



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
First Friday: 7:00 pm

Weekend

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Youth Mass

Every 2nd and 4th Sundays
at 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass

Every 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Indonesian Mass

Every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday after the end of
8:00 am Mass to noon
(except First Friday)



From the desk of Fr. Ben

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Santo Niño (Holy Child) is a vibrant, major Filipino Catholic celebration on the third Sunday of January, honoring the Child Jesus and marking the birth of Christianity in the Philippines, stemming from Ferdinand Magellan gifting an image of the Santo Niño to Queen Juana in 1521. Celebrated with grand festivals like the Sinulog in Cebu, featuring colorful dances, processions (fluvial and land), and shouts of "Viva Señor Santo Niño," it's a joyful expression of faith, gratitude, and devotion to the Holy Child as a protector and source of blessings for families, not only uniting Filipino communities globally but also celebrate throughout the United States, including in our Parish of Saint Anne.



Feast of Sto. Nino

Today, January 17, 11 am Mass. We gather to celebrate the Feast of Santo Niño, the Holy Child, whose image reminds us of the innocence, purity, and love that Jesus embodies. This feast invites us to reflect on the profound significance of the Child Jesus in our lives and our faith.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a message of hope, a light shining in darkness. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." This prophetic vision invites us to recognize Christ as the light that overcomes despair and brings redemption. The

titles attributed to the coming Messiah—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—speak not only of His divinity but also of His tenderness and humility, embodied beautifully in the image of Santo Niño. The Child Jesus, in His simplicity, urges us to approach God with childlike faith and trust.

The Psalmist similarly echoes a deep understanding of God's faithfulness. In Psalm 89, we declare, "I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever." As we celebrate Santo Niño, we are reminded of God's unwavering love and His promise to always be with us. Just as a child finds security and joy in the love of a parent, we too are called to find our refuge in God's embrace.

St. Paul speaks of the blessings we receive through Christ, "before the foundation of the world." Santo Niño embodies these blessings; He invites us to recognize that we are adopted as children of God through Him. Paul emphasizes the importance of a heart enlightened to understand the hope to which we are called. As we contemplate the face of Santo Niño, let us pray that our hearts are open to the grace and love that God offers us through Him.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus placing a child in the midst of the disciples. He teaches them that unless they turn and become like children, they will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The humility and simplicity of a child remind us that greatness in God's Kingdom is found in our willingness to be vulnerable, dependent, and trusting. Santo Niño serves as a tangible reminder that we are all called to embody these qualities in our everyday lives.

As we celebrate the feast, let us also remember the message of care and protection highlighted in Matthew. Jesus tells us not to despise the little ones, for their angels always see the face of God. This calls us to protect, cherish, and nurture the innocence and tenderness among us, just as we do with our own children or the vulnerable in our communities.

Dear friends, as we honor Santo Niño today, let us be inspired to embrace a childlike faith that trusts in God's promises. May we draw closer to Him, reflecting His love in our lives and sharing that love with others. In a world that sometimes feels overwhelming, let us look to Santo Niño as our guide, illuminating the path to peace, joy, and salvation.

Let us pray for the grace to become like children, trusting fully in our Lord, who loves us with an everlasting love. Amen.

¡VIVA SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO!!!!

Blessings,

Fr. Ben

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation **Saturdays at 3:30 PM**
Please proceed to the reconciliation room in the church or call the Rectory Office for appointment.

Baptism **Monthly**
We offer the Rite of Baptism for Infants monthly (except during the Lenten season). Please visit www.saintannecatholic.org/baptism for all information. Registration must be made with the Parish Office. Space is limited on a first come per served basis.

Christian Burial **At Need**
Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply. Our clergy are available to celebrate Vigil services as well.

Holy Matrimony **Varies**
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Oakland. Due to the current State and County Health Orders, restrictions may apply.

Holy Orders **By Call**
Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.
Call us today to setup a discussion with one of our clergy where you can continue discerning God's call.

Holy Communion **Ongoing**
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

Confirmation **Ongoing**
We have a few programs available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please see our Faith Formation sections for more information.

Anointing of the Sick **Request**
If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule.

