"To evangelize and share the Gospel, walk with one another on our journey of faith, and draw others into Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life

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SACRAMENTS
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Administered throughout the year.
Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

BAPTISMS
English: 1st Sunday of the month
Arrangements must be made prior to Baptism.
Español: 3r Domingo del mes
Es necesario hacer arreglos con anticipación.

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Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Monday & Wednesday
9:00am—10:00am
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
4:00pm—5:00pm
Saturday:
3:00pm—5:00pm
6:00pm—7:00pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil:
5:30pm
Holy Day:
6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

LITURGY SCHEDULE
Daily:
8:30am & 5:30pm
Saturday:
8:30am: 5:00pm (Vigil); 7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday:
6:00am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Family/Children), 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm (Youth)

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 12
Vigil: 5:00 PM Fr. Joseph Shea
(Spanish) 7:00 PM Fr. Bill Nicholas
Sunday, March 13
6:00 AM Fr. Joseph Shea
7:00 AM Fr. Dave Heney
9:00 AM Fr. Jim Maher
11:00 AM Fr. Dave Heney
(Spanish) 1:00pm Fr. Bill Nicholas
5:00 PM Fr. Bill Nicholas

*Occasionally the Celebrant may change.
Lenten Sacrifices

The origins of Lent go back to the early Church in the centuries following the Apostolic Age. In fact, some Early Church Fathers, such as St. Leo in the 5th century, claimed that this practice went all the way back to the Apostles.

Although Lent is a time of prayer, good works, sacrifice and penance, culminating in the new life represented at Easter, giving something up for Lent is not actually required by Church Law. It is, however, an ideal way to prepare ourselves for the observance of our Lord’s death and resurrection and a tradition that goes back to the earliest of times.

While many Catholics will give up something for Lent that they enjoy, others may choose to perform good works or make positive changes in their lives in place of self-denial. Both are excellent ways to bring us closer to God. And, whereas, making a sacrifice by giving up something for Lent might be the best way for somebody to bring them closer to God - doing something to enrich our faith might be better for others. Reading the Bible, performing charitable acts, exercising patience, evangelizing, or making a real effort to treat others with love and respect, might be a good alternative to giving up chocolate or cutting back on coffee. Praying for self-control and becoming more familiar with our Catholic Faith is also an enriching and worthwhile endeavor, as are almsgiving and visiting the sick or others in need.

Our society is so driven towards physical self-improvement that many people have lost focus on the real meaning and purpose of Lent. Lent shouldn’t be looked upon as simply a good excuse to go on a diet or to cut back on smoking or getting in shape. It is through suffering and denial of the flesh that we draw closer to God (Romans 8:13, Col. 3:5, Gal. 5:24). Our sacrifices should enrich our faith by reminding us that we are sinners in need of repentance which points us to the ultimate sacrifice – that of Christ on the cross.

If you have not yet begun your Lenten sacrifice - it’s never too late to start.

For more information, please visit: http://www.strosesv.com/index.cfm?load=page&page=219

Abstaining from Meat

As Catholics, there may be times when we are asked a question about our faith and have no answer. One of those occasions may be when you are asked by a Protestant co-worker or family member, “Why do Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent?”

Since meat is usually the main course of most meals – as well as the most anticipated - abstaining from meat on certain days during Lent is an excellent way for Christians to practice this act of self-denial so that we can unite ourselves to the sufferings of Christ. Rom. 8:16-17 and 1 Pet. 2:21 tell us that we that we receive grace from God when we suffer for what is good. We become joint heirs with Christ, who left us an example to follow when he suffered for us. In comparison to the sufferings of our Lord, abstaining from meat is really a minor self-denial.

Whereas most Catholics are aware that all persons over the age of 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, many are unaware that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recommends that we practice abstinence and other penances on the remaining Fridays of the year.

St. Paul calls these disciplines of the flesh, “mortification” because by this denial of the body, we die to the flesh so as to live in the spirit: “If you live after the flesh, you shall die, but if through the spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live.” (Romans 8:13; see also Col. 3:5, and Gal. 5:24). Mortification is a good discipline for our souls as well as a means of strengthening our resistance to temptation.

St. Paul not only recommended mortification, he practiced it himself. In 1 Cor. 9:27, he tells us, “I drive my body and train it, for fear that after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified”.

