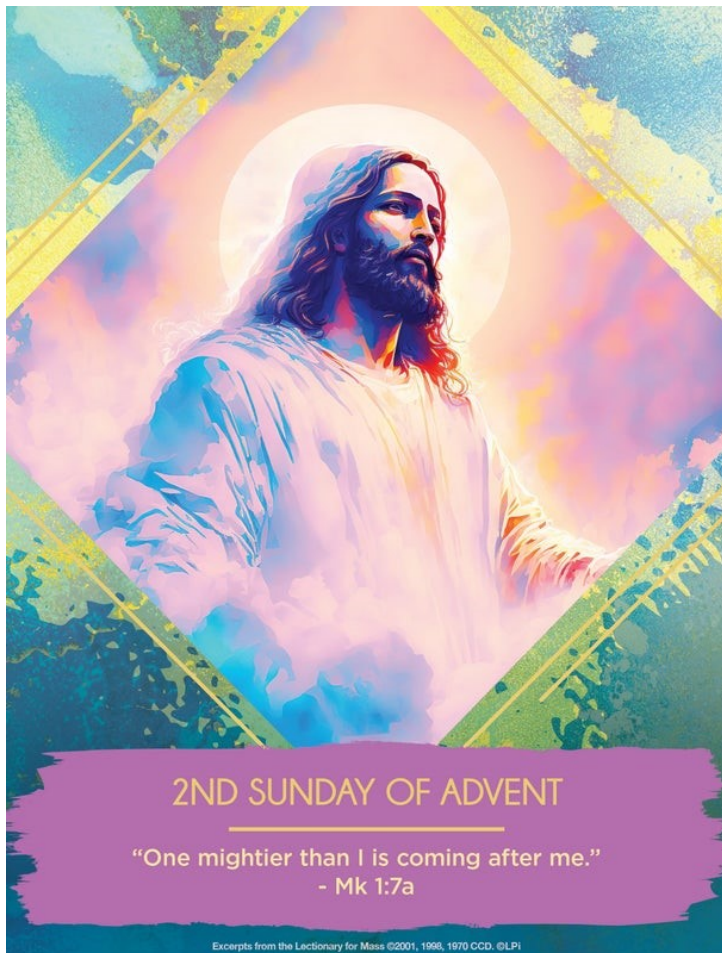


# OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## December 10, 2023

### SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

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**Gemma Gonzalo, Office Manager**

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**1 PM - 4 PM Mon-Fri., by appointment**

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**Emergency Sick Calls**.....(707) 422-7767

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**Shelley Kim/Anna Albericci**.....(707) 422-2814

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**Carmel Youth Ministry** .....(707) 646-1894

**Casey Collins:** Carmelyouthff@gmail.com

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### First Reading

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a high-way for our God! (Is 40:3)



### Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

### Second Reading

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

### Gospel

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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Fairfield, CA 94533

**Website:** [www.olmcfairfield.org](http://www.olmcfairfield.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

**MASS: Weekend:** Saturday Evening, 5PM Vigil  
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, Noon & 6PM

**Daily:** Monday - Saturday, 9AM

**Holy Days:** 9AM, Noon and 7PM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Saturdays:** 3:00 to 4:00 PM

**1st Saturdays:** Immediately following the 9AM Mass

**Baptisms:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages:** Six months notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick: // House & Car Blessings:**  
Please contact the Parish Office.

### Staff:

Fr. Patrick Gavin, O. Carm. (Pastor)

Fr. Daniel Gonzalez, O. Carm. (Parochial Vicar)

Retired Priests in Residence: Fr. Jose Cilia, O. Carm. and Fr. Mario Lopez, O. Carm.

Deacon Raymond Elias

## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

### Monday December 11th

9:00 AM Seantelle Guillory  
† Fe T. Semaña

### Tuesday December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM † Victor Ramos  
† Jose Gaglianone  
7:00 PM Silas Suisala

### Wednes. December 13th

9:00 AM † Laura Labaria  
† Minda Meneses Fernandez  
† Jesus Ticsay

### Thursday December 14th

9:00 AM † Tony Garcia  
† Leocadio & † Cristina Nano  
† Sheryl Nano

### Friday December 15th

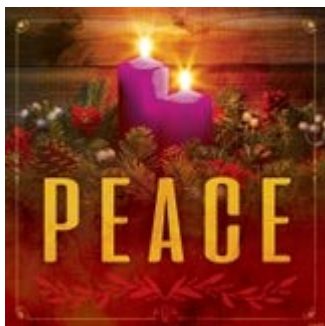
9:00 AM † Jack Obele  
Paul & Maria Anderson

