

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2, 2026 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ALL WE HAVE.

— MATTHEW 14:17 —

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. Msgr. Paul Dotson, Pastor

Rev. Joe Kim OFM Conv., Associate Pastor | Rev. Msgr. Peter O'Reilly, In Residence
Deacon Don Burt | Deacon Jim Egnatuk | Deacon Dale Sheckler

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday 8:10 AM
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

Sunday 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center	310-540-0329
Office for Worship	310-316-0090
Office of Religious Education	310-316-4460
O.C.I.A. for Adults	310-316-0961
St. Lawrence Martyr School	310-316-3049
Youth Ministry/Confirmation	310-316-0466
Funerals	424-458-7861
St. Lawrence Martyr Gift Shop	424-385-0546

To become a member of our community of faith visit
www.stlm.org/im-new or stop by the Pastoral Center.



GIVING TO ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR IS EASY WITH ELEXIO

Forgot your envelope? Are you visiting us today and want to make a ONE TIME GIFT? Want to give to a special collection? Follow these easy and secure steps to Text-to-Give:

- Text **GIVE** to **424-414-STLM**.
- Follow the text instructions to complete your donation.
- Save the number as a contact in your phone to make future giving faster and easier.

You may also give by scanning this QR Code with the camera app on your cellphone or visit **STLM.ORG/GIVING**



We thank you for your generosity and support of our St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Community.

PASTORAL CENTER HOURS AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 10

Sun	8/2	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	8/3	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Tue	8/4	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Wed	8/5	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Thu	8/6	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Fri	8/7	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Sat	8/8	Closed
Sun	8/9	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	8/10	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Dear God, Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name. Amen ©LPi

SLMS Alumni Summer Service Project - Bags Collected

August 1-2, after all Masses | Outside of the church

Thank you for supporting the SLM School Alumni Summer Service Project. Filled hygiene bags are being collected this weekend. These bags will be used to make kits for the unhoused and impoverished communities served by St. Francis Center in Los Angeles. Your generosity helps our young alumni serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

First Monday Rosary

Monday, August 3, 7:00 pm | In the Church

Each month, our parish family gathers for the First Monday Rosary, entrusting our needs and intentions to Our Blessed Mother. Together, we seek her intercession for our families, our Church, and our world. All are warmly invited to join in this beautiful tradition of communal prayer and Marian devotion.

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

Thursday, August 6, 7:00 pm | In the Church

Join us for Holy Hour and Evening Prayer as we come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of His presence, we rest, listen, and intercede for our parish and world. Come spend this sacred time in adoration, Scripture, and communal prayer as missionary disciples seeking Christ together.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Saturday, August 15, 9:00 am | Parish Hall | stlm.org/cs

All women of the parish are invited to a Mini Retreat hosted by SLM Women's Cornerstone Ministry. Led by Caterina Krai, the retreat will reflect on the theme, "Daughters, take my hand... and I will give you my heart." Come rest in Christ's love, renew your faith, and share fellowship. Please RSVP at stlm.org/cs.



THIS IS THE HOUR FOR *love*
OUR GOAL: \$159,641
PLEDGED: \$ 86,921



PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for all those suffering illness and in need of healing and comfort.

Joaquin Sanchez	Huguette Urhausen	Owen Tabayashi
Wanda Noone	Diane Cole	Robert Jacobs
Richard Meehan	John Black	Rita Penick
Clifford Penick	Kenneth Smith	Ron Erb

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May all the souls of the recently departed, through the mercy of Christ, rest in peace.

Doreen Kendall	Mary-Ann Diaz	Gilda Lane
Araxi Davoian	David Atkinson	Wilmer Collins Sr.
Jose Manald	Alvard Corrales	Tom Pavlich
Timmy Dickens Jr.		