There are many anti-Catholic legends that have grown out of the Lenten practice of abstinence from meat. There are some who even claim that the Catholic Church at one time owned a large interest in the fishing industry and that this was the reason why meat was forbidden on Fridays. First of all, this claim cannot be historically substantiated. Secondly, we are not required to eat fish on Fridays during Lent. We are simply required not to eat meat. So much for myths . . .

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What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him.
St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our Faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word and His Body, develop your Knowledge, and build a Family of Faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back Home, we invite you to make St. Rose of Lima your parish by calling the Rectory at 526-1732, or stop by during office hours or register on our website: www.StRoseSV.com

"A time to be born..." Ecc 3:2

"A time to heal..." Ecc 3:2 ... And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

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Jayliah Valenzuela
Richard Case
Rachel Castillo
Taylor Rose Clarke
Adrienne Davenport
Joanne Depa
John Erickson
Michael Escandon
Robert Flaherty & Family
Miles Go
Rosa Gonzalez
Glen Hilton
Rosalie House
Mary Ice
Ruth Ann
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Margaret Jimenez
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Barbara Knight
Maria Koszeghy
Jim Krebs
Richard Mikhailovits
Tom Montero
Julia Mora
Edwin Morales
Ashley Pisci
Mona Pisci
Lupe Pina
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Terianne Soria
Allie Tagg
Kenneth Thompson
Ernest Velasquez
Imelda Youngman

Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the rectory staff is notified.

"A time of war and a time of peace..." Ecc 3:8

Pray for those serving in the military.

U.S. Army
Matthew Alatorre
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe
Nicholas TimpeGiehm
Pvt. Bryce Willey
Pvt. Gino Zarcone
National Guard
Sgt Armando Peña, Jr
Col. Marilyn Rios

U.S. Navy
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Alex Martin
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez

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Paul Gebert
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Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Brady Melson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex
GY SGT Casey
Pilkington
1st Lt. Andrew S. King
Lt. Col. Andrew Sholtes
Jordan Sine
Chris Sinsheimer

U.S. Air Force

"A time to die..." Ecc 3:2

Pray for the souls of our faithful departed and their families.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 5
8:30am Millennium Club
5:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm Marcelo Paglia (D)

SUNDAY, March 6
6:00am Amelia Schuelke (I)
7:00am Christy Thomas (D)
9:00am Phillip Sherman Eggleston (D)
11:00am Lyn Arteficio (I)
1:00pm Walter Mongalo (I)
5:00pm Irene Velasquez (D)

MONDAY March 7
8:30am Simplicio Macaranas (D)
5:30pm Josephine Rose Provenzano (D)

TUESDAY, March 8
8:30am Sr. Christina of the Immaculate Heart (D)
5:30pm Joanne Johnson (I)

WEDNESDAY, March 9
8:30am Celina Lee (I)
5:30pm Claire Cipriano (D)

THURSDAY, March 10
8:30am Victor Bulanadi (D)
5:30pm Adrienne & Bill Davenport (I)

FRIDAY, March 11
8:30am Richard Lebeck (D)
5:30pm Carmelite Nuns of Sacramento (I)

SATURDAY, March 12
8:30am Millennium Club
5:00pm Theresa Wong & Family (I)
7:00pm Guadalupe Pinto (I)

SUNDAY, March 13
6:00am James Spiteri (D)
7:00am Thomas Razmerski (D)
9:00am Nita Gonzales (I)
11:00am Mary & Chris Ice (I)
1:00pm Norma Leticia Jimenez (D)
5:00pm Baby Eli Harris (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16


Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
The St. Rose of Lima School Jog-a-Thon helps us raise vital funds to help expand our resources and programs, and to revitalize our campus facilities, which are all used by all Parish ministries! The Jog-a-Thon will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 10am. Monies raised will go to benefit the school and the great work we are doing with our students and our Catholic community! Please make checks out to St. Rose of Lima School. Tax-deductible donations may also be made online at: https://squareup.com/store/st-rose-of-lima-catholic-school

St. Rose of Lima School: Instilling faith, knowledge & service in to the hearts & minds of students through instruction, modeling & guidance.

NOW ENROLLING K-8! ONLINE AT WWW.SRLS.ORG

World Youth Day 2016

Join SubRosa at World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow Poland. Please contact us for more information!

18:23 Catholic Young Adult Conference— Steubenville San Diego

$205 per person
Join us as we head down to San Diego for 18:23! SubRosa has 10 spots available for this awesome weekend! http://www.allforgod.com/1823-young-adults/

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The Summit Jr High
Thursday March 10th at 7:00pm
Thursday March 24th at 7:00pm

Peer Mentoring
Sunday March 13th 3:30-5:00pm
For Track II Confirmation students.

