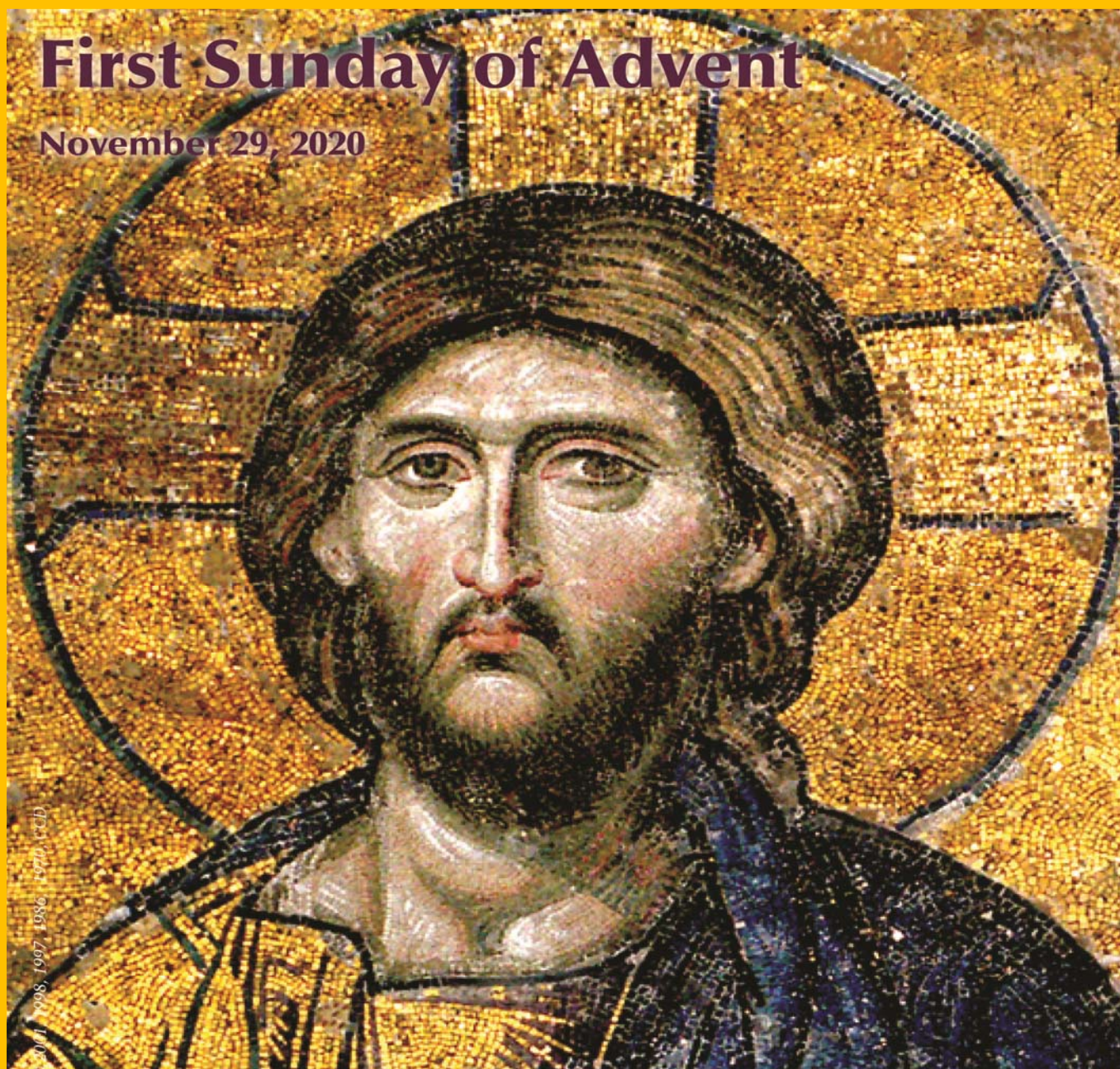


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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



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FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent

Watch therefore, you do not know
when the Lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35

“What I say to you
I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

— Mark 13:37

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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	7:30PM	SPANISH
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SUNDAY	10:30AM	ENGLISH

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday:	World AIDS Awareness
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday



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FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT SURVEY 6TH GRADE AND ABOVE

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is currently developing plans for a technical secondary education option for students by looking at the feasibility of a Catholic **Career-Technical High School or CCTHS**. The Development Committee of the CCTHS Advisory Board has planned an initial curriculum offering based on year job projections for high-wage, high-demand careers within the Houston metroplex, as well as throughout the country. Our goal is to provide a truly unique, Catholic centered, technical high school education to students who may be looking to develop skills that will allow them to enter the workforce directly out of high school or move on to the college experience of their choice. Your input will help us to better evaluate curriculum offerings and potential attendance in the new high school.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Interest Survey by clicking the link below.

<https://archgh.cvent.com/CCTHS>

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese has job openings in Development, Young Adult & Campus Ministry, and in parishes and schools across the diocese. See the job postings online at: www.archgh.org/employment.



"Behold Thy Mother": Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary

A free, non-credit, self-paced online course offered by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit
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The course will focus on the four main dogmas concerning the BVM and four of her approved apparitions. It is designed for the everyday Catholic who seeks to re-discover the gifts of the

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Breaking Bread Homeless Ministries News From The Streets...

Who Are They?

By Mary Martha Primerano

Where's your family Mary? You tell us you have Jesus in your heart – that makes you part of our family, the family of God. Now let's get you to a hospital, call 911, come quick and pick up Mary. Mary is from Navasota, Texas. Why did you leave Navasota to be discovered in a big Metropolis in your soiled pants? Where is everyone? These are the questions that ran through my mind when we found Mary.

That same morning we met someone else, a grandfather lying on his back with his midsection so swollen it looked like he swallowed a watermelon. Gary can't move because of the pain. What's wrong? Why so discouraged? Who did you let break your heart? The homeless SEARCH Van comes and insists you go to the hospital. They put you in the van and head for the hospital—only for you to check yourself out and return to the streets. You go back to that soiled mattress under the freeway, but at least this is where your friends are.

Doing ministry on the streets can get rough, and confusing at times. This is why it's important that our main focus is to bring the gospel of love. It can be difficult to watch someone sitting in their own urine and feces. The pain for Gary is so great that he no longer can bear to move. Someone from our team bought him some cupcakes because it was his birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday to you, and ended with a verse that says, "We're glad God made you." But suddenly a gentleman joins our circle, and with hands held together he begins to sing out loud, "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me!" We all joined in with arms surrendered to Him. Before we were done with ministry there were at least 4 different homeless people from the camp who told us to check on a young woman sitting on the grass alone.

We found Mary, down the street, with a severely sunburned face and arms, and of course those soiled pants again. She cannot explain to us why she's been sitting there for hours, or possibly days. She does manage to tell us she has Jesus in her heart. The whole team is moved with compassion, and begins to pray for her and we call for an ambulance.

What was it that made you just give up and believe the lie that you are not loved or valuable? Did it start with rejection? Here's the real truth about you, found in Isaiah 41:9 "You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, you are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off." He has not cast you off! Jesus loves you!

What's happened to family Lord? Help us come back to our first love (Revelations 2:4) and return to you as one Body. Not to condemn, but to reach out and love one another.

If interested in volunteering please contact:

Walt Primerano 713.661.7167 or

breakingbreadhomeless@gmail.com



Blessed Birthday

Naomi Garza (11/29)
Victoria Dauria (11/30)
Luisa Herrera (12/1)
Gabrielle Martinez (12/1)
Christina Chavez (12/1)
Martha Alejandro (12/1)
Damian DeLaRosa (12/1)
Catalina Mireles (12/1)
Joe Diaz (12/1)
Lupita Pérez (12/2)
Kachina Hackett (12/2)
Gloria Salinas (12/2)

Charles Schoppa, Jr. (12/3)
Alice Guzmán (12/4)
Jonah Zavala (12/4)
Anastasia Strauss (12/4)
Kenia Salomon (12/4)
Isaiah Ortiz (12/4)
Margarita Luna (12/05)
Bobby De Ochoa (12/5)
Madysen Morales (12/5)
Cecilia Carrizales (12/5)
Jose A C Leon (12/05)

D.I.G. Youth Group
Wednesdays Via Zoom
7:30-9pm
Contact Melva at bodyrefuge2@gmail.com

IMPERFECT

I GET UP, I FALL DOWN, I GET BACK
UP AGAIN
2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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I forgive you, for you know not what you are doing.

