a promise  
that you will not abandon us to sin  
and death  
but will transform all creation  
until it has at last become your  
perfect kingdom.  
Continue the work you have begun.  
Refashion us now, today.

Liberate us from whatever is luring us  
into the grave.  
Share your life-giving power with us  
so that we will rejoice in your love,  
live in hope of our future together,  
act with the unwavering courage of Jesus,  
and marvel at all you accomplish.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 12, 2020

New Beginnings

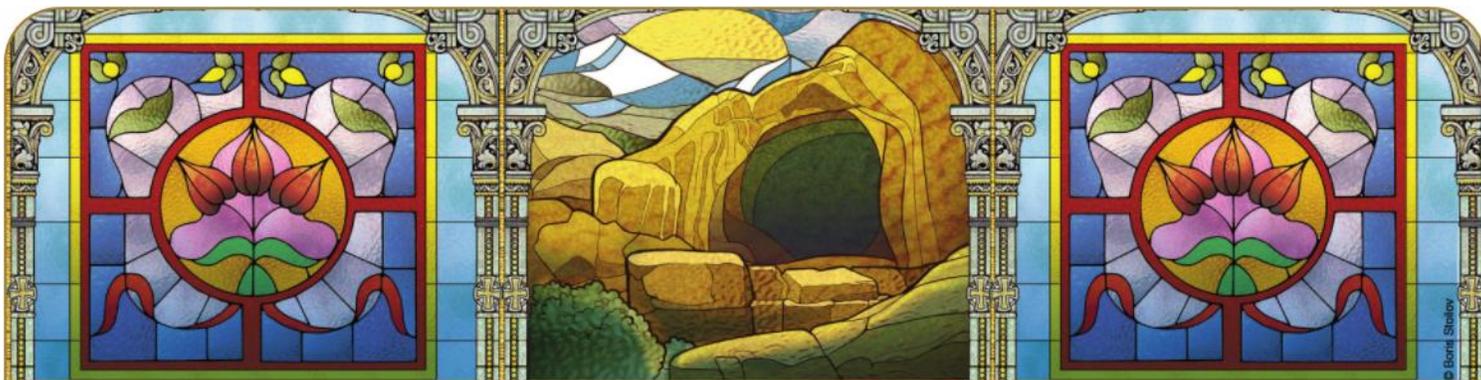


*Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10.* Today we rejoice, feast, and spend time with family and friends. Easter Sunday is a day of beginnings. In John's Gospel, two disciples rush to the empty tomb, where it dawns on them that something tremendous has happened. In Matthew's Gospel account, the women are given only a few moments with the Risen Christ before he sends them to evangelize.

The months following Jesus' Resurrection are busy ones. In the passage from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear today, Peter has entered the house of a Gentile. Filled with the Holy Spirit, this Apostle delivers a powerful proc-

lamation of the Gospel, yet before he finishes, the Holy Spirit comes upon everyone else in the room too. Throughout the Easter season we will hear how the Spirit of the Risen Lord leads and empowers Jesus' followers to inspire more and more people to believe in the Resurrection and to make a new beginning of their lives.

It is now our turn. It is our season of new beginnings. God shared the Spirit with us so that we will "seek what is above" and allow the Spirit to further transform us into just and holy people. God shared the Spirit with us so that we will enter people's houses, enter people's lives, and help them to begin anew.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 13 The Empty Tomb

No one disputes that the tomb was empty. The question is how it became empty. By spreading a false report, some of the religious authorities hope to prevent people from believing that Jesus rose from the dead. When Peter speaks to the crowd, however, he doesn't use the empty tomb as proof of Jesus' Resurrection, but refers instead to the Scriptures and his encounter with the Risen Jesus. How would you explain the true meaning of the empty tomb? *Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

### Tuesday, April 14 The Spirit of the Risen Lord

Mary Magdalene must let go of Jesus as she knew him in order to encounter him in a new way. Having been crucified and raised, Jesus is no longer confined to time and space, but is now present among and even within his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit. All who accept this gift become brothers and sisters of the Risen Lord and sons and daughters of God the Father. Send a note of welcome to anyone in your community who was baptized at the Easter Vigil. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

### Wednesday, April 15 Amazement

The two disciples leaving Jerusalem are amazed by the women's report of the empty tomb. They grow increasingly astonished as the Risen Christ opens the Word and breaks bread with them—and then vanishes. Also astonished are the people in the temple who see the disabled man jumping about and praising God. These stories invite us to rejoice at the enduring power of Christ in the world. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

### Thursday, April 16 Witnesses

Jesus' followers witnessed his mighty deeds. Two of his disciples witnessed the Risen Lord as they headed to Emmaus. Still more disciples heard the Risen Christ speak words of peace to them and prepare them to minister in his name. A man in the temple area experienced the Risen Lord acting through Peter. Peter urged the people who witnessed that healing to acknowledge the saving power of the Risen Lord. Thank someone who has been an especially strong Christian witness for you. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

### Friday, April 17 Bolder than Ever

Peter seems as impulsive as ever as he dives into the water to swim to the Risen Lord. This man of action then rushes to drag over the net laden with fish when Jesus asks for more food. The Holy Spirit strengthens this natural tendency of Jesus' lead disciple. After a night in the custody of religious authorities who wish to silence him, Peter goes on to speak as boldly as ever. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you do something brave today. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

### Saturday, April 18 Dealing with Disbelief

The extended ending of Mark's Gospel account is reassuring to those who struggle to believe in the Risen Lord. Even Jesus' closest followers did not initially believe in the Resurrection. Jesus had to appear to them and empower them with his Spirit. Once that happened, it became "impossible" for them not to share the story of Christ. Read and reflect on a Gospel passage for this week. Imagine you are one of those early disciples. Ask God to strengthen your faith. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



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