

Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

CLERGY

Fr. Robert Barras, Pastor
Fr. Dominic Pistone, in Residence
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am,* 11:00 am,
and 5:00 pm

*Live streamed on YouTube

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm or by
appointment.

BAPTISM

To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office if
there is a death in the family. The
parish will cooperate with funeral
arrangements.

MARRIAGE

It is necessary for couples to contact
the parish when the engagement is
made. You should be a registered
active member of the parish. Allow
nine to twelve months for preparation
for the sacrament. Extra time must be
allotted if either of the parties has
been married before.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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*In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests
and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment.
How well do you accept legitimate criticism?*

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 27th Sunday in

Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Columbus Day Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Tamale Scholarship Supporters

The Tamale Scholarship Fundraiser Sale will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 after the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, October 8, 2023 after all the morning masses.

Tamales at \$10 a dozen will be available on a "first come, first serve basis". Checks may be made to St. Bernadette Church. If you need additional information, contact Carmen at 281-486-5186 or email her at morenocarment@sbcglobal.net

We appreciate your continued support of the youth of our parish. The funds generated are awarded to eligible 2024 senior students from St. Bernadette and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Church Envelope Delivery Change

Effective January 2024 there will be a change in the delivery of church envelopes. Envelopes will be coming every other month rather than quarterly. This will lower our cost and increase the delivery rate since the package will be smaller.

This is the time to let us know if you want to change your envelope status. If you are not getting envelopes and would like to, please let us know. If you have switched or are switching to on-line giving and do not want envelopes, please let the office know so we won't send envelopes in the future.

Make a Gift Tax-Free With An IRA

A Special Opportunity for Those 70½ Years Old and Older

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as St. Bernadette without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference at St. Bernadette. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

Why Consider This Gift?

Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making; Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD); You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions; Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

We encourage you to consult with your retirement plan administrator or your tax or financial advisor to determine whether this option would be advantageous to your financial and tax circumstances.

For Those 59½ Years Old or Older

If you're at least 59½ years old, you can take a distribution and then make a gift from your IRA without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you can take a charitable deduction for the amount of your gift.

At Any Age

No matter your age, you can designate St. Bernadette as the beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA and it will pass to us tax-free after your lifetime. It's simple, just requiring that you contact your IRA administrator for a change-of-beneficiary form or download a form from your provider's website.



The ninth annual gala will be Saturday, February 10, 2024!

More information coming soon.

Airshow Tickets for People with Disabilities

St. B's is offering complimentary tickets to the Wings Over Houston Special Airshow at Ellington Field on Friday, October 13, at 10 am. This unique show is specifically designed for individuals facing physical or mental challenges that might hinder their attendance at regular airshows. The Special Show, a condensed 2-hour version of the Airshow, features volunteer performers and aircraft. If you or someone you know is interested in experiencing this special event, please reach out to Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. Each ticket includes admission for the individual with a disability and a caregiver or guest. Transportation arrangements are to be made by the attendees, who can either come on their own or arrange to meet fellow parishioners at the show. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the magic of aviation up close!



GospelWeeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Pre-K Faith Formation

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)
PreK Faith Formation 2 ½ to PreK 5 years old

If you have not already registered for WFC Pre-K Faith Formation, go to <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis> or use the qr code.



Sunday, October 8 – age specific Faith Formation, PreK-High School begins. A calendar with in classroom meeting and parish event dates can be found in your child's take home folder.

Call Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x 254 or email at summaa@stbchurch.org if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Junior High and High School students, we have opportunities for service opportunities for school or Confirmation.

Elementary Faith Formation

- **Faith Formation starts TODAY, Sunday, October 8.** We are looking forward to seeing all of you today!
- **Parents – check-in and check-out your student(s) from class in the PLC. Doors open at 9:30 am and 3:45 pm,** opening prayer at 9:40 am and 4:00 pm. Please walk your student into the PLC and sign-in with their catechist.
- Please be observant of the **dismissal plans: Parents are to come in and pick-up their student from class in the PLC at 10:45 am and 4:50 pm;** Park in a parking spot; Make sure to Keep all fire lanes clear. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Did you get the Thursday emails?** If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me to make sure I have your correct email address.
- **How can I help?** The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus> . The next step is to email me Fossatic@stbchurch.org
- If you haven't registered, **registration is open for 2023-24 Faith Formation Season.** Check out the webpage www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => Elementary K - 5

