

Dur Lady of Perpetual H Catholic Church



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OLPH SCHOOL

8970 Highway 23 † **504-394-0757**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 8968 Highway 23 † **504-394-0314**

K.C. HALL

9016 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Monday 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. During the school year

(7:30 a.m. when school is not

in session)

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Friday 7:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Holy Days:**

Consult the bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.

Saturday 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)

By appointment only

MISSION STATEMENT

We. the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. are a living and growing Catholic community of faith. striving to follow and serve Christ. We are an evangelizing community, and we welcome others to fullness of life in Christ. With Mary we sav "Yes" to God's call to pray together, worship consciously, and serve joyfully.

To visit our church website scan the QR code below:







NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to a very friendly and enthusiastic community. Please fill out the information in the Binder on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or register at the Church Office. A Census Form can also be found on our website at www.olphbc.org.

Sacraments













SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. To begin the process, parents are encouraged to go to our website at www.olphbc.org to access the forms under Sacraments and return the forms by email or drop off at the Church Office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The Baptismal Seminar is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Day Chapel. If you need more information or have questions, call the Rectory at (504) 394-0314 or email cre@olphbc.org.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated the first Saturday of May for students in the 2nd grade or above. Children older than 2nd grade will be prepared on individual situations. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be celebrated prior to Communion.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. Candidates who attend Catholic high school or are enrolled in the High School of Religion program come together for Sacramental preparation. All candidates are asked to pre-register in their freshmen year and no later than December of their 10th grade year. Information and registration can be found on our website: **www.olphbc.org**.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.



VISITATION OF THE SICK: Inform the Church Office when someone is sick, shut-in or hospitalized and unable to attend Mass.

FUNERALS: Inform the Church Office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

Religious Education

Religious Education

The mission of OLPH's Religious Education program is to bring the "Good News" of God's love to all children and

their families and to call them to commit their lives to Christ. Religious Education is available for children in Kindergarten through adults. We encourage parents to be parishioners of OLPH when registering students for Religious Education classes. Census forms can be obtained from the Parish Office during regular business hours, on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or you can register online. Call the Church Office at (504) 394-0314, or email **cre@olphbc.org** for more information.

SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children in grades K-2nd are invited with a catechist during 10:30 a.m. Mass to the Day Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word for Children (September-May). A summary of the readings of the day is discussed on their level.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Our PSR program is divided in two parts. Family Faith Formation is the "academic" part with the textbook discussed at home as a family. Our Encountering Engaging Events are a chance to come together as a community to worship together, do crafts, or engage in traditional events like our Nativity Play and Living Way of the Cross.

HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Students in 9th through 12th grade not attending a Catholic High School are offered Faith Formation with academics at home, working at their own pace, but also some time to get together to discuss what they have learned with their peers about three times a year. It is intended to be an informal study with honest Catholic answers.

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments? Please join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We have a Year-Round RCIA process that you can enter into whenever you are ready. This is for you if you have never been baptized, if you have been baptized into another denomination and now want to become Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic but have never been confirmed. Sessions will be held in person with day and time to be adjusted to personal schedules. For additional information and to register, contact the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Safe Environment—Refer to the Web Site: http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment for policies and procedures concerning safe environment and child protection.

Scripture Readings & Events this Week

Saturday, August 3, Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

2nd Collection—Building & Maintenance Fund—All Masses

<u>Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;</u> <u>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24;</u> Jn 6:24-35

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M) 2nd Collection—Building & Maintenance Fund—All Masses

Monday, August 5, Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome; Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Closed

<u>Tuesday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord; Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10</u>

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Confessions, Church—5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Wednesday, August 7, Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

<u>Thursday, August 8, Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest; Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23</u>

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment Catholicism Class, KC Hall—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

Friday, August 9, Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr; Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.

