



## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

June 12, 2022

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

### NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office.

### BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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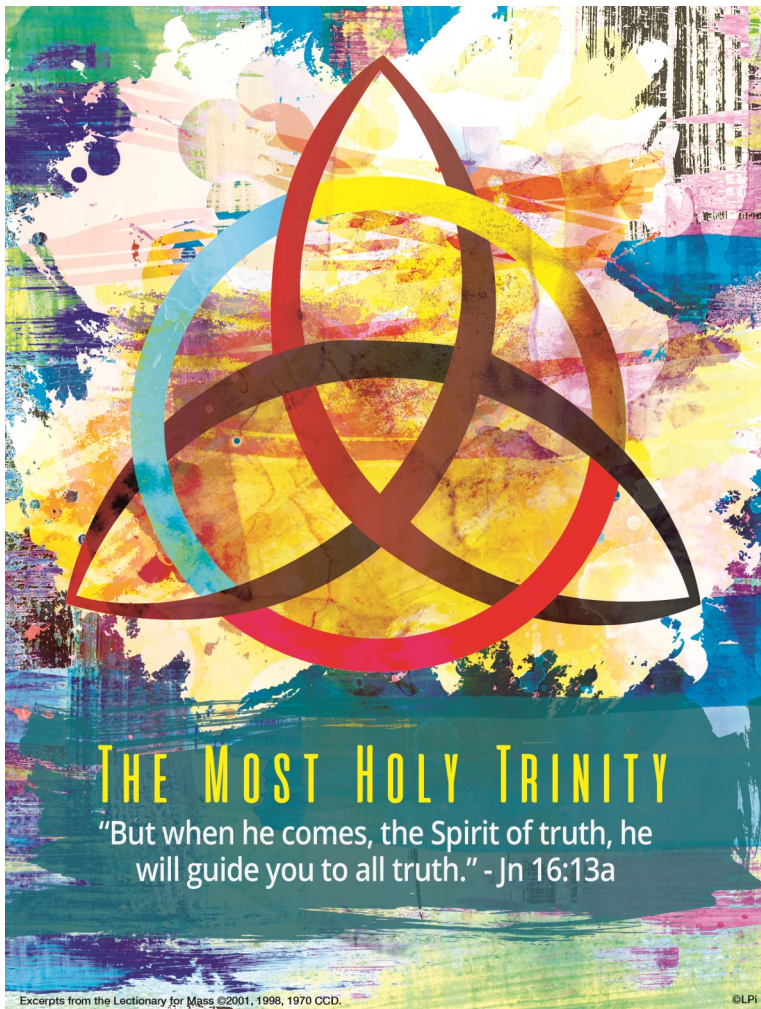


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## JUNE 12, 2022 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

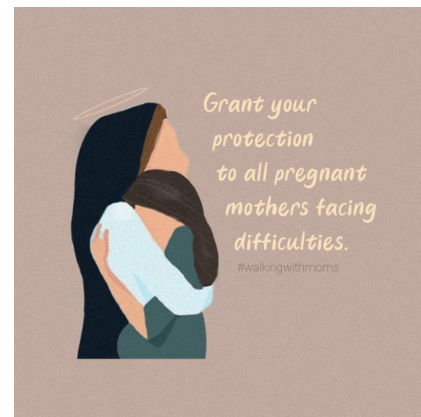


### Standing with Moms in Need

The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life<sup>2</sup>including both mother and child.'

#### USCCB Committee Chairmen

“Standing with Moms in Need”



### Pro-Life

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood Office, will meet on the corner of Brookpark & Broadview roads, Saturdays, 10:30 -11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.



### St. Vincent De Paul

Help your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization with a donation to our monthly food and staple collection next weekend June 18 and 19th. We are especially in need of: PANCAKE SYRUP, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED CARROTS, BAKE BEANS, ELBOW MACARONI, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CANNED PASTA, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED POTATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED TOMATOES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Because of YOU we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much for your donations.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Fr. Vesely & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

**Daniel Lapolla**  
Diocese of Youngstown  
Pre-Theology, St. Mary



Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

MASST INTENTIONS

**Monday, June 13th—St. Anthony of Padua**

8:30am People of the Parish

**Tuesday, June 14th —Weekday**

8:30am +Cara Drokop (Paulette Drokop)

**Wednesday, June 15th—Weekday**

8:30am +Mildred Hutter (Family)

**Thursday June 16th— Weekday**

8:30am Communion Service

**Friday June 17th—Weekday**

8:30am +Shirley Ferraro (Dave and Rita Neumann)

**Saturday June 18th – Weekday**

4:00pm Fathers of the Parish

**Sunday, June 19th— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Father's of the Parish

**First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31**

The book of Proverbs is mostly a collection of wise sayings to help people live a good life. Today's passage from Proverbs, however, is a hymn to Wisdom which in the Old Testament is sometimes symbolically described as a person coming from God.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological works. The Church chose this brief passage to be read on Trinity Sunday because, in these five verses, all three persons of the Trinity are mentioned.

