



# Saint Joseph Parish

## and Mission Church of St. Vincent de Paul



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### January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"We, the parish community of Saint Joseph Catholic Church (Elk Grove) and Mission Church of Saint Vincent de Paul (Rancho Murieta), enriched by many traditions and cultures, come together to worship God in Sacrament, liturgy, and prayer. We are committed to acting as One Body in Christ, and to living our One Faith with the help of the Holy Spirit. We continually seek to reach out in loving service to others, both within our parish as well as in the greater community, in order to spread the Good News of our faith." (Parish Mission Statement)*

#### Schedule of Services

##### Saint Joseph Parish

##### Weekend Masses

*Saturday* 4:30 PM  
*Sunday* 7:30 9:00 11:00 AM  
 & 1:00 PM (*Español*)

##### Weekday Schedules (*Monday to Friday*)

*Liturgy of the Hours* 7:30 AM  
*Daily Mass* 8:00 AM  
*Rosary* 8:30 AM  
*First Friday Mass* 7:00 PM *Adoration*

**Holy Days of Obligation** 8:00 AM, 12 noon & 7:00 PM

##### Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday* 8:30 - 10:00 AM

##### Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturday* 2:30 - 3:30 PM  
*Or By Appointment*

##### Mission Church of Saint Vincent de Paul

##### Weekend Masses

*Saturday* 5:00 PM  
*Sunday* 9:00 AM

##### Weekday schedules

*Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Monday)* 6:00pm  
*Daily Mass (Wednesday)* 8:30 AM  
*First Wednesday Adoration* 9:00 AM  
*Rosary (Fridays)* 8:00 AM  
*Service of the Word (Friday)* 8:30 AM

**Holy Days of Obligation** 6:00 PM

##### Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturday* 4:30 - 4:50 PM  
*Or By appointment*

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#### Office Hours

##### Saint Joseph Parish

**Monday** 8:45 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Tuesday to Friday** 8:45 AM - 4:30 PM

Visit us on our website: [stjoseph-elkgrove.net](http://stjoseph-elkgrove.net)

See us on Facebook: *St. Joseph Catholic Church (Elk Grove, CA)*

##### Mission Church of Saint Vincent de Paul

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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## Daily Mass Intentions

**Mon: 01/29 8:00am**– Milanio Castro Sr †  
**Tue: 01/30 8:00am**– Joao Lourenco De Goureira †  
 Roga Esplana †  
**Wed: 01/31 8:00am**– Suzanne Christiansen †  
 Jessica Brady †  
**RM 8:30am** - For the People of SVdP  
**Thu: 02/01 8:00am** - For the People of SJP  
**Fri: 02/02 8:00am** – Tomas Celino & Naziree Pugh †  
**7:00pm**– For the People of SJP  
**Sat: 02/03 4:30pm**– Missa Pro Populo  
**RM 5:00pm** – Fr. Martin Brusato †  
**Sun: 02/04 7:30am** - Felicidad Gonzales †  
 Eddie O'Mahony †  
**9:00am** – Luz Maria Delgado †  
**RM 9:00am**– Connie Doyle †  
**11:00am**– Manuel Villa †  
**1:00pm** – For the People of SJP

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

## Readings For The Week

**Mon:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
**Wed:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
**Thur:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
**Fri:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
**Sat:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
**Sun:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## Pray For Our Military Families

Steven Alsop	Breanna Johnson	Michael Riehl
Josh Alonzo	Valery Keaveny Jr.	Joshua Shaffer
Alanna Appel	Joseph King	Zachary Schiele
Don R. Baker II	Freddie Koeller	Jason Stiles
Solomon Bolt	Glenn Lewis	Shawn Tostado
Carl Ian Bravo	Stephen Lindahl	Jason Lee Tudor
Nicklaus Brincka	James Lovello	Jerry & Davita Vega
Grant Boone	Kevin McDonald	Ronald P. Viray
Alondra Cruz	Amber McGovern	Jaime Wong-Lopez
Mark Dollar	Russell Miller	Jordan Wood
Jaelyn Edwards	Colin Medigovich	Jason Woodford
Eric Edwards	Midori Mekata	Shai-Lin Ynacay
Benjamin Erwin	Mike Montini	Shawn Zachary Gibson
Matthew Farrell	Jared Ortner	Dominic X. Herrera
Joey Feathers	Sean Passmore	David Young
Gabriel Franzoia	Cherry Pangilinan	Mary Young
Serena Grandov	Diosdado Pangilinan	Luis Chavez
Graham Hebert	Dominic Peterson	Jacob Chavez
Bryan & Nancy Horsey	Ian Rubstello	

To add new names of **active military** to our military list, please send an e-mail to [wicket42@outlook.com](mailto:wicket42@outlook.com) or call **Pat** at **916-686-5977**.