Jr High Faith Formation

- **Faith Formation starts TODAY, Sunday, October 8.** We are looking forward to seeing all of you today! Your CoreTeam/Small Group leaders have fun plans to help you get to know each other!
- **Parents – check-in and check-out your JrHigher from small group in the gym. Doors open at 3:45,** opening prayer at 4:00. Please walk your JrHigher into the gym and sign-in with their small group leader.
- Please be observant of the **dismissal plans : Parents are to pick-up their JrHigher from small group in the gym at 4:50 pm;** Park in the back parking lot in a parking spot; Keep all fire lanes clear. **Mass is at 5:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity to Celebrate the Eucharist as a family. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Did you get the Thursday emails? If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me** to make sure I have your correct email address.
- How can I help? The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus> The next step is to email me**
- If you haven't registered, registration is open for 2023-24 Faith Formation Season.*

Upcoming Events:

- **Extreme Challenge** – a day of crazy games and fun with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from all over our city! **When:** Saturday, October 21, 2023; **Where:** We will take a bus from St Helen in Pearland to St Dominic Center; **Deadline to register:** October 13, 2023; Register online *; **Cost:** \$30
- Expedition Summer Camp – Registration for the June 2024 camp will be coming soon! Open to those currently in 7th and 8th grade.

*www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th or use the qr code.
Questions? **email me bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF



High School Faith Formation

- Faith Formation starts TODAY, Sunday, October 8. We are looking forward to seeing all of you today! Your CoreTeam/Small Group leaders have fun plans to help you get to know each other! **Doors open at 3:45;** Opening prayer is at 4:00. We will meet in the gym; **Dismissal is at 4:50; Mass is at 5:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity to Celebrate the Eucharist as a family.

- **Please be observant of the dismissal plans:** High School teens will be dismissed to meet family at church or at the car (in the back parking lot); **Parent and Teen Drivers: Park in the back parking lot, in a parking spot;** Keep all fire lanes clear; **Drive slowly** when leaving the parking lots, parishioners will be arriving for Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

- Did you get the Thursday emails? If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me to make sure I have your correct email address.

- How can I help? The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus> . The next step is to email me.**

- If you haven't registered, registration is open for 2023-24 Faith Formation Season. Check out the webpage *

- **Brave the Wilderness Summer Camp** – Registration for the June 2024 camp will be coming soon! Open to those currently in 9th-12th grades.
- I will be the interim High School Faith Formation Director until we hire a Youth Minister. Looking forward to seeing my former JrHighers!!

*www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => High School or use the qr code.
Questions? **email me bartosm@stbchurch.org



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jul-23	176	849	484	\$1,735.03	318.5
Aug-23	64	293	12	\$757.44	268
Sep-23	63	286	3	\$2,046.86	118.5

Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and families in our community. We serve our neighbors in crisis living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598. We assist with utilities, food, and clothing. Christian Action donation drop off hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture. **Phone numbers for the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE! They will certainly be put to good use! The Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena and Christian Action are so grateful.



THANKSGIVING BOXES AND GIFT CARDS ARE COMING NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

OUR NEXT CHRISTIAN ACTION CLOTHES QUARTERS CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION EVENT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Parish Life Center (PLC).

Please note that it is on a Friday and not a Saturday this time.

- **The clothing pantry needs the following items:** New boy's underwear size 10-12, 14-16; New socks (men and women). Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Christian Action office or you can drop them off in the Christian Action bin in the Narthex of the church.

- Volunteers are needed to help with setting up on Thursday, November 2 from 11 am -1:00 pm and during the event on Friday, November 3 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to assist for the event, you must register. Please contact Eli Woodvine at christianaction@stbchurch.org or visit www.stbchurch.org/christian-action to register as a volunteer. Please remember that you will need to have completed Safe Environment/Safe Haven if you are 18+, (<https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus>) and children 17 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.



Baptism

The final Baptism preparatory workshop for 2023 is scheduled for October 15.

The 2024 schedule is:
January 7, June 2, August 18, and October 20.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Baptism preparatory workshop prior to the birth of your child. Godparents are encouraged to attend with the parents.

For more information and to register scan the qr code



Holy Matrimony

For more information on how to begin the process for Holy Matrimony in the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Kevin at woodvinek@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x104



Join Us for a Potluck Extravaganza!

Indulge in a delightful potluck gathering filled with mouthwatering dishes and wonderful company. It's the perfect occasion to enjoy culinary creations and meet new people while swapping stories with fellow attendees. Let's come together for an unforgettable afternoon filled with new connections, laughter, and, of course, fantastic food. **Date:** Thursday, October 19; **Time:** 11:30 am; **Location:** Parish Life Center; **Who:** Everyone is welcome! **What to Bring:** Please contribute to our feast by bringing a dish to share. Whether it's your signature recipe, a cherished family favorite, or even a bought item like pizza or fried chicken, your contribution is most welcome. We'll provide the drinks and utensils. **RSVP and Food Item Sign-Up:** Please RSVP and sign up for a food item by October 12 to assist with our planning. Contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. Feel free to invite a friend—it's bound to be a memorable occasion! We can't wait to celebrate with you.



