



*Saint Joseph Basilica*  
*Roman Catholic Church*

**Mass Schedule:** Weekdays: 8:30 am / Saturday: 8:30 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

**Sacrament Of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 9:00 - 9:30 am & 3:30 - 4:30 pm,  
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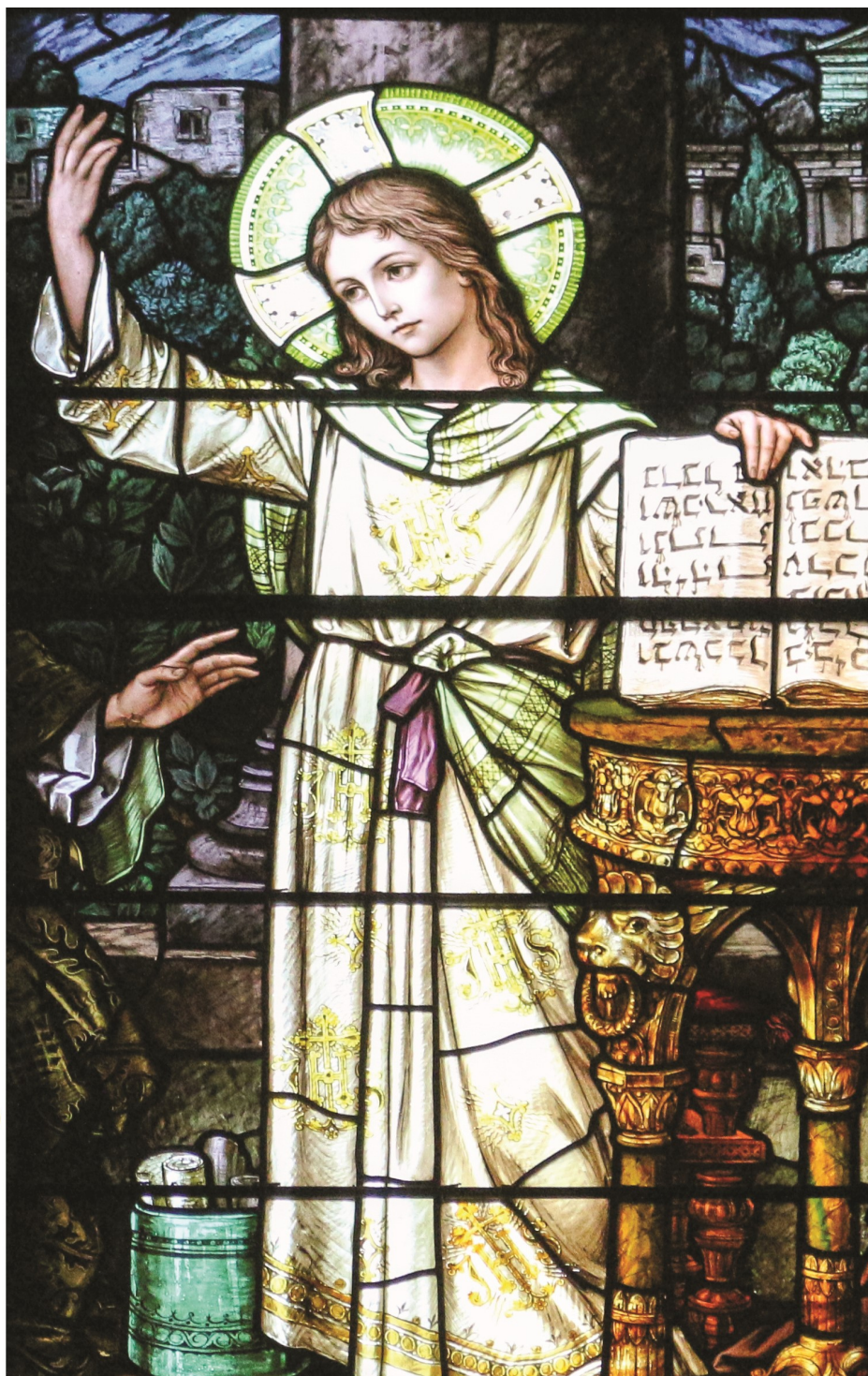
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JESUS SAID  
TO HIS PARENTS,  
“Why were you  
looking for me?  
Did you  
NOT KNOW  
THAT I MUST BE  
IN MY FATHER’S  
HOUSE?”