Bl. Marie-Clémentine Nengapeta
Holy Family Sister who was martyred in the Congo in 1964 for refusing to violate her vow of chastity.

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December 1

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when ...

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Answer: *the time will come*

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UPCOMING EVENTS, RETREATS AT THE CCC, AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND MORE

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Upcoming Events:

**Spirit of Christmas Market, Saturday,
November 28 from 10AM - 2PM
(vendors can still register)**

**Advent Day Retreat, Tuesday,
December 1 from 10AM - 2PM
(only 10 spots remaining)**

**Confirmation Retreat, December 5 from
10AM - 6PM (only 3 spots remaining)**

**Advent Silent Retreat, December 7 - 11
(only 4 spots remaining)**

**Confirmation Retreat, January 16
from 10AM - 5PM**

Lenten Silent Retreat, February 19 - 21

Divine Mercy Silent Retreat, April 9 - 11

**Register for all CRC events online
at <https://retreatcentercrc.org/events>**

COVID-19: Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.



If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19

- Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.
- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.



ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.



If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19

- Stay home until after
 - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
 - Symptoms have improved



If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms

- Stay home until after
 - 10 days have passed since your positive test



If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

cdc.gov/coronavirus

Assistance for Those in Need!

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston continues to serve people during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs.

Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution at 3 locations as follows:

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Mamie George Community Center in Richmond

Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston.

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“Speak little,
listen much.”

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT

Eagle Scout, Family, or Ministry Projects:

The CRC is a fantastic place for scouts to complete their Eagle Scout project. We are easy to work with and have projects that vary in type, cost, and length of involvement to meet every Scouts desire. Of course, any of these projects are open to anyone willing to help the CRC.

Current Project List online at

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VELAD, PUES NO SABÉIS CUÁNDO VENDRÁ EL DUEÑO DE LA CASA



Marcos 13,33-37. Una oración escuchada.- ¡Qué grato es volver los ojos al pasado, a nuestro pasado en Israel, porque todos hemos nacido a la fe gracias a Israel, y reconocer nuestra voz en ese gemido del profeta: "ojalá rasgaras el cielo y bajaras" (Is 64,1)! Así suplica el corazón oprimido por la tristeza; así ruega el alma agotada en su esfuerzo; así se queja el hombre que ha palpado su límite y sabe que nada le queda, sino el horizonte de Dios. Aparentemente se trata de un mensaje de desesperación, pero es todo lo contrario. Cuando el hombre sólo cuenta con sus recursos y estos se le terminan llega la desesperación; pero si ese hombre cree en Dios, hace de su angustia un camino que le lleva más allá de sí mismo. Pues tal es la condición del ser humano: desesperarse en la cárcel de sí mismo, o

trascender arrojándose en las manos de su Creador. El profeta nos enseña a escoger. Y lo más hermoso de esa oración es que sabemos que fue y que será escuchada. Fue escuchada ya, podemos decir si miramos el misterio del Verbo Encarnado, pues él rasgó los cielos y bajó. Pero además será escuchada una vez más, la última y gloriosa, la definitiva, cuando el Cristo glorioso rompa los cielos, cuando los recoja como una tienda (cf. Is 40,22) y brille su majestad infinita el día último. Esta súplica, pues, abre el adviento de modo único, porque recuerda la primera venida y ya anuncia la segunda.

