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Our Churches ~ Mass Schedule ~ Adoration

Our Clergy

St. Bernard

150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm

Adoration: Thurs. 5:30pm-6:30pm

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsiy, Pastor
Fr. Jarvis Laban, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert Cleveland

Email contact: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Our Lady of Good Hope

7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am

Adoration: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi

81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

Adoration: Wed. eves 5:30pm-6:30pm

Doors are open at all mainland churches

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St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

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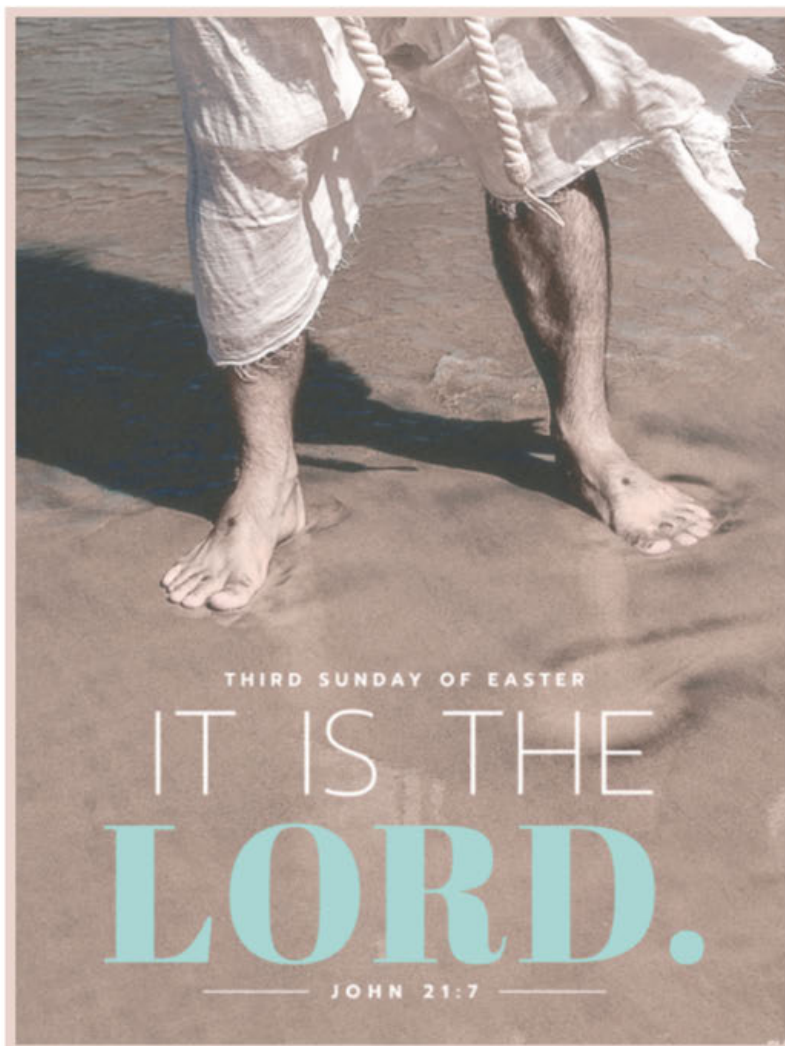
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Half hour before weekend Masses
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Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

IT IS THE
LORD.

JOHN 21:7

MAY 4, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00pm	St. Francis LS	Fr. Jarvis	Yvonne Charette by The Clarks
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Msgr. Paul Stefanko	Grace Stearns by Frank and Nancy Toole
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Msgr. Paul Stefanko	For Parishioners

Sunday, May 4, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Paul Stefanko	Darlene & Robert Galkowski by Larry Galkowski
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Jarvis Rosary at 7:50am	Earl, Clarice, & Larry Hooks by Elaine Witt
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Jarvis	Aaron Michael Payson by Sarah Payson
11:00am	St. Bernard LS	Msgr. Paul Stefanko	Living Intention for Cathal Gilmore by Siobhan & Alex Gilmore
Monday May 5	OLGH 6:30pm LS	Fr. Anthonasius	Diane Juke by Claire O'Keefe
Tuesday May 6	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthonasius Rosary at 7:30am	Jimmy Collins by Michele Jones
Wednesday May 7	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Jarvis Rosary at 7:30am	John O'Toole by Rich and Anne Norman
	NursHm - QH 10am	Fr. Jarvis	Bill Hartman by Maureen O'Donnell
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthonasius	Henry & Betty Bohndell by the family
Thursday May 8	St. Bernard 6:30pm LS	Fr. Jarvis	Fr. Richard Rice by John & Claire Redden
Friday May 9	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Jarvis	Kevin Lackey by Susan Woehler