LUKE 2:49

THE HOLY  
FAMILY  
of JESUS,  
MARY AND  
JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



## Clergy Message



Dear St. Joseph Family,

Merry Christmas! I hope you had a wonderful holiday, and I hope you remember that the Christmas season lasts for two more weeks. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany, when the three wise men visited the Holy Family in Bethlehem. Then, the following Sunday is the Solemnity of the Baptism of Jesus. It is interesting that, during the Christmas Season, the Church asks us to recall a moment from Christ's adulthood. This is because Jesus' baptism – His plunging into the waters and rising from them - was a sign of His coming crucifixion, death and resurrection, when He would offer Himself to the Father for our redemption. Thus, we can say, in an unintentionally macabre sense, Jesus was born to die, for by His death, we are set free. The Church's iconography depicts this by showing Christ in the manger swaddled like someone who is prepared for burial, bound head to toe, like Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. Ultimately, this is where our Christmas season leads us - to the Cross, and then to the empty tomb - and we would do well to remember this, as the stores will abruptly put the Christmas decorations away so as to replace them with the ones for the next money-making holiday.

The Church, however, asks us to linger in the Christmas season, to enter deeply into the mystery of God becoming man. Wow! What a thought. It can be hard for me to fathom these truths of our faith, which is why I turn to St. Paul for help, who provides us with one of the best explanations of the mystery of Christ's birth when he says, "*For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich*" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Who enjoyed the fullness of perfection in Heaven, surrendered all of that, and lowered Himself, descending into our world so that we might be restored to the heights God intended us to enjoy. This is the mystery of Christmas, that "*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life*" (John 3:16). Christmas ultimately is about participating in this divine act of giving ourselves away for another, of lowering ourselves in order to raise someone else up. If we do this, we get Christmas right.

Thus, on this first weekend after Christmas, with two more weeks to enjoy and contemplate the reason for Christ's birth, I would like to share a letter I received from Stephen McHale, the pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, here in Alameda. Some of you may be aware that at this church our homeless brothers and sisters can shower and receive a warm meal at the "Warming Shelter." Now, this program is beginning again, and Stephen is calling for help. Our own parishioner, Monica Ballerini has stepped up to coordinate volunteers from our community. Please read Stephen's letter and prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this important ministry, which is very much a participation in the mystery of Christ's birth.

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

*Dear Colleagues in Ministry,*

*Last week the City of Alameda, The Village of Love, and Christ Church struck a tentative deal to reopen the Alameda Homeless Warming Shelter in Christ Church's Parish Hall at the end of this month. The City is providing \$50,000 in funding and Christ Church has committed to raising an additional \$20,000+. All this money will flow to The Village of Love, which will staff the shelter each night. Christ Church is organizing volunteers throughout the community to provide dinner, breakfast and snacks, and volunteers to run the concurrent shower program. We're looking for volunteers from the community to help out with meals and to work at the shower program. **We're also looking for donations of new sleeping bags, and new sweatshirts and sweatpants of all sizes. Shortly we'll update our Website with additional donations needed. And, of course, we're looking for cash donations to chip away at that \$20,000.***

*I'd be grateful if you could reach out to your communities and let them know about the volunteer opportunities. Soon we'll have a formal announcement coming out in coordination with the City and The Village of Love.*

*\$70,000 in funding will pay for 49 nights of shelter operations. If we can raise more money, we can operate more nights. We plan to be open every Monday and Thursday night, plus any night forecast to be 42 degrees or below, or with a 50% or greater chance of rain, until the money runs out.*