### Saturday December 16th

9:00 AM World Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Cell  
Blue Army  
5:00 PM Damian Mmega  
Mmega Family  
Netallia Moore  
† Esmeralda Corpus

### Sunday December 17th

8:00 AM † Tony Garcia  
† Rosario B. Samson  
10:00 AM † Pedro Gonzales  
† Consuelo Gonzales  
† Lionel Brown  
12:00 PM Fr. Mario Lopez, O. Carm.  
† Antonio & † Martin Torres  
6:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



If you would like the faith community of OLMC to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the Parish Office at 422-7767. We do

occasionally take some

names off of the list in the bulletin. If we have taken a name from the printed list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on. Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

- For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

Madison O'Shields  
Jo & Evelyn Nunes  
Mary Highsmith  
Howell Wood III  
Yollie Wood  
Diane Ball  
Dolores Sheppard  
Ian Padilla  
David Quilao  
Virgil Jaramillo  
Vivian Blas  
Roberto, Inday &  
Robbie Visda  
Renita Manalo  
Ann Garant  
Remy Calica  
John & Celina Hess  
Sharon Dotson  
Anita Brennan  
Romy & Cuca Lopez  
Manny Labaria  
Etta Doherty  
Robert Gebing  
Sammy & Luz Quilao  
Ryan Bautista  
Luis Mora  
John Linehan  
Joe Santos  
Pat Brausch  
Diane Topacio  
Annie Hutchinson  
Martha Pickens  
Alvin Barba  
Mike Loedding  
Alapati Suisala  
Julio Suisala  
Sanele Tuimavave  
AnaMarie Tuimavave  
Tom & Aida Quinn  
Roy Shaver  
Raymond Elias Jr.  
Ramil Maglaling  
Tony Hernandez Jr.  
Miguel Vilaro  
Garcia Family  
Berti Berger & Family  
Jossie & Igal Koiman  
Linda Sharp  
Mark Carkin  
John Nyquist  
Siobhan Franey  
Ted Simbulan

Jim Meyer  
Sutton Family  
Melba Luna  
Rudolph Garcia  
John Kraszewski  
Bunny Dominguez  
Carlito Z. Acuña  
Socorro Eshabaar  
Cyril Eshabarr  
Anita & Frank Lizardo  
Elian Jojola  
Don McKenna  
Johnathan & Jessica  
Crocker  
Mason Ferrulli  
Albert & Dottie Pratt  
Analyn Balontong  
Joleen Savoy  
Austin Yang  
Unson Family  
Robert Olmstead  
Danilda Castor  
Jarosch Family  
Vincent Bayquen  
Margaret Sanders  
Nina Larson  
Janelle Tsutiuchi  
Anicia Angeles  
Carlito M. Mendoza Jr.  
Dave LaVoie  
Carmen Cruz  
Kathy Stoddart  
Gerardo Ordanza  
Luis A. Maneru  
Tony Luchangco  
Mike MacCallum  
Sally Colbert  
Margrite Jacinto  
Jennifer Jacinto  
Jennifer Espera  
Rolando Tan  
Carol Phillips  
Gene Richards  
Frank Nunes & Family  
Noemi Carinio  
Julianne Allison  
Andy & Pat Anderson  
Phil Correia  
Ed Junker  
Joanne Skidmore  
Bob Howisey  
Bill Jacks

Kennedy Washington  
Emma Baarde  
Romeo Dizon  
Carolyn Ross  
Mary Jane Pasqual  
James Omoso  
Josie I. Taeleifi  
Netallia Moore  
David Moore  
Vivian Donohoe  
Ma Lourdes Jovez  
Yoshiko Dragos  
Daxtyn Valdez  
Doloros De Loza  
Enoc Robles  
Sally Ronquillo  
Brad Lewis  
Amanda Safapour  
Erick MacCallum  
Brian Thornton  
Judy Davis  
Robert Anthony  
Oswaldo & Aurelia  
Joven  
Richard Marsch  
Sue Alunan  
Andy Wood  
Ajamu Abubakar  
Ezra Abubakar  
Cybelle Abubakar  
Marvin Edwardes  
Mia Erickson  
Brody Erickson  
Stephanie Crocker  
Remedios Cordova  
Gribi Family  
Domiciano Nodado Jr  
and Leticia Nodado  
Joselito Rafael Fores  
Liz Duran  
Paul Parkison  
Claudia Castro  
Carmelite Fathers:  
Fr. David Fontaine  
Fr. Patrick Gavin  
Fr. Jose Cilia  
Fr. Mike Greenwell  
Fr. Mike Kwiecien  
Fr. Mario Lopez  
Fr. Jim Mueller  
Fr. Daniel Gonzalez

Hold on in faith!