Catholics Say What
Friday March 18th 7:00-8:30pm
Teen apologetics night. Join us and learn how to defend the Catholic faith!

Track I Retreat
Sunday March 20th
A day retreat for all Track I confirmation students.

Vacation Bible School from 8:30am to 12:30pm
March 28th—April 1st
Welcoming all youth from K-5th.
Registration forms in the Rectory or Youth Ministry Office.
Phone: (805) 526-8181 Email: vm@strosesv.com

*Call the YM Office for more information at (805) 526-8181*
**MINISTRIES & DEVOTIONS**

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose of Lima**
Come and enjoy a peaceful hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
If you are not able to sign up as a permanent Adorer, please consider signing up to be an occasional substitute.
Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm

**Adorers are needed:**
- Tuesday 3:00am, 6:00pm
- Wednesday 2:00am
- Thursday 5:00am, 1:00 & 3:00pm, 4:00am
- Saturday, 4:00am, 5:00am

**Team Leaders**
12am-5am Theresa Wong 428-0942
6am-11am Cathy Sullivan 526-7628
12pm-5pm Anita Koller 526-9910
6pm-11pm Kathy & Frank Cross 501-8431

**Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Tuesday**
- 3:00-3:30pm Divine Mercy
- 7:00-8:00pm SubRosa
- 8:00-10:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**
- 6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

*7:00-8:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed Posvar - This devotion will be suspended during Lent. It will resume on Wednesday, March 23, 2016*

**Friday**
- 3:00-4:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross
- 6:00pm Family Novena in Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague.
- 6pm-9pm Spanish Prayer Group
- 9pm-10pm Vietnamese Prayer Group

**Saturday after 5pm Mass**
Bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families.

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**FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES**

We at your home parish, St. Rose of Lima, offer you... FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, a Faith-based Beatitudes program to help you realize how to let God's healing power into your life.

**March 11 & 25: “Leap of Faith”**
The courage to take that step.

**We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, in room 11 of St. Rose School. We gather at 6:30pm for dinner, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm.**

Please join us, bring your friends and relatives and gain a new perspective in your life.

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**DIVORCED SEPARATED WIDOWED**

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program.

**We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school from 7:00-9:00pm.**

**Friday, March 18th, “Where Do I Belong, A Part Of Me Is Missing”**
Part Two, by Dr. Bennett Annan

Contact: Jean Jenners
(JosephM34 @sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or: www.StRoseSV.com, click on Ministries to find Divorced Separated Widowed.

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The Passionist Community invites men of St Rose parish to make a retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, March 19-20. Come to rest and experience the peace which the world cannot give. The Retreat Center provides a congenial environment for personal reflection, prayer, creative thinking and relaxation on 80 acres at the foothills of the San Gabriel mountains in Sierra Madre. Call Joe Ferrall (428-1894) or Joel Bruemmer (584-2363) for information.
First Communion
March 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th – Second Year First Reconciliations - 6:45 pm in the Church.
TODAY: 3/6/16 – First Year First Communion - Parent Session 9:45 am Parish Hall

Summit
3/10/2016 - next class meets.

Attention Confirmation Candidates:
3/13/16 - T2 – Peer Mentoring 3:30 pm in the Hall followed by 5:00 pm Mass
3/20/16 – T1 - Retreat - Check-in begins at 8:30 am at the Parish Hall
3/22/16 –T2 - Sponsor Session #3 – 7:00 pm Parish Hall- Sponsors only
Remember, all Confirmation Candidates are invited to join Youth Ministry for Sunday Life Nights, Catholic Say What, XLT and all other YM events.

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Crystallina Evert

Jubilee Year of Mercy
“Be Merciful”
In the beginning of December, the booklet “Be Merciful” was distributed. A follow up session will be held on Wednesday, March 16th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Room 9 of the school. Come and gather as community for an evening of discussion, sharing and reflection. The evening will be facilitated by Sandy Lemos. For questions or more information, please call the Office of Faith Formation 805-526-5513.

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“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come”
2 Corinthians 5:17

MORNING BIBLE STUDY
APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE
Join us Tuesday, March 8th or Saturday March 12th in the church to hear Fr. Bill explain these fascinating writings. For additional information, please contact Annette Cecil at 805 584 3533.