Hours of Operation

Parish Office

Phone calls and in person visits (outside counter)
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Please ring the red bell for service.

Come visit us for
Mass Intentions, Votive Candles ,etc.
We look forward to seeing you!

New to Saint Anne?

Welcome! To register, please visit our Parish Office or register online at www.saintannecatholic.org

We are here to serve you!

Our Parish Vision

Patterned in the spirituality of Saint Anne, we aspire to be an all-embracing, Christ-centered Catholic community fostering collaboration, cooperation, and communion with each other.

Our Parish Mission

We, the people of Saint Anne Parish are called to be witness of our Catholic Faith.

- We are called to faithfully listen, live, and grow in our understanding; and evangelize the message of Jesus.
- United, we gather together to ensure that our Eucharistic celebrations are welcoming, vibrant and meaningful.
- We uphold the dignity of the human person, the importance of family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Christ.
- By virtue of our common priesthood through Baptism, we carry out our missionary endeavor to share the gifts God has given us to the homeless, hungry, and underprivileged In our community.

Our Parish Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we gather in thanksgiving as your people of Saint Anne Parish, listening to your word and celebrating the presence of your Son, Jesus, in the bread and wine we share. Teach us to love and serve each other as Jesus loved and served us. Guide us with the Holy Spirit so that we may become worthy to be one in the Body of Christ. Amen.

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

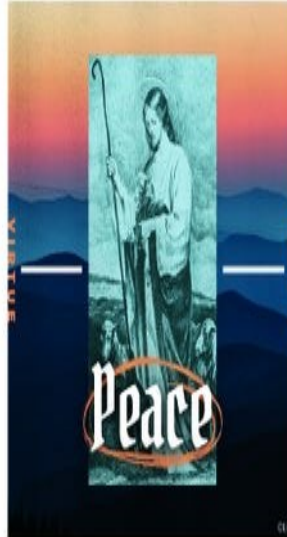
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.
Amen.

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

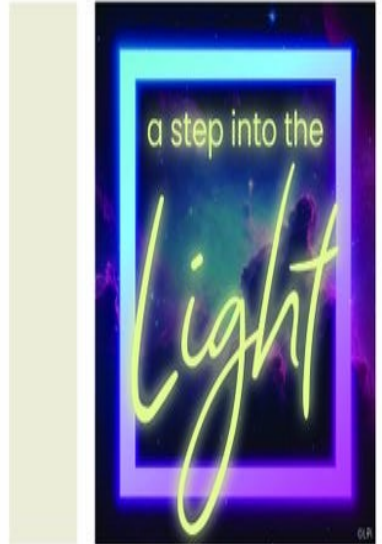
Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "**Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God**" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

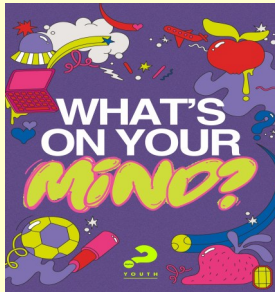
— Father John Muir

Nurturing the Faith for All Ages



St. Anne Confirmation 2025-2026

St. Anne Confirmation candidates will meet on Sunday, January 25 at 2:30 p.m. The topic of our gathering is: Social Justice & Christian Moral Living. Youth Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m.



Saint Anne High School Youth Ministry 2025-2026

There is no Youth Ministry meeting on Monday, January 19 due to the holiday.

St. Anne Youth Ministry will be meeting Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be "Anxiety and Stress" based on Matthew 6:25-30. Anxiety, stress and worry are big obstacles for young people today. Many times, these problems arise when we allow our thoughts to be overtaken by fears of "what if?" This faith-sharing meeting invites us to discover God's presence in our midst.

January 18, 2026 • 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

The First Reading for Sunday is from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah writes, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6) The early Church had to grow into the realization that the "Chosen People" now includes everyone—including people as far away as the ends of the earth! Your challenge this week is to examine your own world. Do you interact with people who are different from you? Does your circle of friends include people of different ages, ethnicity, economic levels, or education? Reflect on how well you bring the good news of Jesus to people beyond your family and friends. How universal is your reach as an evangelizer?