<u>Saturday, August 10, Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr; 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26</u>

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

2nd Collection—Catholic Relief Services—All Masses

Sunday, August 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M) 2nd Collection—Catholic Relief Services—All Masses

Religious Education

UPCOMING REMINDERS:

Sunday, August 18, 2024—Confirmation Class (in Church)—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21, 2024—PSR
Parent/Child Meeting & Safe Environment

(in Church)—4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

<u>Thursday, September 19, 2024</u>—**HSR** Parent Meeting (in Church)



8/3, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Eric Hansen, Larry Avist, Sr., Beverly Hebert, Anne Fowler, Joseph Dennis Family, Evelyn Mistich, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Brooks Michael Bourgeois, Darrell Roy, for the intentions of the Annette Joe, for the intentions of Douglas Francois, IV, Francis Gainey, Dominick Sciortino, Eva Vujnovich, Sandra Sherrie Young

8/4, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners

8/4, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Wayne Perrin, Policar & Alzina Esponge, Theresa L. Bossier, Rosebud L. Dumesnil, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Eric Hansen, Seth David Chedville, Vido & Ane Druskovich, Ivo & Tonka Jelas, Al (Pitt) Buras, Karen Cappiello, Blaze St. Marie, Fred Brown, Trae (Peter) Vujnovich, III, Dinko Popich, Eva Vujnovich, Marija & Kuzma Tesvich, Sr., Anthony Tesvich, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Juliet Cheramie, Allyson Kirby, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Helen Abadie Morris

8/5, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— Carolyn Nielsen

8/6, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

8/6, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Darrell Roy

8/7, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.— Blaze St. Marie

8/8, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— Pat Stakelum, Sr.

8/9, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— Eva Vujnovich

8/10, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— Carolyn Nielsen

8/10, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners

8/11, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Rev. Msgr. Frank Lipps, Cathy Madere, Sally Allan, Dinko Popich, Eva Vujnovich, Marija & Kuzma Tesvich, Sr., Adrian, Ester & Roberta Bruley, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson

8/11, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Vincent & Belle Ladner, Eric Hansen, Blaze St. Marie, for the intentions of Annette Joe, for the intentions of Douglas Francois, IV, Francis Gainey, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Eva Vujnovich, Seth David Chedville, Allyson Kirby, Helen Abadie Morris



Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



HURRICANE PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season; and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. AMEN

OLPH School News



Mrs. Shawn will be our Religion Teacher!

I'm so excited to be returning to the OLPH school family! I was previously a Kindergarten Assistant from 2017 to 2021. I have realized since then that it's been my calling to be a part of this

amazing school community and the student's spiritual growth. I'm thrilled to once again be a part of their daily lives and build strong relationships with both the students and their families. I've been a resident of Belle Chasse since 2003, and both of my sons attended OLPH through their elementary school years. My oldest son, who is now 30, has blessed me with a beautiful grandson, with whom I love spending as much time as possible watching him grow. My youngest son will be a freshman at Brother Martin for the 2024-25 school year and is a member of the NJROTC and Crusader band. During my previous time as TA at OLPH, one of my favorite things was engaging with each and every student in class, watching them learn, and seeing their confidence shine. I loved promoting their creativity and imagination, and I plan to continue that mission as we explore our faith and learn God's word in our religion classroom.



Our DEDICATED teachers stayed busy this summer in order to ensure the best for our student body! The staff are all CPR certified. Our commitment to our students's safety and well-being remains



ty. By being CPR certified, our staff can respond promptly and effectively in the unlikely event of a medical emergency.



Ms. Pelas will be our co-teacher in the Adventure & Foundation Studio!

Hello! My name is Maryann and I bring 25 years of experience in early childhood education to my classroom. As a lifelong resident of Plaquemines Parish, I am deeply connected to our community. I graduated from Port Sulphur High School and earned my associate degree in Early

Childhood Education from Nunez Community College. I am the proud mother of four daughters and a passionate fan of the New Orleans Saints, the Pelicans, and LSU Tigers. My love for teaching and commitment to fostering a positive learning environment is inspired by both my professional journey and personal life experiences. I look forward to nurturing and guiding the young minds in our community. Ms. Maryann



Mrs. Elizabeth will be our lead teacher for the 4th-5th graders in the Imagination Studio!