Readings for the week June 12, 2022

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34



SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$6,090.77  
WeShare.....\$1,150.00  
Total.....\$7,270.77

MONTHLY TOTALS

Memorial Day.....\$192.00  
Capital Improvement.....\$1,632.00  
Ascension.....\$872.00  
Mother's Day.....\$1,298.00  
Newman Campus.....\$523.00  
Peter's Pence.....\$40.00  
SVDP.....\$230.00  
Flowers.....\$20.00  
Home Mission.....\$47.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ROSARY

Please join us in honoring Mary with the recitation of the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church.





**GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**June 12, 2022 | The Most Holy Trinity**

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: "You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness." Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God's creative power.

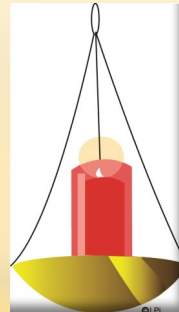
Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

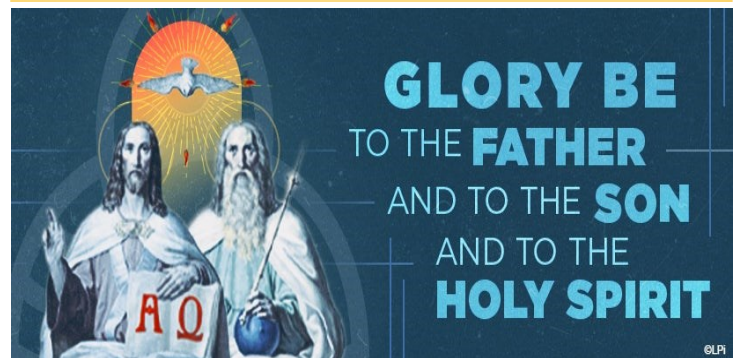
The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

June 5 to June 19

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
Gary Milton  
In remembrance  
of our anniversary.**



## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

With the feast of Pentecost which we celebrated last weekend, comes the end of the 50 day long Easter Season which means that we are back into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. The *liturgical* year, different from the *calendar* year which begins January 1<sup>st</sup> & ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>, begins with the first Sunday of Advent, usually at the end of November or very beginning of December. The liturgical year also ends about a month before the calendar year with the feast of Christ the King, which again is celebrated toward the end of November. But you will not yet see the green vestments of Ordinary Time for a couple more weekends as the Church always celebrates two feasts at the end of the Easter Season. This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity and next weekend, the feast of “Corpus Christi” or of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. So I invite you to join with us this weekend as we give thanks for God’s self-revelation whereby we can come to know Him as He truly is, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons yet One God.

Our annual bill for the live-streaming technology we use just came in. To be honest, I am tempted to cancel the use of that technology, at least for the weekend Masses. It was a true godsend during the pandemic, and it is still very useful for weekday Masses, funeral Masses, and weddings, especially when someone is out of town and really wishes to view the prayerful celebrations for a funeral or wedding. But the time to physically return to Mass has truly come. There are still many people who are watching us at home instead of joining us in the church. If you know of someone who continues to do that (and they don’t see this column without a bulletin in hand), please invite them, or even challenge them, to return to Mass. This deep concern of mine is shared by many (most?) priests in the Diocese and this issue is being discussed in priest meetings that are held regularly with the Bishop. I cannot stress enough the importance of participating in Mass in person. Again, it is acceptable to use the live-streaming technology if you are in a nursing facility, assisted living, or even at home, if you do not go out into public at all due to age, mobility issues or serious illness. But as suggested in the video I posted a few weeks ago, not attending Mass physically when you are able to do continues to remain a mortal sin. This is because not participating in the Church’s most important prayer is mortally dangerous to your spiritual life. It is based on the commandment that you shall keep holy the Sabbath. It is based on the Church’s centuries-long tradition that Sunday Mass is vital to one’s relationship with God and to the Church community. Jesus made this very clear when he said, and he meant this literally, “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, you will have no (spiritual) life within you.” Hopefully you know me well enough by now to understand that I don’t seriously challenge you without cause. But I truly believe this to be a widespread dilemma post-pandemic, and that many people will suffer spiritually as a result of it. Again, how clever of the devil to use a situation that seemed at once to be a blessing in order to turn it around and use it as a curse against us. So please consider seriously and prayerfully this challenge to return to Mass if you have not yet done so, and strongly encourage others to do the same. More on the live-streaming technology next week.