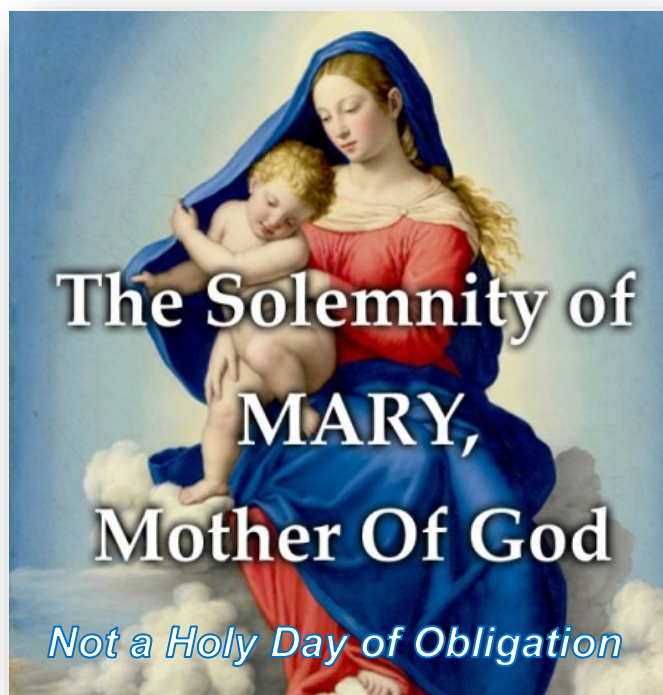
*Dine & Connect has generously offered to cover all the Monday meals!*

*Please let me know if you have questions.*

*Peace,  
Stephen*



## Upcoming Events



### Mass Times:

**Friday, December 31**  
**5 pm Vigil Mass**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**  
**8:30 am**

*On the first day of the calendar year, the Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God, who fully co-operates in the work of salvation through faith and obedience. Although this year is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we invite you to attend either of the Masses to start the New Year in joyful celebration of the Mass.*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- ⇒ **January 1/2, 2022: Maintenance**
- ⇒ **January 9/10: Diocesan Vocations Program**

**Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your donations and support.**

### Save the date!

#### **Parish Family Activity For Epiphany** **Sunday January 2, 10:45 to 11:45 am**

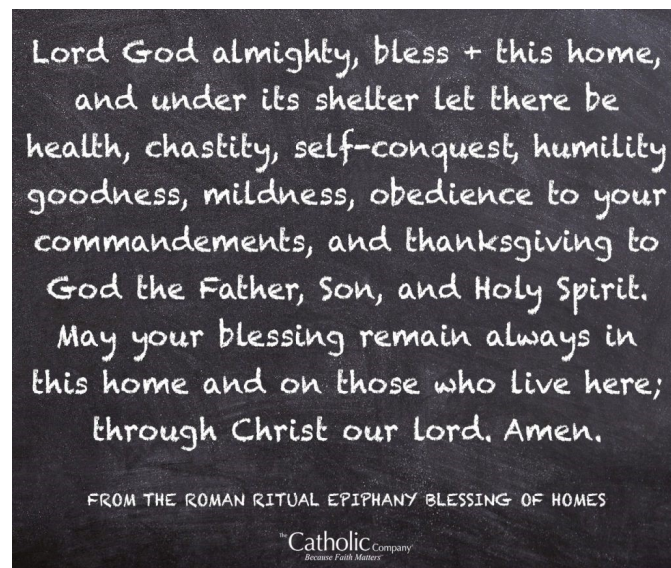
The journey of the far-off Magi to pay homage to the newborn King reminds us that Jesus came for everyone, that God can be found in unexpected places, and that the trip is definitely worth the effort! All ages are invited to join the Parish Family Activity following the 9:30 Mass next week to celebrate Epiphany. Meet in the SJND Quad (or Notre Dame Hall if the weather does not cooperate) to share fellowship and traditions of Epiphany aka little Christmas. More information available at <https://sjbalameda.org/family-activity>

#### **Feast Of The Epiphany Of The Lord** **Chalking Our Doors** **Weekend of January 1 –2**

Marking the door of your home with blessed chalk in the new year is an old Epiphany tradition reminiscent of the Passover in the book of Exodus. "Chalking" your doorway places God at the entrance of your home, entrusting your entire family to His protection.