Somos hechura de tus manos. Todo el adviento, que hoy empieza, va sellado con un tono de bendita esperanza. La esperanza no es simple ilusión; la esperanza no es simple proyecto. La esperanza nace en el borde mismo en donde nace también la desesperanza, esto es, allí donde sabemos cruda y profundamente qué somos y qué quisiéramos ser. Desde la conciencia viva de lo que somos aprendemos la distancia hasta lo que queremos ser. Las dos cosas se perciben en la meditación de Isaías: "nosotros pecábamos y te éramos siempre rebeldes" (Is 64,5); esto es lo que hemos sido; "sin embargo, Señor, tú eres nuestro Padre" (Is 64,8); este es el principio de lo que podemos ser. De aquí aprendemos varias cosas. Primera: nuestro pecado no destruye nuestro vínculo con Dios. Pecadores como somos, seguimos estando en sus manos, y él sigue siendo nuestro alfarero. El pecado no anula la soberanía de Dios. Segunda: el que nos hizo es quien sabe rehacernos. No haya para el hombre otra alternativa, porque no hay otro Creador. Tercera: si en las consecuencias del pecado aparece la justicia, en la victoria sobre el pecado brillan la gracia y la misericordia. Por ello no hay modo de escapar de Dios. Como Él mismo dijo a santa Catalina de Siena: "en mis manos están para justicia o misericordia".

Permanecer despiertos.- Isaías pide la llegada de Dios; Jesucristo nos advierte sobre lo incierto de su visita. Todo sucede como diciendo que mientras unos sufren porque se retrasa otros viven como si nunca fuera a venir el Señor. Así vive el mundo, y las dos cosas las hemos visto una y otra vez. La visita de Dios se parece a la de un ladrón porque arrebató lo que creíamos poseer. Y la razón es que no somos poseedores sino administradores, como Jesús enseñó en más de un lugar. Para quien se cree dueño, Dios sólo puede ser un ladrón y su llegada es como un robo. Para quien se siente administrador, en cambio, la llegada de Dios es el término de sus fatigas; es el momento de cesar en su labor y pasar al banquete. Como sucede en la Eucaristía.

Fr. Nelson Medina F., O.P

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Domingo: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 85 (84):9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mc 1:1-8

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COVID-19: Diferencia entre cuarentena y aislamiento

La **CUARENTENA** mantiene a la persona que ha estado en contacto cercano con alguien que tiene COVID-19 lejos de los demás.



Si usted ha tenido contacto cercano con una persona que tiene COVID-19



• Quédesse en casa hasta que hayan pasado 14 días desde su último contacto.



• Tómese la temperatura dos veces por día y esté atento a los síntomas del COVID-19.



• Si es posible, manténgase lejos de las personas que tengan un mayor riesgo de enfermarse gravemente con el COVID-19.



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El **AISLAMIENTO** mantiene a la persona que está enferma, o que dio positivo en la prueba del COVID-19 sin tener síntomas, lejos de los demás, incluso en su propia casa.



Si está enfermo y piensa o sabe que tiene COVID-19



• Quédesse en casa hasta que haya estado
— 3 días sin fiebre
— los síntomas hayan mejorado y
— hayan pasado 10 días desde el inicio de los síntomas.



Si dio positivo en la prueba del COVID-19, pero no tiene síntomas



• Quédesse en casa hasta que
— hayan pasado 10 días desde que se hizo la prueba que le dio positivo.



Si vive con otras personas, quédesse en una "habitación para el enfermo" o un área específica y lejos de otras personas o de animales, incluidas las mascotas. Use un baño aparte, de ser posible.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus-es](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus-es)



Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston

Oración Durante el Tiempo del Coronavirus

Consuélanos, Señor, pues somos como tus discípulos en la tormenta que sacudió los mares,
inquietos por lo que se avecina.

Nos dirigimos a Ti, nuestro Guía y Salvador,
para que calmes nuestros corazones en nuestros momentos de necesidad y escuches nuestra oración:

Sana a todos quienes están enfermos con el coronavirus y protege a las personas mayores y a los más vulnerables.

Dale fuerza a todos quienes cuidan de nuestra salud y sabiduría a quienes buscan y luchan por encontrar una cura.

Abre nuestros ojos y nuestros corazones, como lo hiciste durante el Huracán Harvey, para que podamos ver más allá de nuestras necesidades inmediatas y ayudar a aquellos que necesiten ayuda.

Por medio del Espíritu Santo, guía a los líderes a tomar decisiones sabias por el bienestar de todas las personas a las que sirven.

Concede el descanso eterno a todos quienes han muerto por el virus.

Que María, nuestra Madre, que ha escuchado nuestras suplicas en las tormentas de nuestras vidas, interceda ante su Hijo, para que encontremos la sanación y un pronto final para esta enfermedad.

María, Estrella del Mar, ruega por nosotros.

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