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! (Isaiah 55:1)

Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Gospel: Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Matthew 14:19)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35, 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17, Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7, Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4, Matthew 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 am Alvaro & Gisela Fernandez †

9:00 am Rich Reed †

11:30 am Karen Curtis †

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:10 am Fr. Fred McCallin †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:10 am McCallin Family

12:00 pm Peggy Filce †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:10 am Miyoko Perez †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:10 am Joan Golem †

12:00 pm Helen Villegas †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:10 am Christiana Duarte †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:10 am Johnny Franco †

4:00 pm Gerardo Salunga †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 am Estela Fernandez †

9:00 am Thomas Dempsey †

11:30 am Otto Geering †

(† Deceased)

Parishioners are invited to offer Mass intentions for loved ones, living or deceased. A donation of \$20 is suggested. You may also add your loved ones to the Book of Intentions in the church by Mary. Your offering supports our parish and the spiritual work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



SACRAMENTS

O.C.I.A. in Pastoral Center

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, **“the mood all changed.”**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **“When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.”** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen. ©LPI

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Miracles We Don’t See

“Why aren’t there miracles anymore?”

I’ve heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it’s been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don’t know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can’t picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It’s not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that’s what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin’s execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that’s not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman . ©LPI

ON THE DEATH OF A LOVED-ONE

Families experiencing the loss of a loved one may call 424-458-7861 at any time to begin funeral arrangements at St. Lawrence Martyr. This dedicated line is checked three times a day, and a minister will return your call within 24 hours.

LIVE THE LITURGY

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share ©LPI

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our Sunday readings trace the arc of Encounter, Transformation, and Sending. Isaiah invites the thirsty to a feast that costs nothing — Encounter with a God who gives freely. Paul assures us that nothing, not even suffering, can sever us from that love — Transformation into unshakable confidence. Matthew shows Jesus taking a small offering, blessing it, and giving it through His disciples to a hungry world — Sending into mission. Together they reveal the whole of Catholic life: we are first fed by grace, then strengthened in trial, then sent, through the Church, to feed others in Christ's name.

Where has God already fed you freely, without your earning it?

Who is God sending you to feed — spiritually or materially — this week?

QUESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY

Today Jesus has a big picnic! A little boy shares just five loaves of bread and two fish, and Jesus uses that small gift to feed thousands of people — with baskets of food left over! Isaiah tells us God invites everyone to His table for free, because He loves us so much. Saint Paul reminds us that nothing can ever take God's love away from us, even on hard days. Jesus wants us to share what we have, trust Him with our little gifts, and remember His love never runs out.

If Jesus asked you to share something small to help others, what would you share?

Can you think of a time you felt God's love, even on a hard or sad day?

More Reflections at stlm.org/sunday

VOTIVE CANDLES

Candles are available at the Pastoral Center or in the Gift Shop. Candles are \$5.00 ea. and stay lit for five days.

See You in the *Eucharist*



SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE

Last Saturday, I attended one of the saddest funerals I have ever experienced. Besides the deceased, the funeral director, the priest, and the two soldiers who rendered military honors, there were only four of us in the pews: Frank's son, his daughter, Monica, and me. I had just returned from a week-long conference in Washington, D.C., only hours before the service. Exhausted, I even wondered whether I should stay home, get some much-needed rest, and let Monica represent us. I am so grateful I went. I cried that day and feel loss even today.

Frank was 101 years old when the Lord called him home. He had been a faithful parishioner at my former parish, and over the years Monica and I came to love him like a grandfather. His life quietly radiated faith in Jesus Christ. Whenever he was able, he walked to church every day. During the COVID pandemic we grew especially close to him. After suffering a fall, he disappeared from church for a time, and we worried about him.

Then one Sunday he returned. He slowly entered the church, supported by his daughter. It was a beautiful sight. Frank's quiet, steadfast witness had done more than sustain his own faith—it had gently led his daughter back to Jesus Christ and to His Church. Sometimes the most powerful evangelists are not those who preach loudly, but those who simply persevere in faithful love.

When Monica and I left our former parish to begin ministry at St. Lawrence Martyr, we embraced Frank one last time. As we said goodbye, he smiled and spoke words I have never forgotten: "See you on the other side." Those words have stayed with me ever since.