Recite the prayer and follow by the inscription we make this year is: **20 + C + M + B + 22**

The "20" and "22" stand for the current year (2022). The plus signs represent the Cross of Christ. The CMB represents the traditional names given to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.



**Parish Office Closure:** The Parish Office will be closed on New Year' Eve, Friday, December 31, and re-open on Monday, January 3, 2021.  
*Happy New Year Greetings to All from the your Parish Staff!*



## Get Involved



**The Community Outreach Ministry** was blessed with the collaboration of the Youth Confirmation students during a festive and joyful day of service on December 11. They assembled 36 blankets, and over 140 winter hats for our brothers and sisters in care homes. If you would like to volunteer for this Ministry, please contact them at: [Sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:Sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com) with any questions.

**T**he Holidays are here, but for some among us it's a distressful time due to serious illness or death of a loved one. You are encouraged to take time to connect with someone who is in this situation. Let them know that you are thinking of them and keeping them in your prayers especially during this holiday season. Remember, if you need or desire support around your grief, please know that the Grief Ministry is here for you. Feel free to reach out to one of us - we are available to support you via telephone or email.

Suzanne Morris (219) 879-4819 (Cell), email: [suzanne@morris.guide](mailto:suzanne@morris.guide)

Bill Kueppers (510) 846-3882 (Cell), email: [billkueppers@gmail.com](mailto:billkueppers@gmail.com)

### Communion or Confession For The Homebound:

If you know of any of our Catholic brothers and sisters who are homebound and would like to receive Communion, or request for Confession, please contact Fr. Sunil, (510) 301 5975, or email: [sunil@sjbalameda.org](mailto:sunil@sjbalameda.org)

### Welcome To Our Visitors!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We hope to see you again. If you would like to be a member of our Parish Family, simply pick up a registration form found in the Church Vestibule, website: [sjbalameda.org](http://sjbalameda.org), or Parish Office. Drop off the completed form to the Office or email to [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org)

### Devotions

#### Rosary

8:10 am, Basilica, Monday - Saturday

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, after Daily Mass

#### First Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese

7:00 - 8:00 pm, Basilica

#### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 - 7:00 pm, Basilica

## Active Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group (*In-person: Mondays, 9-11:00 am, Parish Center*)
- Bible Study - Thursday Morning Scripture: [ebmcgaffey@gmail.com](mailto:ebmcgaffey@gmail.com) (*Virtual*)
- Community Outreach Ministry: [sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com)
- CRS Chapters - [spippen@msjdominicans.org](mailto:spippen@msjdominicans.org)
- Grief Ministry: [billkueppers@gmail.com](mailto:billkueppers@gmail.com)
- Knights of Columbus: (*2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center*)
- Legion of Mary: [terecitadeandentist@gmail.com](mailto:terecitadeandentist@gmail.com) (*4th Fridays, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center*)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: [mlopezox@gmail.com](mailto:mlopezox@gmail.com) (*1st Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Parish Center*)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: [sunil@sjbalameda.org](mailto:sunil@sjbalameda.org) (*1st Saturdays, Parish Center*)
- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie for details [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: [louisea.svdvp@gmail.com](mailto:louisea.svdvp@gmail.com) (*4th Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, Parish Center*)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: [drmaponce@yahoo.com](mailto:drmaponce@yahoo.com) (*Virtual*)
- Taize: (*4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays*)
- Welcome The Stranger: [amrossi1238@aol.com](mailto:amrossi1238@aol.com) (*Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details*)