## Parish Weekly Collection

<b>Weekly Goal:</b>	St. Joseph	\$ 11,200.00
	SVdP	\$ 2,600.00
<b>Offertory this Week:</b>	St. Joseph	\$ 11,649.94
	SVdP	\$

### FOR EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)

*If you wish to contribute via EFT (electronic fund transfer) please visit our parish website for more information.*

*"Thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you with His providence."*

## Knights of Columbus Sweethearts Dinner Dance



The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Sweetheart Dinner Dance on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** in the **Social Hall**. Doors open at **5:30pm** and dinner will be served at **6:30pm**. The menu is tender Tri-tip, small roasted potatoes, grilled steam vegetables, salad, warm rolls and butter. Live entertainment will be available for a night of dancing. The cost of each ticket is \$15.00. Tickets will be on sale soon.

*Don't forget to submit your bulletin articles by Thursday, 4PM one week prior to the weekend you will like for it to be published to [bulletin.editor@stjoseph-elkgrove.net](mailto:bulletin.editor@stjoseph-elkgrove.net)*

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## **A Walk Through the Year With Our Pilgrims Calendar Fundraiser**

**We are blessed to have active youth in our parish - this means to say that our Church has a future.** The youth are essential members of our Church. Some of you may not be aware that these youth have been so involved in a lot of different ministries in our parish such as during our Vacation Bible School wherein they get to work with our small children. They serve as facilitators, serve as lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Children's Liturgy, servers during parish fundraising events, Parish festival volunteers. And also they are leaders in their respective schools.

This calendar fundraiser is for our Youth Pilgrimage in July to different Holy sites such as Lourdes, Assisi, Rome and Vatican City. On the pilgrimage, we have 2 priests, a deacon, 13 youth pilgrims and their chaperones

To donate to this Calendar fundraiser:

Pick a special date on the calendar when you would like to offer a Mass intention. For example, a birthday, wedding anniversary, requiem mass or death anniversary of a loved one, or feast day of a favorite Saint.

Donate the amount for that day: January 1st is \$1, January 2nd is \$2, January 3rd is \$3, but it's past those dates already. So we begin on Monday, January 22nd is \$22, February 1st is \$32, February 2nd is \$33 all the way to December 31st is \$365.

Keep in mind that this is different from our usual Mass intentions that go to our parish funds. This calendar fundraiser has been used in other parishes and it's been very effective such as in St. Mary's Church in Vacaville. We do hope that you support our Youth in our parish.

Pilgrims will be in the vestibule after masses to take your generous donations.

**Some concerns or questions:** Is this worth investing? Why am I paying for vacations of families or youth going to this trip? I'll just save up money for myself?

**Answer:** Take note, **this is NOT A VACATION...IT'S A PILGRIMAGE!** A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to enrich one's spirituality, to personally witness the richness of our faith and tradition. By going on a pilgrimage, we widen our horizons in understanding, treasuring, cherishing our faith and tradition. In a lot of ways, it's an encounter with the Lord and thus a life-changing experience.

In the process of raising funds, our youth are being formed to be responsible individuals as they are being mindful of their responsibilities, to value hard work and give priority to their spiritual and communal life as they busy their lives with our church events.

**One thing that needs to be clarified is that the parish is not paying the whole amount for the chaperones.** They have their own share of paying the cost of their trip. They do help raise funds as well in support of our youth. **So this is not a free trip for everyone except for the 2 priests** (Fr. Julito and Fr. Eric Flores from Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson).

**We appeal to you that you do what you can to help fund this noble cause for our youth** just like what you did for the 7 pilgrims that went to the World Youth Day 2 years ago. The opportunity to support is always available since we do have variety of fundraiser activities throughout the year. You may also want to consider sponsoring a youth. **Any monetary support you can give is greatly appreciated. God bless your generosity.**

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## Confirmation Program & Youth Ministry News

Confirmation students will meet on **January 29** from **6:30-8pm**.

EDGE at SVdP will meet on **January 30** from **7-8:30pm**.

If you have not turned in your sponsor form, send in your form via email to Leah Monroe : [leah.monroe@stjoseph-elkgrove.net](mailto:leah.monroe@stjoseph-elkgrove.net) or turn them into the Parish Office.

High School Youth Group will NOT meet on **Thursday, February 1st**. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 15th**.

An updated calendar is now available on the parish website. Service hour opportunities are also available on the parish website under Sacraments and Confirmation.