Mrs. Elizabeth is a dedicated and passionate teacher, a devoted wife, and a loving mother of two beautiful children. She has a deep love of teaching and excels at fostering positive relationships with both her colleagues and students. Mrs. Elizabeth brings enthusiasm to the classroom every day and strives to ensure her students succeed and feel supported. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, crafting, and fishing. Mrs. Elizabeth is excited to

join the OLPH school family, and we are thrilled to have her with us!



Mrs. Cindy will be our school Office Manager!

I am so excited to be starting a new chapter of my life at OLPH Belle Chasse as the new office manager. I just recently retired from the Plaquemines Parish School System. I was a teacher for 20 years and a Head Start Administrator for the last 4 years. I love being part of a school family and am

so happy to be joining the family of OLPH. Outside of work I enjoy singing, drawing and painting, and traveling and eating out with my husband whom you may know as Mr. Ken/Kenny/Kenneth. We recently adopted a little rescue dog named Daisy who has become my baby. We also have a guinea pig named Cassie which started out as a class pet, but is now part of our family. I have been an OLPH parishioner since 2001. If you are an early riser and like to attend 8:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, you may recognize me. I serve as cantor at most 8:00 a.m. masses. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this school year. Mrs. Cindy



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Year 2024

August- For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Do Something Beautiful for God August 6

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. Anyone may gather it and no limit is set.



Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act

like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on.

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't tell us to dwell in the past or dream of the future. No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread and Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at the past, but if we don't let Jesus be born again in us, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

-Tom Schmidt

Volunteers Needed (

PSR Catechists and Aides Needed

Our Parish School of Religion could use a little more help this year. In particular we are looking for help in the younger grades – 1st through 3rd. A few of our teachers would like to have a little assistance in the classroom. Classes are held in

person once a month on a Wednesday from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping share the faith with the younger parishioners please contact Suzette Perrin in the parish office for a simple interview—504-394-0314.

A Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, If I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Needs our food pantry. If you are able to donate, please place items in our bin in the back of Church. Thank you for

your help in feeding those in need.

Our pantry currently needs the following items:

Mac & Cheese Cake Mix
Stove Top Dressing Pancake Mix
Small Bag or box of Grits Instant Potatoes
Small Bag or box of Oat Meal

Canned Soup—Any kind (Large or Small can)

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED!!



Parish School of Religion Registration

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR; also known as CCD) is accepting registration for the 2024-25 school year. We are again using *the Family Faith Formation or Family Catechesis format*, having twice monthly opportunities to gather for activities, plays and Family Masses. Families will continue to work from home at

their own pace with the textbook and online quizzes through Loyola Press. Registration forms can be found on our website at https://olphbc.org/psr-registration-information and can be handed in at the parish office or placed in the Church's Parcel Drop Box (behind the Rectory), or in the collection basket (marked PSR attn. Suzette Perrin), or mailed in. Below is the amount for the fee. The fee pays for the cost of the books, supplies for the teachers, sanitizing supplies and other miscellaneous items. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzette Perrin at cre@olphbc.org or call the parish office at 504-394-0314.

REGULAR REGISTRATION

PAID between June 30th & August 12, 2024

1 Student \$70.00 2 Students \$85.00 3 or Family \$100.00

LATE REGISTRATION

PAID on or after August 12, 2024

\$80.00 \$95.00 \$110.00

Next Sunday is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8. Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Ephesians 4:30—5:2. Walk in love, just as Christ.

John 6:41-51. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.



The Sanctuary Light by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of: Eric Hansen, requested by Johnny Johnson; Al (Pitt) Buras, requested by Helen Buras, Eva

Vujnovich, requested by Dolly Roy; and Juliet Cheramie, requested by The Kennair Family.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn in memory of a loved one, call the Church Office. The donation for the Sanctuary Light is \$10.



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Suggested Donation: \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)

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Mass Intentions & Cards

If you would like a Mass for a deceased person, please contact the Church Office. A beautiful Mass card with an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be mailed to the person of your choice for an offering of \$5 per Mass. Send your \$5 donation to the Church Office, with the name of the Mass intention, name and

address where the card is to be mailed, and who's making the request.