## Praying Together

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 25 - Christmas

7:30 am People Of The Parish - Living & Deceased  
 9:30 am People Of The Parish - Living & Deceased  
 12:00 pm People Of The Parish - Living & Deceased

#### Sunday, December 26 - Holy Family Of God

7:30 am Erlinda Gacad - Birthday Thanksgiving  
 9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
 12:00 pm †Rogelio Rejano - 1st Death Anniversary  
 7:00 pm Dao Family - Spiritual Healing

#### Monday, December 27

8:30am Harnett & Foley Families - Living & Deceased

#### Tuesday, December 28

8:30 am †Scott McEntee - Birthday Remembrance

#### Wednesday, December 29

8:30 am Merquillo & San Buenaventura Families - Thanksgiving

#### Thursday, December 30

8:30 am 1)†Rosa Betancourt  
 2)†Tom Astle Sr. (50th) & Tom Astle Jr. (1st) - Death Anniversaries

#### Friday, December 31

8:30 am Eufroia Ramirez - Thanksgiving  
 5:00 pm, Vigil For the People of the Parish - Living & Deceased (***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***)

#### Saturday, January 1, 2022

8:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased (***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***)  
 5:00 pm 1)†Dorothy Berks  
 2)†Ester Gangcuangco - 1st Death Anniversary

#### Sunday, January 2

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
 9:30 am 1)†Dr. Benjamin Reyes  
 2)Jess James Laguicao - Birthday  
 12:00 pm †Remedios "Remy" Ramos - Death Anniversary  
 7:00 pm †Therese Hauer

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
 O God, who was pleased to give us  
 the shining example of the Holy Family,  
 graciously grant that we may imitate them  
 in practicing the virtues of family life  
 and in the bonds of charity,  
 and so, in the joy of your house,  
 delight one day in eternal rewards.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, forever and ever.*

#### **Recent Passing**

**Mariquita Magahiz**

*May our Lord Bless and Comfort the Family  
 during this time of grief,  
 Rest In Peace.*

### Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp  
 for the month of December is sponsored  
 in remembrance of:  
 Barton, Center, Cook, Dekas, Reiss, Reynolds,  
 Serpico & Tempesta Families

### Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Wanda Reyes Albano, Sandy Anderson, Genaro Barrios Sr., Lhiza H. Brown, Jane Burgelin, Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Bautista, Dwayne Eugene Brown, Socorro Chavez, Juana Sanchez Chavez, Juan Chavez, Nia Lorelei Cain, Mary Cronin, Mila Eugenio, Rino Gacad, Jane Hansen, Mary Rocca, Amelia Miguel, An Nguyen, Marlo Polston, Dalmacio Quinto, Nory A. Reyes, Michael Ricica and Ramon N. Tirona.  
 The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Sick List, please email:  
[secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org) or call (510) 995 9420.

### FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

**Reflection question:** *How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?*



## General Information



### Daily Mass

8:30 am, Basilica  
Monday - Saturday

Livestreaming available on our Facebook Page: Link: <https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/>

### Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil - Basilica  
7:30 am - Basilica (no singing)  
9:30 am - Quad  
12:00 pm - Basilica  
7:00 pm - Basilica

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 9:00 - 9:30 am & 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 4:00pm (for in-person help)  
(close for lunch: 1 - 2 pm)

For assistance, please contact Parish Office  
510-522 0181, email: [parish@sjbalameda.org](mailto:parish@sjbalameda.org)

### Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: [frmario@sjbalameda.org](mailto:frmario@sjbalameda.org).

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Please visit our website under "Sacraments" for information.**

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510-995-9420, or email: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org)
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409, or email: [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)

**Christian Burials:** Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first. Note: For Funeral Mass scheduling, please contact the Parish Office.

### Clergy:

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## The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.



May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019



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### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*January 1, 2022 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

*"Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ."*  
St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3



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