## Noticias del Programa de Confirmación y Ministerio Juvenil

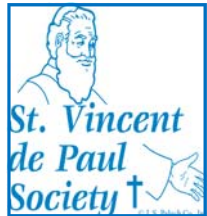
Los Estudiantes de Confirmación tendran clase el **29 de enero** de **6:30-8pm**.

EDGE en SVdP tendra clase el **30 de enero** de **7-8:30pm**.

Si aun no han entregado su formulario de padrino/madrina, favor de enviarlo a traves de correo electronico a Leah Monroe, [leah.monroe@stjoseph-elkgrove.net](mailto:leah.monroe@stjoseph-elkgrove.net) o traerlo a la oficina parroquial.

El Ministerio Juvenil no tendra reunion el **jueves, 1º de febrero**. Nuestra proxima reunion sera el **jueves, 15 de febrero** de **6 a 8pm**.

El calendario actualizado ya se encuentra en el sitio web de la parroquia. Oportunidades para horas de servicio tambien se encuentran bajo Sacramentos y Confirmación.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Our first convalescent home visit of the year has passed. We will meet at Bruceville Terrace at 1:20pm and at Elk Grove Rehab and Nursing Home at 2:20pm. This year we will only make 7 visits to the convalescent homes. The dates are March 25, May 20, July 15, September 9, November 4 and December 2. Please contact **Lynn King** at **916.687.6442** or [lynnhking@frontiernet.net](mailto:lynnhking@frontiernet.net) for more information.

**Uplift People of Elk Grove** is a program designed to break the cycle of generational or situational poverty. They will begin their first cohort in February. There are still some slots available. If you know of a family / single who you believe is ready to make this change or you are interested in working with a group like this and would like more information, please call **Sharon 916.753.4201** or email **Jeff Teague [Jeff@upliftelkgrove.org](mailto:Jeff@upliftelkgrove.org)**.

If you or someone you know is in need of help with food, clothing or utility bills, please call our confidential hot line at **916-667-2779**. We serve zip codes **95624, 95683, 95693, 95829** and **95830**. One of our volunteers will return your call to schedule a home visit to discuss your needs. God Bless You.

## Noticias de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl

Nuestra primera visita a los asilos ha pasado. Nos reuniremos en el Asilo Bruceville Terrace a la **1:20pm** y despues en el Asilo y Centro de Rehabilitacion Windsor a las **2:20pm**. Solo haremos 7 visitas este año durante las proximas fechas: **25 de marzo, 20 de mayo, 15 de julio, 9 de septiembre, 4 de noviembre y 2 de diciembre**. Para mas informacion favor de comunicarse con **Lynn King** al **916.687.6442** ó [lynnhking@frontiernet.net](mailto:lynnhking@frontiernet.net)

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda de comida, ropa u otro gasto del hogar, por favor llame a nuestra **línea confidencial**, al **916-667-2779** y déje su mensaje. Cuando le regrese su llamada, platicaremos sobre sus necesidades en su hogar. Ofrecemos servicio a los códigos postales **95624, 95683, 95693, 95829 y 95830**. Dios los bendiga.

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## A FE – Lenten Opportunity

St. Joseph Parish – Adult Faith Enrichment Program will be offering two studies, “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” or “*Oremus*, A Guide to Catholic Prayer” during our Lenten season beginning Wednesday nights, **February 21** through **March 21** from **6:30-8pm** in the Social Hall.

Videos will be viewed online prior to each session. Study sessions will include hospitality and a small group discussion. To register please go to [www.ascencionpress.com](http://www.ascencionpress.com), create an account, if you do not have one already, then click “Join a Study” and follow the prompts.

For more information, contact Cherie Hiner [Cherie.hiner@jhmi.edu](mailto:Cherie.hiner@jhmi.edu) or Deacon Larry Hiner [deacon.larry@stjoseph-elkgrove.net](mailto:deacon.larry@stjoseph-elkgrove.net).

## Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation has begun their seven weekly grief support sessions **through February 28th**. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. We will be meeting in the **Renwald Room** from **11am to 12:30pm**.

For more information, please contact **Marilyn Petruska** at **685-3207** or **Mary Ellen Trapp** at **893-8863**.

## Youth Bake Sale

Please stop by St. Catherine room for Coffee and Sweets this Sunday, January 28th. Our youth will be accepting donations for their pilgrimage.



## Palms

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we will be collecting your palms from last year. Please place them in the basket located in the vestibule during the week or you may also bring them to the office.

## Family Bingo Night

Please mark your calendars for our next Family Bingo Night! Join us on **Friday, February 9, 2018** at **6:30pm** in the Social Hall. There will be food, refreshments and prizes! All ages are invited to come!