Saturday, May 10, 2025 – Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	For Parishioners
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Jarvis	Hannah Williamson by Frank and Nancy Toole
6:00pm	St. Bernard LS	Fr. Jarvis	Cody Arsenault by Takoda Peasely

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Michael Higgins by his brothers and sisters
8:30am	St. Francis LS	Fr. Anthonasius Rosary at 7:50am	Gary Witt by Sue Woehler
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius	Erika Miltner by the family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Jarvis	Charlotte & John LaCross by MaryAnne Delsandro

Parish Life & Faith Formation Staff

Contact staff via email:

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FAITH FORMATION

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader
Jennifer Parker, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Francis
Rachel Vallance, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Bernard
Penelope Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator
Michael Colson, Sexton
John Maas, Custodian
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: If you are planning to have a child baptized, please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785, two months prior to the birth.

Marriage Preparation and Ceremony: All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Anointing the Sick/Communion at Home: If you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass, during weekly Adoration, and by appointment at 207-236-4785.

To Receive Parish-Wide Email: Send an email with your name and church you attend most often to Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org.

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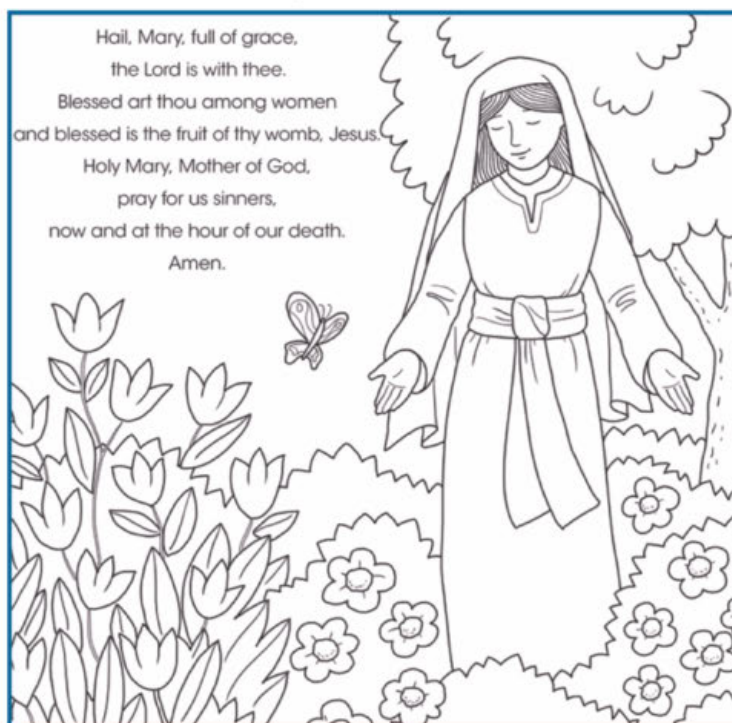
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Meaning of Marian Symbols

These Marian Symbols can be found in art, church décor, sacramentals, holy cards, and more from across the centuries. Each tells us a little about the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in Salvation History. The symbols also show us the connection between Mary and Jesus. As the Mother of God, everything she does leads us to know, love, and follow her Son. Check out the descriptions of these twelve symbols, and then use them to make your own Marian monogram on the following page.