As Catholics, we do not say goodbye as those without hope. Through Christ's death and Resurrection, death is not the end but a doorway to eternal life. Every time we gather around the altar and celebrate the Holy Eucharist, heaven and earth are united in Christ. We remain in communion with all who have died in His friendship. So today I say with gratitude, affection, and hope: See you on the other side, Frank. And until then, see you in the Eucharist.

Les Rangel-Santos
Director of Worship: Liturgy & Music

SLM GIFT SHOP

Sun | 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Tue, Thu, Fri | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mon, Wed, Sat | Closed

CLOSED FOR INVENTORY AUG 11-14



Children's Bibles are available in the Gift Shop — help young hearts discover God's Word and grow in faith.

NO DONUTS THIS WEEK

We look forward to sharing Coffee & Donuts with you in the Fall.

Freewill offerings always greatly appreciated and support our Donut Ministry.

SOBER, NOT SOMBER

Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays | 10:15 AM
Parish Hall - Upstairs

The meetings are mixed, closed, with handicapped access.

More Info | 310-540-0329 x 545
LA Central Office | 323-936-4343

DON'T DRINK - CALL FIRST

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Each baby baptized at SLM receives a blanket crocheted by our Knitting Ministry.

If you want to support this ministry, you may drop off a monetary donation at the Pastoral Center. Please indicate **Baptism Ministry**.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mon, Aug 3, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Young Adults Leaders.
310-540-0329

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, Aug 5, 10:00 am | Pastoral Center
Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books. **NEW BOOK IN AUGUST**
310-415-0876

PADDLE N PRAISE

Sat, Aug 8, 9:00 am | Lower Courts
All adults 18 and over invited to fun, faith and fellowship through Pickleball.
424-408-9738

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sun, Aug 9, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
Group meeting for those mourning the loss of a loved one.
310-540-0329 x 540

MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

Mon, Aug 10, 10:00 am | Parish Hall
Explore the artist within you & be part of a community who love the creative process.
310-540-0329 x 540

AMERICAN MAHJONG CIRCLE

Tue, Aug 11, 9:00 am | Parish Hall
New and experienced Mahjong players sharing laughter & good conversation.
310-540-0329 x540

LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

Tue, Aug 11, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
Ministry open to members of the LGBT+ Community, family, friends & allies.
Don.Burt@stlm.org

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Wed, Aug 12, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
A ministry for racial healing and cultural celebration. Come pray with us.
310-540-0329 x 276

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Sun, Aug 16, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
A group of women supporting each other through life's many transitions.
310-540-0329 x 540

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

Thu, Aug 20, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
Supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and Los Angeles County.
310-540-0329 x 380

ST. KATERI CIRCLE

Fri, Aug 21, 6:00 pm | Call for location
A Native American prayer group devoted to St. Kateri Tekakwitha.
310-901-2432

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

Sun, Aug 23, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
Gathering of people who are directly or indirectly affected by care giving of others.
310-540-0329 x 540

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY ROSARY

Mon, Aug 24, 7:00 pm | In the Church
Dedicated to bringing the message of life to the parish & the world.
310-678-2583 | DaleSheckler@gmail.com

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Wed, Aug 26, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
Family Support Group for those with loved ones suffering from mental illness.
310-792-0244

CATECHISM & COFFEE

TBA | Parish Hall
Discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
310-540-0329

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Sat, TBA | Call for time and location
Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other.
310-722-0176

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Stephen Ministry Message Line

Christian friend to listen, pray and support you in difficult times.
(Confidential) 310-540-0329 x540

Saturday Street Ministry

Provide food & clothing to homeless in LA.
310-540-0329 x276

Open Arms Ministry

Friendly visits to home bound parishioners.
310-540-0329 x 540

Interested in
volunteering?
Looking for
support?



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Pastoral Center at 7:00 PM every 1st & 3rd Monday of each month as we break open the Word and have honest conversations about our faith.
ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join this Small Community of Faith.

We are starting a new book in August

The Reed of God by Caryll Houselander.

Call for more information, or just show up.