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SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION CCD

2025-2026

**Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion & Continuing Catholic Education.
(Grades 1- 8)**

**CCD-CYO Mass, Jan 10, 5pm, Sat
1st Reconciliation, Jan 13, 5:15pm, Tues**

GIRLS BASKETBALL still OPEN
Register: <http://www.bit.ly/SAGBB26>
Deadline next week

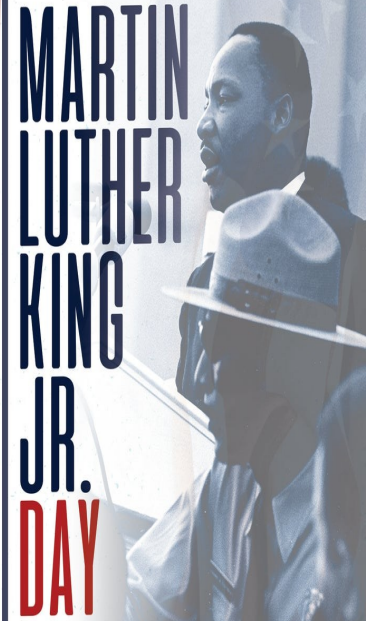
CCD Email:: saintannecatholic.org/cff

Come Join
St. Anne's
Children's Choir
First Sundays of the Month at 5pm
Second Saturdays of the Month at 5pm

REHEARSALS
One hour before Mass starts
(YouTube video links emailed a week before scheduled Mass)

For more information:
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sighbill@gmail.com

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WILL BE
CLOSED
ON
MONDAY
JANUARY 19, 2026
IN OBSERVANCE
OF
MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
DAY**



Prayer Corner



January 17, 2026 - January 24, 2026

Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm † Vivencio Andaya

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am † Romula Pelo

10:00 am † Virginia & David Ruizzorrilla

12:00 pm For the People

5:00 pm † Francisco Guinto

Monday, January 19

8:00 am Melinda Cliff - Spe. Int .
Vic Wijangco & Family - Spe. Int.

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 am † Renato Rabuco

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 am † Teresita Drilon

8:00 am † Agnes Fernandez

7:00 pm † Arlene Leano

Thursday, January 22

8:00 am † Consuelo Parlan

Friday, January 23

8:00 am Virginia Sousa - Spe. Int

Saturday, January 24

8:00 am Edgar Goce

5:00pm † Manuel Acoba, Jr.



We lift up our sick and home bound in prayer:

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| Rolly Apostol | Ampy Leus | Jay Soriano |
| Cindy Abapo | Marissa Magno | Stephanie Tongson |
| Crismarie Agbayani | Jovita Marquez | Deity Trocino |
| Jose Caluya | Elaine Martin | Tomas Valenton |
| Paige Brady | Vienvemar Mendoza | Adel Veridiano |
| Mary Campos | Malosi Meredith | Martel Veridiano |
| Pacita Castillo | Tomas Miranda | Norma Veloso |
| Arlene Doyle | Shiela Orlino | Roseann Cabrera- |
| Leah Fabular | Beatrice Park | Ward |
| Millette Fulgar | Josephine Ramos | |
| Lita Kayas | Danny Sancho | |

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO INCLUDE NAMES AND PROVIDE A CONTACT SO OUR MINISTERS CAN FOLLOW-UP. NAMES WILL BE CLEARED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

To request Special Intentions of the Mass, Memorial intentions, intentions for the sick, or intentions for recently deceased, please contact the parish office.

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Stewardship Corner

	Plate Collections + Online Giving	Over/ (Under) Weekly Budget of \$15,450.00
2025		
11/17-11/23	\$16,002.00	\$552.00
11/24-11/30	\$18,283.00	\$2,833.00
12/01-12/07	\$16,462.00	\$1,012.00
12/08-12/14	\$15,150.00	\$(300.00)
12/15-12-21	\$14,139.00	\$(1,311.00)
12/22-12/28	15,465.00	\$15.00
12/29-01/04	25,865.00	\$10,415.00

Simbang Gabi masses \$ 18,443.00
Simbang Gabi Mass Intentions - \$13,000.00
Christmas Eve Collections - \$10,102.00
Christmas Day Collections - \$12,813.00



SHARE THE WARMTH. MAKE AN IMPACT. SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES.