 <p>MARIAN M & CROSS This Cross is intertwined with a Marian M can be seen on the back of the Miraculous Medal and in other Marian art. What we believe about Mary always comes first from what we believe about Christ.</p>	 <p>MARIAN FLOWERS In the Middle Ages, flowers were given religious names as a little way to sanctify, or make holy, an everyday object. Many flowers have Marian names and when grown together are called a Mary Garden.</p>
 <p>JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH JMJ is an abbreviation for the names of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Labeling your work with "JMJ" is a way to dedicate your task to the Holy Family, asking them to watch over you.</p>	 <p>MARIAN CROWN Kings and queens on earth wear crowns as signs of their authority. Jesus is the King of the Universe! As we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, we often depict her receiving a Heavenly crown in art such as statues, icons, and paintings.</p>
 <p>CROWN OF TWELVE STARS In the Book of Revelation Mary has a crown of twelve stars on her head, surrounded by the sun and the moon. Twelve reminds us of the Tribes of Israel in the Old Testament and the Apostles in the New Testament, symbolizing the perfect authority of Christ's Church.</p>	 <p>SORROWFUL HEART OF MARY The Seven Sorrows of Mary are stories from the Bible where the Blessed Mother experienced pain and sadness during Jesus' life. A symbolic Heart pierced by seven swords is used to remind us of those sorrows.</p>
 <p>MIRACULOUS MEDAL This medal has Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, on the front and a Marian M and Cross, Sacred and Immaculate Heart, and a circle of twelve stars on the back. It was given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830.</p>	 <p>MOST HOLY ROSARY Made of a string of beads beginning and ending with a Crucifix, a Rosary is a tool that helps us count prayers as we say them. While praying the Our Fathers and Hail Marys, we are invited to meditate on the Mysteries of Jesus's life.</p>
 <p>AUSPICE MARIA Auspice Maria is Latin for "Under the Protection of Mary." This monogram of an interwoven A and M is a symbol used to mark someone or something as dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p>	 <p>FLEUR-DE-LIS This decorative version of a lily is often connected with the Annunciation when Gabriel announced the Incarnation— that God would become Man, and would be called Jesus. Lilies, which stand for purity, are symbols of both Mary and Joseph. Fleur-de-lis is French for "flower of the lily."</p>
 <p>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY Closely connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary is ringed with roses and pierced by a sword. The Immaculate Heart is symbolic of her pure, maternal, and sacrificial love.</p>	 <p>ADVENT CANDLES While not solely a Marian symbol, Advent Candles represent the waiting and preparation of Advent. We remember that we must take time to prepare our heart like Mary did for the coming of Christ.</p>

Youth & Family Faith Formation



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

It's never too late to join the children of the parish and their families as we come together to learn more about our Catholic faith! Please contact Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader, at Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org if you have any questions.

Vocations

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org for guidance.

Daily Readings

Sun: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17
and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-6

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9,
14b-17/Jn 10:27-3

Adult Faith Formation

THAT MAN IS YOU: That Man Is You meets Saturdays at 8:30am in the Our Lady of Good Hope Upper Room. For more information please contact Joe Cammelleri at jccam@tidewater.net. That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture. Tuesdays, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden, in the WWP room downstairs, and Thursdays at 9:00am at the Sacred Heart Center at St. Bernard in Rockland. For more info: Janet Heath, 207-841-1975 or Anne Norman, 207-691-6401.

FAITH SHARING CELL GROUPS: Do you want to share and grow your faith with a small group of friends in the neighborhood? Listen to a monthly teaching provided by our priests? Pray together? Come and join one of the Faith Sharing Cell Groups. There are active groups in the Belfast, Camden and Rockland areas. Everybody is welcome, so you also could invite your non-Catholic friends. Please contact FSCGStB@gmail.com if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

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Choosing a Pope:
What REALLY
Happens During
a Papal Conclave



St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry

RESPECT LIFE

BE NOT
Afraid

Pray a Rosary for Life - The Rosary for Life continues weekly at each Church as scheduled.

Prayer Vigil - Thank you again to all who joined in prayer during the 40 Days for Life Campaign as we recently journeyed through Lent. Please join our prayer efforts as we continue the weekly prayer vigil for life on the sidewalk outside of Maine Family Planning in Belfast, Friday mornings. **The prayer vigil is scheduled from 9-10am, but we would like to extend it until noon on this one day. WE NEED YOU.**

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com and/or

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com.

A Short Video to Watch - Pro Choice Women watch abortion. Reveals how more knowledge about the procedure can change minds:



Rest in the Eternal Peace of Christ, Pope Francis

"Peace requires before all else the defense of life, a good that today is jeopardized...through the promotion of an alleged 'right to abortion'. No one, however, can claim rights over the life of another human being, especially one who is powerless and thus completely defenseless. For this reason, I appeal to the consciences of men and women of good will, particularly those having political responsibilities, to strive to safeguard the rights of those who are weakest and to combat the throwaway culture" Pope Francis in his address to members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, 1/9/23.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us.

Knights of Columbus



Our parish is blessed to be served by two primary Knights of Columbus Councils:

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST:

The William S. Brannagan Council #3942 Monthly Breakfast: Every third Sunday of the month after the 8:30am Mass

Contact: Brian Beaulieu 542-8967, bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu at 323-1436, painterjo56@gmail.com

ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND: The Limerock Council #136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. Monthly Breakfast: Last Sunday of the month after the 8:00am Mass.

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>

Contact: Redden 720-0246 or Rich Norman 691-6400

KOFC 4TH DEGREE: The 4th Degree Knights meet the second Monday of the month at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden at 7:00pm.

Contact: Gregg Turley 702-408-5996.

KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS: The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.

For more information visit kofc.org.