1st and 3rd Wed of each month | 10:00am | Pastoral Center
Jeanine Gallagher | 310-415-0876



Pickleball is in full swing at SLM, and everyone 18 and older is invited to join the fun! No matter your skill level, you're welcome to pick up a paddle and be part of the excitement in the nation's fastest-growing sport. Come enjoy an uplifting time of Fun, Faith, and Fellowship as we paddle and praise together. We can't wait to see you on the court!

2nd & 4th Saturday | 9 AM | LOWER FIELD



The Grief Support Group is for those mourning the loss of a loved one. Our group will help you understand that there is no "expectation" for grieving. Everyone has their own process, their own way, and their own time frame. This is a group meeting where the members develop a connection and hopefully feel comfortable and at ease with each other as we journey together.

2nd Sunday of every month | 10:30 AM | Pastoral Center

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**MICHELANGELO MINISTRY**

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time" - Thomas Merton
We invite you to .explore the artist within you, to learn to hear the Holy Spirit guiding you towards your creativity. Don't be shy! This is a ministry where the slogan "No experience necessary" holds true and is a socially supportive and safe space to explore, create, and grow. We will learn and laugh and be joyful together through art. And if you just want to show up and paint rocks, this is the place for you! Rocks and paint will always be on hand.

2nd & 4th Monday each month | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | Parish Hall - upstairs

The SLM American Mahjong Circle

Gather for relaxed, friendly play and fellowship. Whether you're an experienced player looking to join a table or a brand-new player simply curious, all are welcome. New players are invited to watch, learn, and jump in when ready. Bring a tile set if you have one, and come connect through this classic game - sharing laughter, conversation, and good company along the way.

Tuesdays 9 am | Parish Hall | 310-540-0329 x540

SLM SCHOOL SCRIP

Tue & Thu | 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM
310-316-3049

Closed for the Summer

Available from the Pastoral Center during the Summer.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Shawls and blankets available to give to anyone who needs an uplift. The shawls and blankets are free of charge and available in the Pastoral Center.

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

The F.A.I.T.H. (Freedom & Intervention for the Trafficking of Humans) Ministry supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and in Los Angeles County.

We are collecting toiletry items for victims of human trafficking. The items can be dropped off at the Pastoral Center during normal business hours.

faith.ministry@stlm.org
310-540-0329 x 380

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday | 8 AM - 10 AM
1st Sunday | 8 AM - 11 AM

We prepare bags of groceries for individual families and sack lunches given to the homeless. For a list of preferred donations please visit www.stlm.org/giving-back.

Monetary donations may be given online through Elexio Giving, mailed or dropped in the Pastoral Center mail slot. Please indicate **Food Pantry**.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity as we continue to serve those in need.

310-540-0329 x 276



Keep in touch with us
via email & text
Text **STLM** to **84576**

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE

Children can suffer from short- and long-term consequences of growing up in a home with domestic violence. The State of California has laws in place to protect children against physical, verbal, and emotional violence done in any home. Any safe adult with a reasonable concern that a child is witnessing domestic violence or being harmed in his or her home, should report to Child Protective Services (CPS) or the appropriate authorities to have the situation investigated for the child's safety. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Domestic Violence: Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Instructional Course

Every Thursday Aug 13 - Oct , 6:30 pm

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Free, 8-session course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illness.

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Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 pm
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Vigil Mass with Anointing
Aug 22 | 4 pm

One Mother, Many Peoples



Saturday, September 5, 2026
9:30 am Rosary | 10:00 am Mass
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels



REMEMBER



REJOICE



RENEW

SLM MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

September 18-20, 2026

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center,
Sierra Madre, CA

Lee Barden 310-940-8200 | Kevin Paul 323-855-3930



Calling All SLM
School Alumni
& Families

Sparkling
70th Celebration
October 3, 2026





St. Lawrence Martyr BBQ



Saturday, August 8



5:00–7:00 PM



Courtyard

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Menu

- ★ Tri-tip
- ★ Hot dogs
- ★ Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers
- ★ Macaroni salad
- ★ Baked beans
- ★ Bagged chips



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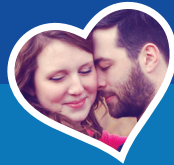
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