Learn How to Make Fantastic Bows!

Get ready to elevate your gift-giving and decorating game with a fantastic bow-making lesson! Whether you're a beginner or just want to refine your bow-tying abilities, this engaging session is designed for all skill levels. In this hands-on workshop, you'll delve into the art of crafting exquisite bows suitable for various occasions, from gift wrapping to holiday adornments. Our experienced instructor will walk you through the process, offering insider tips and tricks to create bows that truly impress.

Date: Thursday, October 19, following the Parish Potluck (approximately 12:30ish);

Location: Parish Life Center – Tasker Room;

What to Bring: To ensure you're well-prepared, please bring a spool of wired ribbon (must be wired), ideally 2.5 inches in size, and a cheap pair of scissors (easily found in the school supply section or at the Dollar Store). Unleash your creativity and discover the satisfaction of crafting stunning bows that will add a special touch to your gifts and décor. We look forward to seeing you there! For more details, please contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110



Parish Picnic, Sunday, November 12

Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable day of fun and fellowship! Our Parish Picnic is just around the corner, happening on Sunday, November 12. The BBQ meal kicks off at 12 noon, and tickets will be available for purchase soon. The excitement continues with a variety of activities starting at 1 pm. Don't miss out on the festivities! We'll also pay a special tribute to our honored veterans.

Picnic Supply Donations Needed

Due to budget cuts, the Parish Picnic has not received any funding this year. If you are in a position to contribute by donating an item or making a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. To assist us with our preparations, please kindly deliver your contributions to the Time and Talent Office by no later than **October 22**. **Please label all items as "Picnic"** to ensure they are directed to the right place. For monetary or in-kind donations, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110. Your support is invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt thanks! Below is a list of some of the supplies needed. We have an online signup so you can see the status of items needed at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.

Supplies Needed – the amount needed is for your reference.

Donations of any amount are appreciated.

55 Gallon Heavy Duty Trash Bag 80 ct.; Rolls of Paper Towels (24 rolls needed); Bottled Water 16.9 fl ounce (300 bottles needed); Gallon Freezer Bags (100 bags needed); Lipton Iced Tea Mix Black Tea, Caffeinated (120 qt total needed); Country Time Yellow Lemonade Powdered Drink Mix (115 ounces total needed); Premium Cane Sugar Packets (2,000 ct.); Disinfecting Wipes (600 wipes needed); Dinner Napkins (600 napkins needed); Chinnet (or heavy duty store brand) Classic Platter/Dinner Plates, 12.63" x 10" (500 needed); Hefty Supreme Foam Hinged Lid Container, 3-Compartment (125 needed); Monetary or In-Kind Donation call Suzanne 281-486-0337 x110

Parish Picnic Needs Volunteers

Informational Meeting, Monday, October 16 at 6:30 pm

The parish Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, November 12, is on the lookout for activity leaders, co-leaders, and enthusiastic general volunteers to help. Don't worry if you don't have prior experience; we'll provide all the necessary supplies and guidance. New volunteers are welcome to join the fun! Teen service hours are available. **Join us for an informational meeting on Monday, October 16, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.** If possible, please let us know you are coming so we have enough handouts. Call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org

Bingo Prize Donation Drive

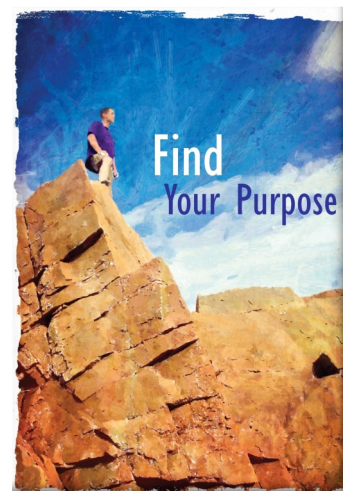
We're in search of new and like-new adult and children's items for the Parish Picnic!

What We're Looking For:

- New and like-new small toys and games for children and teens
- New and like-new small kitchen gadgets, DVD's or Blue-Ray's, sports or small fitness equipment, new craft supplies, puzzles, small home décor, jewelry, and more
- Gift cards to a store or restaurant as well as individually wrapped candy for other activities.
- We could also use donations of popup canopy tents.

Note: Storage space is limited, if you have a large toy or item that you would be willing to bring the day of the event (Sunday, November 12), please call Suzanne to see if we can accept. **We cannot accept:** Glass items, VHS or cassette tapes, books, items in need of repair, live animals, or clothes.