Thank you to all who joined us for our last bingo!



## Treasures From Our Tradition

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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## Ministerio De Consolación de la Parroquia de San Jose

El Ministerio de Consolación de la Parroquia de San Jose, ofrecerá sesiones de apoyo tras la pérdida de un ser querido. Estas sesiones son para las personas afligidas tras la muerte de un ser querido. Las 7 sesiones se llevaran a cabo los lunes comenzando el **12 de febrero**. Nos reuniremos en el **salón St. Francis de 6:30 a 8:00pm**.

Para más información favor de comunicarse con **Antonio Salamanca 916-686-5384, Olivia Sosa 916-502-0426, o Jorge Alvarado 916-685-5174.**

## “One Heart, One Soul” Marriage Preparation Class

Attention all engaged couples! St. Joseph Parish will be offering a 4 session Marriage Preparation Class in February. The sessions will begin **Tuesday, February 6** from **6:30-8:30pm** in St. Mary’s room. The cost per couple is \$100. Please make the checks payable to St. Joseph Parish.

“One Heart, One Soul” satisfies the Diocesan requirement for marriage preparation and introduction to NFP. If you are interested in registering for the class, please contact Lisa Bohon Hock at [lbohon@csus.edu](mailto:lbohon@csus.edu).

## Helping Hands Ministry Raffle Prize Winners

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our ministry. Below are the winning ticket numbers along with the name of the winner and prize:

Ticket # 053866– **M. Alba**  
\$25 gift certificate to IHop

Ticket # 053478– **Ricardo Duran**  
\$25 gift certificate to Mimi’s Café

Ticket # 053240– **M. Cornejo**  
\$25 gift certificate to Panera Bread

Ticket # 053596– **Susan**  
\$25 gift certificate to Macaroni Grill

Ticket # 053425– **B. Lam**  
\$50 cash

Please claim your prize at the parish office if you have not done so already. Thank you!

## Talleres de Oracion y Vida Año Nuevo, Vida Nueva

¿Sienten deseos de enriquecer su fe y su vida espiritual? Los invitamos a vivir el taller de Oracion y Vida, un programa en cual aprenderan a orar al estilo de Jesus. Meditaremos textos de la biblia, practicaremos modalidades de oracion para ayudarnos a mejorar nuestra relacion con Papa Dios, con nosotros mismos y con los demas. Lograremos ser mas felices y haremos felices a los demas. El taller comenzara el **viernes, 2 de febrero de 7-9pm** en el salon **San Pedro**. Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Rosario Alcala al **916.879.9194**.

## Challenge Club Retreat

The Challenge Club invites young ladies between the ages of 10-17 years old to spend some time away from the same busy routine to renew their faith and strengthen their soul while spending time with Christ. This dynamic and challenging retreat will happen on **February 23-25, 2018** at **Trinity Pines**. For more information please contact Amelina at [challengegreatersac@hotmail.com](mailto:challengegreatersac@hotmail.com).

## Instrucciones Bautismales

Si Usted desea bautizar a su bebe o niño pequeño, los padres y padrinos deben asistir a la clase de instrucción bautismal. Por favor pase a la oficina parroquial y recoja los formularios necesarios. Asegúrese de traer el certificado de nacimiento del bebe/niño o niña. La clase es el **primer sábado** del mes de **9-11 de la mañana**. No se permite llegar tarde. Esta clase es necesaria antes de programar la fecha del bautismo. Favor de inscribirse de antemano. No se permiten niños en la clase. Los bautismos en español son el **segundo sábado** del mes a las **10am**.

## Dine Out to Donate

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) invites you to their Family Dine Out to Donate at **Jack’s Urban Eats**, 7701 Laguna Blvd., on **Tuesday, February 13** from **4-8pm**. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or St. Joseph Website and bring with you. Please share the flyer with family and friends! Thank you for your support!

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## Vocations Cross



Thank you to all those who signed up to take the Cross. Prayers for **Karen Mauro** as she will take the Cross for January. If you have any questions, please contact **Fr. Julito R. Orpilla** at **916.685.3681 ext. 122.**

## Please Remember...

If you or a loved one is unable to attend mass due to an illness, hospital stay, assisted care living, nursing home rehabilitation or have a physical limitation, you may request that communion be brought to them by a Eucharistic Minister. Please call the office with any questions and/or to make arrangements. Thank you.

## Donations...

Our Church is in need of 4 televisions for classroom use. Any form of donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for always being attentive to our Church's needs. For more information, please call the office.

## Palms

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## PROFETAS VERDADEROS

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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## TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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