This winter, act generously and experience the joy of giving.

Help sustain our church regardless of the weather. We offer Online Giving as an additional option to strengthen our church's community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. We value this spiritual home, which relies on our **time, talent, and treasure.**

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Visit our church website: saintannecatholic.org today and click on Donate to sign up and get started.

Called To Serve



Did you know that the ministry of ushers/greeters is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church? In the Old Testament, they were called "gatekeepers."

Their ministry was so important that they were given living quarters in the temple! Here at St. Anne Church, we could use some new volunteers to help out in the usher/greeter ministry. Here are the Mass days and times we need Ushers. You are welcome to help at the Mass you normally attend and as much as your schedule allows.

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

For questions or to sign up, please contact Ben Benitez at 510-366-4293 or speak with one of our current ushers at Mass. We would love to have you join us!

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DO BE DONE IN

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All those who minister (volunteers, employees, and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are required to complete the Safe Environment Training. The training is mandatory-first before starting work or volunteering and then every three years thereafter. Please check your email if you are due to retrain. Visit <https://oakdiocese.org/safe-environment> or existing login and / or new volunteer registration.

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Around the Parish



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2026-2027 Activities

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 1ST FRIDAY NOVENA WITH SHE MINISTRY. WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7PM- OFFICER'S MEETING IN RM 104.

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 5PM- KNIGHTS CHOIR. REHEARSAL IN RM 103 @ 4PM. WEAR WHITE CHOIR SHIRT

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7PM - COUNCIL MEETING IN RM 104. WEAR RED SHIRT

JOIN US!

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul 510-516-3573

We're inspired by the Gospel to serve our neighbors in need. You're invited to help us! We appreciate contributions through collections, donations on the parish website, or checks and gift cards delivered to the parish office. Maybe you can join us or volunteer for a few hours. The parish website has more information about our ministry:

<https://saintannecatholic.org/st-vincent-de-paul>

January Activities

1/9, Friday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Prepare & deliver food bags for unhoused neighbors.

1/11, Sunday

11:00-1:00: Serve lunches at the St. Vincent de Paul Store on Decoto Rd.

1/16, Friday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Set up for the walk-up food distribution.

1/17, Saturday

9:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Walk-up food distribution

10:00-11:00 am in Room 106: Monthly Meeting

December Assistance

94 lunches served at the St. Vincent de Paul Store
122 households (323 people) served by the food distribution in Room 106

\$50 in pantry food (3 people)

\$2,060 in rent aid (5 people)

\$3,048 in utilities aid (6 people)

Summary of Annual Report for Fiscal Year (10/1/24 –9/30/25)

Beginning balance on 10/1/24: \$18,168

Income: \$14,299 (\$11,482 from special collections and other donations from parishioners, \$2,817 from Alameda County Community Food Bank grant)

Expenses: \$24,134 (\$10,912 in rent aid, \$9,690 in utilities/food/other aid, \$2,840 food pantry supplies, \$692 operating expenses)

Ending balance on 9/30/25: \$8,333

In-person visits to neighbors-in-need: 97

In-kind aid (gift cards donated by parishioners and the estimated value of food from the Alameda County Community Food Bank): \$35,515 (\$34,305 in food, \$1,210 in gas/clothing/other)

Estimated hours of service by members: 1,700

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

All **2026 schedules** for the use of the parish facilities need to be in the Parish Office no later than **January 30, 2026**. The Parish Office staff does not automatically schedule for the new year unless we have a written schedule from each organization or ministries. Thank you for your kind cooperation

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please contact the parish office at 510-471-7766 if you would like a statement of your contributions made to the church for your income tax reports. Leave you name, address, phone number and email address and your statement will be emailed or mailed to you. Thank you!

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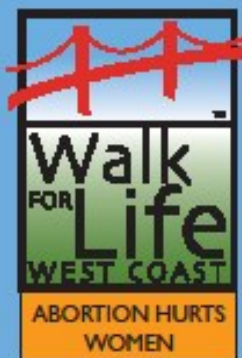
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 24, 2026



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



Register and info:
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