Daughters of St. Bernard

The Daughters of St. Bernard meet at the Sacred Heart Center the first Friday of each month, 1pm. We warmly welcome all women of St. Bernard to join as we help with various parish activities, such as funeral receptions, scholarships, and more.

Contact: Claire Redden (207) 208.0584

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIPS

WOMEN'S CLUB OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

**Must be a registered parishioner (at least 6 mos).*

Contact: Parish Office or
pgibbons@tidewater.net

Deadline: May 12, 2025

BELFAST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - THE WILLIAM S. BRANNAGAN COUNCIL #3942

**Graduating parishioner - Contact: Brian Beaulieu at 207-542-8967 or Gary Boynton at voir22ebay@gmail.com*

Deadline: May 19, 2025 @ 3pm

ROCKLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - LIMEROCK COUNCIL #136

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Deadline: May 19, 2025 @ 3pm





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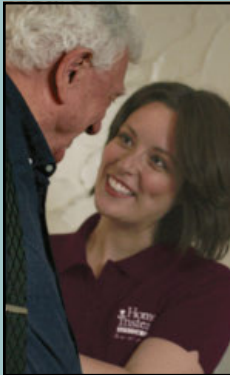
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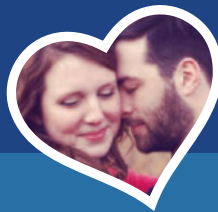
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A CALL TO ENCOUNTER: REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

By Micah D. Kiel/Liturgical Press

From his very first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, to his last years confined mostly to a wheelchair, Pope Francis always seemed one step ahead of the rest of us. Indeed, his whole life embodied the surprise of the Gospel. If I had to try to sum up Pope Francis's ministry (throughout his life, not just as Pope), I would do so with one word: encounter. Whether advocating for the poor and migrants, working to instill the Church with synodality, or traveling to places no one would expect a pope to visit, the concept of encounter runs through it all. He prioritized encounter because it is God's style. God, by humbling himself and coming close to humans in the person of Jesus, modeled and embodied encounter. And so, the quotation from Francis that best sums up his life, comes from his exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, published mere months after the start of his Petrine ministry:



The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infect us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness (EG 88).

This says it all—not only about Pope Francis's life and ministry, but about what should be the animating principle of every Christian life.

Vacancy of the Holy See – Papal Interregnum

The Papal Interregnum is a period governed by papal law, which admits of no changes to Church governance, or to the spiritual or material patrimony of St. Peter, save the election of his successor.

What Happens During the Interregnum

- 1. The Nine Days of Mourning (Novendiales).** The Pope is laid in state in St. Peter's Basilica, permitting the faithful to pay their respects. Every day each Cardinal celebrates a Memorial Mass. Between the fourth and sixth day of this period a Solemn Funeral is celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica by the Dean of the College of Cardinals, with the other Cardinals. The College of Cardinals will also declare an official mourning period of nine days, called the Novendiales. On each of the nine days a different Cardinal celebrates a public funeral rite for the Holy Father, following the *Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (2024). While Popes are typically entombed in the crypt of St. Peter's, Pope Francis has directed that after his funeral he is to be entombed at the Papal Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major.
- 2. The Preparation for the Conclave.** From Day 10 to the beginning of the Conclave, which must begin no earlier than Day 16, and no later than Day 21 of the Vacancy.
- 3. The Conclave.** From the time that the Cardinals enter the Conclave until the one elected accepts his election.



Saints and Hope by Sadlier Religion

St. Maximilian Kolbe—In the face of extreme suffering in the Auschwitz concentration camp, he displayed profound hope. He gave his life to save another prisoner, showing that even in the darkest moments, love and hope can shine through.



St. Padre Pio—A saint of great compassion and perseverance, he offered hope to those who struggled in faith. His life of prayer, suffering, and miracles reminds us that God is always with us, especially in difficult times.



St. Teresa of Ávila—Known for her deep trust in God's guidance, she about the importance of hope in the spiritual journey. She believed that no matter the challenges, God's love and grace would always be there to lead us to peace.



St. John Paul II—A saint who faced great personal suffering, including the assassination attempt on his life, he continually preached the message of hope, especially through his famous words, "Be not afraid." His faith and perseverance inspire hope for a brighter future.



St. Catherine of Siena—St. Catherine was a powerful example of hope and trust in God, working to bring peace to the Church and the world. Her writings encourage us to hold onto hope and believe in God's plan, even when we face struggles.



Stay tuned for weekly Jubilee year of Hope activities, excerpts from the Papal Bull of Indiction and more!

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