Your contributions will go a long way in making our bingo events a hit! Donations can be dropped off at the Time and Talent Office or Parish Office. **Please label the item(s) as Time and Talent so it gets to the right place.** Let's create moments of joy together! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x110.



Youth Ministry Job Opening

Join the dynamic team at St. B's as we search for a passionate Youth Minister. As the Director of Ministry to Youth, you'll have the remarkable opportunity to ignite and nurture the faith of our High School Youth at St. Bernadette Catholic Church. Your mission? To craft a vibrant youth ministry program that mirrors the values of *Renewing the Vision*.

Your role involves developing a ministry plan that addresses each intentional mode outlined in *Renewing the Vision*: Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice, Leadership, Pastoral Care, and Prayer/Worship.

Know someone perfect for this role? Spread the word and share this exciting opportunity with them! The detailed job posting can be accessed at: <https://www.archgh.org/media/20646/parish-7426-director-to-ministry-to-youth-082223.pdf> or use the qr code.

Join us in shaping the spiritual journey of our youth at St. Bernadette!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 8 THRU OCTOBER 14, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Shirley Smith+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Jeffery Peter LeBlanc+
 Sun. 11:00 am: Cathy Blanchard+
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Mariana Cavallo+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: John I. Brown III+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Bill Ford+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Sebastiano Cavallo+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Scotty McPhearson, 10/08/2011; Pauline Brown, 10/09/1999; Carolyn Becnel, 10/09/2001; Jose De Vera, 10/09/2002; Elisa Alvarez, 10/09/2003; Betty Bernay, 10/09/2007; Marie Broom, 10/09/2008; Annette McNally, 10/10/1991; Fred Whelan, 10/10/2005; Cesar D'Agostino Sr., 10/11/1989; Orande Bianchi, 10/11/1989; Martha Rainey, 10/11/2001; Reggie TorreFranca, 10/12/2000; Margaret Keller, 10/12/2008; John E. Hammond, 10/12/2011; Lucille Tummins, 10/12/2011; Hilda Penn, 10/13/1994; Gerre Childress, 10/13/2006 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

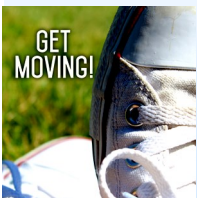


Elijah Wade Dickinson
 Chase Ryan Helsel
 Abraham Rubio Longoria
 Addison Kate Ma
 Waylon Jun Ngo
 Emily Rojas Thompson

Indoor Fitness (All Abilities)

Participate in Get Fit While You Sit and meet new people!

Join us for gentle DVD facilitated workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Parish Life Center. Chair and standing routines will teach you skills for breathing exercise and relaxation, while doing gentle stretching. Wheelchair accessible. All ability levels are welcome. No fee or registration needed. Call Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 for more information.



Adult Spiritual Life

Pilgrimage into Nature: Is a DIY retreat for yourself, family, or with your friends. You are welcome to scan this qr code for additional information and how to begin the Pilgrimage-or pick up a booklet in the entry of the church building. Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at woodvinek@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x104



Walking with Purpose: Walking with Purpose is much more than a women's bible study. Please scan the qr code to register for the October 17 session. For planning purposes, we do request registration prior to October 10. Thank you.



Bereavement Ministry: Our next 6-week series of *Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved* will begin on Saturday, October 14 beginning at 9 am. We are asking of individuals to please register for *Seasons of Hope* a week prior. *Seasons of Hope* is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, tradition, and practice of the Catholic Church. For those searching for hope, a *Seasons of Hope* group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning. You may register by contacting Deacon Kevin Woodvine at 281-486-0337 x104 or woodvinek@stbchurch.org or by completing the online registration form by scanning the qr code.



Prayer Shawl: We invite you all to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am in the Tasker Room of the Parish Life Center. As we knit and crochet the shawls, we pray that those who will receive them may receive God's healing and comfort. The prayer shawls are then delivered to those in need. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our prayer shawls, call Lillian Teixeira at 281-488-4412



Get your tickets **by October 12** for the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus charity benefit at TopGolf in Webster on **October 19**. The event promises to be a great time for all! In addition to three hours of golf, a fajita dinner, and drinks, there will be several door prizes and a silent auction with over \$3,000 in prizes.

Tickets are \$75 and will not be sold after October 12. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation to our charities via the KofC website: Christus Point of Light Clinic in Dickinson, St. B's Christian Action, Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena, Helping Hands, American Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, and Mercy Tree.

For Tickets and Donations

1. Go to: www.kofc10959.org
2. Go to TopGolf Charity Event Section of the Home Page
3. Click: "TopGolf Registration"

You can also scan the qr code with your phone to access the ticket site





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