NOTE: Mass intentions can be scheduled for weekday and weekend Masses. Some guidelines include:

- An intention may be for the deceased or the living (i.e. "The Healing of...", "The intentions of ...").
- Each weekend, one Mass is reserved for "All Parishioners" Intentions."
- Only one intention can be offered at each Weekday Mass, except for Holy Days of Obligations that fall during the week.
- Mass can be said for an individual (e.g. "John Smith"), a married couple ("Joe and Mary Smith") or a family (e.g. "The Smith Family").



The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: Eric Hansen, requested by Johnny Johnson; and Juliet Cheramie, requested by The Kennair Family.

Church Flowers—Anyone who wishes to donate the flowers in church in memory of a loved one for a particular weekend may call the church office.

The donation is \$50 payable to the Altar Society.

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Church Financials Fiscal Month Ending March 31, 2024

Total Income \$ 557,000 Total Expense \$ 544,000 Net Gain/(Loss) \$ 13,000*

*includes Fair Net Proceeds of \$90,000 and Rectory Roof Replacement of \$(43,000).

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The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Straight Talk by: Father William Maestri The Bells are Ringing

Catholic education enjoys a long and distinguished historical pedigree in the United States, Louisiana, and especially within the Archdiocese. Some of the most saintly saints, and religious orders, have left their influence in the minds and hearts of generations of Catholic and non-Catholic students: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Katharine Drexel, and Venerable Mother Henriette De Lille. Their holy presence and faithful witness to the Gospel continues to this day.

The commitment of the Church to education is grounded in the Great Commission of Jesus to all disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, ...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.... I am with you always, until the end of the ages." (Mt 28: 19-20).

Of special importance, especially in the United States, is the blessing of a vibrant parochial school system (the union of parish and school). Pope Pius IX (1792-1878), preached, "Every effort must be made to increase the number and quality of parochial schools." Church historian Timothy Walch in his book, Parish School, writes, "As long as there are parents and pastors interested in parochial education, these schools will survive. Even though American Catholic parochial education will never again attain the position of influence it had in the mid-20th century, parish schools will remain important education laboratories for some time to come."

The parochial school's influence can be felt as a "laboratory" for advancing the "new evangelization", a "new springtime", heralded by Saint Pope John Paul II. The young whose minds and hearts are formed with the heart of Christ, the Gospel, and the Catholic Tradition, can go forth grounded with the Truth that refutes error, breaks the chains of sin, and enhances the well-being of the human person and society.

The winds blow strongest at the top of the mast. The leadership of OLPH school is twice blessed with a pastor and principal devoted to Catholic edu-

Father Kyle Dave, from the beginning, has committed himself to the school. "The school is a blessing", he affirms without hesitation. In a time when small can mean extinction, Fr. Kyle views it differently: "The smallness of the school provides an opportunity to welcome each child as a person, a gift. It is a sacred trust."

Fr. Kyle shares the vocation of teaching with Mrs. Brittany Breaux, OLPH Principal. One cannot help but be impressed with Mrs. Breaux's deep devotion to OLPH, a devotion centered around her Catholic faith and ministry of teaching.

Mrs. Breaux is quick to deflect praise from herself by focusing on God's grace and others, namely a dedicated faculty and the unwavering support of Fr. Kyle. "OLPH starts with God's grace, a devoted faculty, involved families, and the presence of Fr. Kyle."

A word that Mrs. Breaux uses is "sacrifice by parents, faculty, and parish leadership. With the joint sacrifice of many, OLPH is strong. This unity of shared sacrifice forms a strong community bond, and this oneness allows for a respectful and trustworthy communication between and among all involved."

Fr. Kyle highlights the school as a visible sign of God's presence, and a gift to the overall well-being of the Belle Chasse community. Both pastor and principal agree, "The graduates of OLPH go forth and mature, drawing on their OLPH foundation, and contribute to a blessed quality of life." Fr. Kyle is quick to add an OLPH theme: "Good. Better. Best. Never let it rest, until your good becomes better, and your better is best."

The bells are ringing once again. These are not the solemn sound of a funeral, but the Spirit bells of an Alleluia! The Spirit is moving (Jn 3: 8). Let us rejoice and be glad!





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