Thanks to the assistance of Macrina Dodson, a longtime school teacher, pastoral minister and cantor here at St. Leo’s, we have uncovered some pictures of past graduations from our parish school which are now on display in the church vestibule so please take a look & see if you can find yourself or other parishioners you know in the pictures. And thanks again to John & Jeannie Sabol for doing the work of setting up this display case every few weeks. We also look forward to the next edition of the News & Views newsletter where you can enjoy some pictures from our recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be August 3, September 7, and October 5 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,  
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by  
email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org).**

### PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you’d like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact

Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

### HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. It’s incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



### Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we *don't*.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Aloha! Palm Trees in Parma?

Join us at Mt. Alverna Village's premier fundraising event under large tents on our beautiful "island" campus for an enchanted evening *Luau of Fortune!* Activities include fabulous food (including a pig roast), unlimited drinks, dancing, casino games, raffles, and so much more!

The tropical festivities kickoff on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [mavluau2022.givesmart.com](http://mavluau2022.givesmart.com) or call Mary Ann Meitin at 440-663-1102.

([mmeitin@franciscancommunities.com](mailto:mmeitin@franciscancommunities.com))



St. Leo parishioner is looking for a part time, mature female caregiver for four hours a day, Monday through Thursday, 8am until 12 noon. Pay is negotiable. Perfect for a retired woman. Call Pat for specific details at 216-324-1912.

### BUS TRIPS

**RIVERS CASINO**—Wednesday, August 17  
\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play,  
\$5 food credit  
Reservation deadline: Thursday, July 7

**ANNUAL TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY**—  
Monday, September 26  
Lunch at Berlin Farmstead—included  
\$80 per person  
Reservation deadline: Friday, August 12

Three days, two nights—Tuesday –Thursday, October 4-6  
**SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT**—  
Overnight stay  
Casino Bonus—\$30 premium play & \$40 dining gift card

**FRANKENMUTH**—Overnight stay  
Complimentary evening snacks and drinks reception and  
morning breakfast at the hotel. Zehender's famous chicken dinner included in the package.  
Reservation deadline: Thursday, August 18



Contact Sandy Diaddario -  
216-926-3123

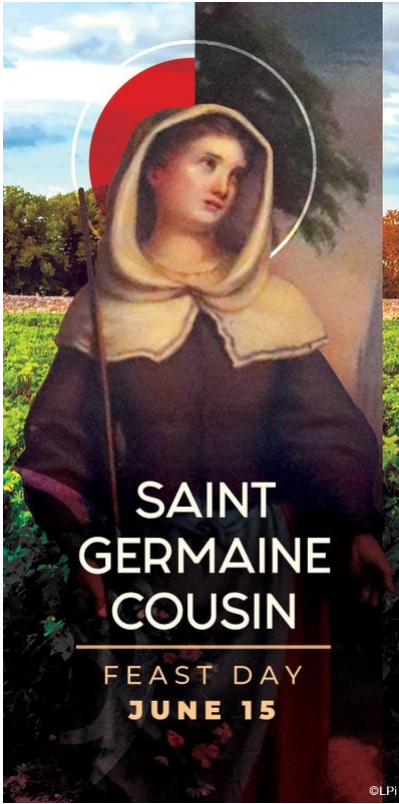
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**Saint Germaine Cousin | June 15**



Saint Germaine was born in Pibrac, France in 1579 to poor parents. Her story is a heart wrenching one. She was born with a deformed right arm and hand, and her mother died when she was an infant. Her father remarried, but her stepmother brutally abused and neglected her.

As a child Germaine suffered from scrofula, a disfiguring form of tuberculosis which causes swelling and lesions on the side of the neck. Already sick, abused, and starving, she was forced to sleep in barn with sheep she tended.

Despite everything, Germaine lived each day tending her flock with joy and in prayer. Mary and Jesus became her friends. She shared what little she had and taught the children of the village about God's love. A rosary made of string knots was her constant companion. She attended Mass every day, leaving her sheep in care of guardian angels. Her flock was never attacked by wolves and never wandered. Some claimed to see the waters of the flooded river part so she could get to Mass.

She is often portrayed with an apron full of flowers because one winter day her stepmother accused her of stealing bread from the house and hiding it her apron. But when she was seized and forced to open the apron an abundance of spring flowers tumbled forth. It was this incident that compelled the villagers and even her parents to recognize her holiness.

Germaine died at 22, her poor body was found by her father, in the barn where she slept. She was buried in the village church. More than forty years later, her body was accidentally exhumed and found to be incorrupt. She was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867 and inscribed into the canon of virgins.

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**June 6, 2022  
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