## Our Lady of Guadalupe



When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

## Gospel - 2nd Sunday of Advent



We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to dis-

connect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, **"The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."** It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Parish Collections



### 2023 Envelope Collections:

#### December 3, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund  
Capital Improvement Fund

**Not available at print**

**Mail Offertory Envelopes or donate via OLMC's Online-Giving!**

### 2023 Online Donations:

#### Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund  
Capital Improvement

\$4,907.39  
\$1,410.00



## Sign up for Online Giving

Please, prayerfully consider making your offering online to our parish. Your contribution will support the operation of the church and community.

ParishSOFT is a convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program, and it provides OLMC with reliable donations during these unstable times.

### To enroll:

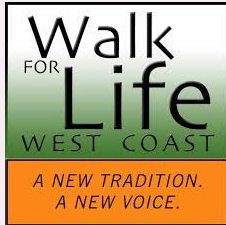
- Visit our website [www.olmcfairfield.org](http://www.olmcfairfield.org)
- Click-on the link. "GIVE Online"
- How to create an account
  - click on "sign-in"
  - click on "[Register for an Account](#)"
- Navigate to choose the Fund and Give!

You may give a one-time contribution or you may specify a reoccurring giving to any of the funds available throughout the year!



## **Respect Life Corner**

**Save the Date:**  
**Walk for Life San Francisco**  
**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024**



Bus transportation to the event sponsored by Respect Life Ministry; Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; Rally and walk to the Embarcadero Center

Visit the website at: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com>  
Contact Anna at 707-422-7767 or Cathy at 707-688-6551

## **Kiosk News:**

All CDs on Clearance at \$1 / each.

Coming soon - Baby Jesus Christmas Ornaments for sale to honor His Humanity.

Respect Life Ministry thanks you for your support!



## **Carmel Youth and Faith Formation News**

- Carmel Youth Christmas Party on December 16 from 6p-8p (this is for all Confirmation and up youths)

**\*\*Christmas break\*\* - No classes for Faith Formation or Confirmation from 12/19-1/10. Classes resume on 1/16 for Grades 1-6th and on 1/17 for Confirmation**

- Little Church is free for children who have not yet received First Communion. It is held in the Dome on Sundays during the 10AM Mass.



## *Holiday Schedule*

### 2023 Christmas Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent Mass: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve: 5PM, 8PM and Midnight
- Christmas Day: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM  
(no 6PM Mass)



### 2023 New Year's Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 31st, Sunday Mass: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM and 6PM
- New Year's Day: 10AM and 12PM

### 2023 Advent Reconciliation Schedule:

- Dec. 16th, & 23rd (Saturdays) - 3:00PM to 4:30PM
- Dec. 14th (Thursday) & 19th (Tuesday) - 7:00PM
- Dec. 23rd (Saturday) - immediately following the 9AM Mass


### Our Lady of Guadalupe: (including the Blessing of the new icon):

- Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 9AM & 7PM



# OLMC Calendar

# AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
-Dec. 10-	- 11 -	-12-	-13-	-14-	-15-	-16-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Church</li> <li>• Advent Concert 3PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 530PM Legion of Mary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 9AM and 7PM</li> <li>• 430PM Faith Formation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 630PM Confirmation class</li> <li>• 7PM RCIA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10AM Bible Study</li> <li>• 7PM Bible Study</li> <li>• 7PM Confession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10AM EADM</li> <li>• 1PM CFC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10AM LCC</li> <li>• 10AM Choir Practice</li> <li>• 1230PM LCC</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> <li>• 6PM Carmel Youth Christmas Party</li> </ul>
- 17-	- 18 -	-19-	-20-	-21-	-22-	-23-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 530PM Legion of Mary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7PM Confession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7PM RCIA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10AM Bible Study</li> <li>• 7PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	Office closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM Confession</li> <li>• 10AM Choir Practice</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>
No Faith Formation/Confirmation until January 16/17						
- 24-	- 25 -	-26-	-27-	-28-	-29-	-30-
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7PM Confession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7PM RCIA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10AM Bible Study</li> <li>• 7PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	Office closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM Confession</li> <li>• 10AM Choir Practice</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>

## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

- Little Church all Sundays in Dec, except 12/24
- Dec. 10 - Advent concert (see p. 4)
- Dec. 14 and Dec. 19 - Evening Confession 7PM
- Dec. 16 Carmel Youth Christmas Party, 6pm
- Dec 23 - AM Confession

## IN MEMORIAM

September - November 2023

Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners and their families

in your prayers:

Marie Ford, Suzanne T. Romero,  
Edmund Balibat, Brooklyn Faith Arceo,  
Steve Retherford, Lawrence Franco, Robert Rillo,  
Maria Galang, Sixto J. Alvarez, Ace Flores,  
Conchita Domingo, Favio P. Gana

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

## ADORATION HOURS AT OLMC

Monday to Friday from 10AM to 4PM, inside the Church. Adoration times may be altered due to other Church events (i.e. Funerals, etc.).

Please check calendar on sign in table.  
EVERYONE please sign in whenever you visit with the Lord.

Any questions ask Lynda Sutton:

707-330-4858 or

[Lynda039@aol.com](mailto:Lynda039@aol.com)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Robert Anthony | 688-8894 Tom Bruno | 326-2848  
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Woody Carnahan, VP | 208-9465  
John Shinstock, Sec. | 803-1176  
Julie Darling, Pres. | 425-3934



# PARISH INFORMATION &

# OLMC MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



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## NEW PARISHIONER? UPDATING INFO?

### New to the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish?

New Parishioner: \_\_\_\_\_ or Existing with updates: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Mr. & Mrs. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Relation? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Relation? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Relation? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive **Offertory Envelopes** OR do you prefer to give offerings online through our Website - **Give Online**

It's easy . . . Give ONLINE: [www.olmcfairfield.org](http://www.olmcfairfield.org)

Please return completed Registration form in the Offertory Basket (at Mass), mail, or bring to the Parish Office!

**FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR** | Rita Santos 707-386-0423

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Tom & Elaine Bruno - 707-326-1412

**MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Julie Darling - 707-425-3934

**MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST for THE HOMEBOUND**

Cliff Lubin, 954-304-4327, [cliff.lubin@jmagroup.com](mailto:cliff.lubin@jmagroup.com)

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD** | Don McKenna - 707-718-5239

**MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST (MFC)** | John & Malou Bayquen 707-208-4005

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Consists of 10 members (See Bulletin)

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**PRAYER LINE** Catharine Scharfen: 707-427-2320

**QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY GROUP**

Mindy Zindel 421-0776

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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[Shelley.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:Shelley.olmc@gmail.com)

**RESPECT LIFE & CATHOLIC Media KIOSK |**

Cathy Omoso 707-688-6551 / Helene DeRose

707-429-9364 // The Gabriel Project: Pregnant, need help?

800-910-0191 or contact OLMC Parish Coordinators: Lynda 707-330-4858 (Alpha Clinics, 707-449-8991)

**RETRouvaille (Lifeline for troubled marriages)**

Call the Parish Office.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** | 707-422-5209

**USHERS / HOSPITALITY** | Elaine Bruno / 707-326-1412

**VISITS TO THE SICK and SACRAMENT MINISTRY**

Call the Parish Office

**YLI (A Catholic Women's Organization)**

Margaret Sanders - 707-344-2838 (leave message) or

Kathy Marley - 707-631-1701 / Meets 2nd Thursday in Fr.

Lanigan Center at Holy Spirit at 6pm. [www.YLIonline.org](http://www.YLIonline.org)

## OLMC MINISTRIES|ORGANIZATIONS

**ADULT EDUCATION** | Call Parish Office, 707-422-7767

**RCIA** | Pidz Banasan, 707-631-4213

**CATHOLICS Come Home** | Call Parish Office, 707-422-7767

**ALPHA CLINICS** | 707-449-8991

**ALTAR & SANCTUARY** Lay Carmelites

**ALTAR SERVERS** | Nathan Tran, 707-410-0584

[olmc.leadaltarserver@gmail.com](mailto:olmc.leadaltarserver@gmail.com)

**AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY** | Delia Tabasa / 631-9577

**BAPTISM** (Baptismal Prep Class held every other month) |

Deacon Raymond Elias, 422-7767, ext 308

[deaconraymondlianas@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:deaconraymondlianas@sbcbglobal.net)

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST** | Reynaldo & Milva Lapitan, 707-280-8963

**CURSILLO** | Gem Geluz - 386-9142

**CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY** Casey Collins, 707-646-1894

[carmelyouthff@gmail.com](mailto:carmelyouthff@gmail.com), Office hours: Tue 4PM-7PM

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