RCIA
Why are some RCIA participants dismissed in the middle of the Mass?
This Sunday, at one of the morning Masses, those adults and children preparing to be baptized into the Catholic Church, and those preparing for full communion will be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when, at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Though they cannot yet come to the table of the Eucharist, Mother Church still has an obligation to feed those who have entered into a relationship with her through the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming which was celebrated recently. God’s Word is their only food during this period. Instead, the participants depart from the Mass with one or more RCIA team members, to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as “Reflection on the Word.”

Inquiry Sessions for anyone considering becoming Catholic can join us at 7:30 pm in Room 10 of the school. If you are unbaptized, baptized in another faith denomination or are baptized Catholic and need both the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, we invite you to join us. For information, please call Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY
The Thursday evening Bible Study has completed the class on First Corinthians. We will break for Lent to allow you the opportunity to attend the University Series. Another yet to be determined study will start on April 7th. For more information or to register for the study, please contact Dr. Neil Fanning, DDS, facilitator, at: fanning@pacbell.net
RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for Life

Please join the Prayer Vigil to end Abortion. You may sign up online at: 40daysforlife.com for Thousand Oaks. For more information or to get the Posters please call (805) 416-6007. We are still in much need of people who can commit an hour to pray with us. It is not too late, please consider signing up before the end of these 40 days. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at St. Rose of Lima Hall on Thursday, March 17 at 5:00pm. Please come and attend our dinner and help make it a success. We will be serving corned beef and cabbage, mashed potatoes and carrots along with soda bread and cupcakes. The cost is $12 for adults and $5 for children 12 years and under. Thank you and God Bless you, Ron Huerth, Chairman.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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March 10 (26 years)

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If you would like to have your wedding anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin please call the rectory at 526-1732.

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SABIA USTED?

Teach children touching safety and boundaries

Predators are a very real danger to children today, and parents should take every precaution to teach children about safe and appropriate touching, and what to do if these boundaries are violated. Teaching touching safety is critical for kids, because it focuses on empowering kids to resist predators. If a child learns about touching safety, they will be able to respond to boundary violations in the best way possible and to talk about these situations with a trusted adult. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Teaching Touching Safety” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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SABIA USTED?

Eduque a los niños sobre seguridad y límites de las caricias

Los depredadores son un verdadero peligro para los niños de hoy en día, y los padres deben tomar toda precaución para enseñarles a los niños sobre las caricias seguras y apropiadas, y qué hacer si sus límites son violados. Enseñar la seguridad de las caricias es importante para los niños, porque se enfoca en darles poder para que puedan oponer resistencia a los depredadores. Si un niño o niña aprende sobre las caricias apropiadas y seguras, ellos serán capaces de responder a la violación de sus límites de la mejor manera posible, y a hablar sobre estas situaciones con un adulto en el cual confían. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS®, “Teaching Touching Safety” (Enseñar seguridad con las caricias), envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.
Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma
6 de marzo de 2016
El que vive según Cristo es una creación nueva; para el todo lo viejo ha pasado. Ya todo es Nuevo.
2 Corintios 5:17

Cambio de Hora, el próximo domingo, 13 de marzo. Recuerde cambiar su reloj una hora hacia delante.

UN DOMINGO PARA ALEGARSE
Pocas parábolas del Evangelio son tan queridas por el pueblo cristiano como la del hijo pródigo. Nos podemos identificar con todos sus personajes, y con las emociones que se entrecruzan entre ellos. El dolor del padre por la avaricia y desconsideración de su hijo se convierte en alegría al verlo regresar. El dolor del hijo por haber perdido todo lo que tenía –diner, familia, amigos– se convierte en alegría delirante al ver como su padre lo recibe.

Pero también comprendemos el desconcierto del hijo mayor ante la generosidad de su padre. Para el hijo mayor, la virtud no es su propia recompensa. Ha trabajado duro, y ha sido un hijo leal, pero eso no se celebra con fiestas ni banquetes. Pero su padre es un padre pródigo, y prodiga su perdón y su misericordia. Y espera que su hijo mayor tenga esa misma generosidad. Quiere que todos se regocijen porque el que estaba perdido ha sido hallado.

Este es un domingo para alegrarse. Es día de hacer una pausa, y de considerarnos y alentarnos unos a otros. Porque todos somos hijos pródigos, en el camino de regreso al hogar de nuestro padre. Y debemos también ser hermanos mayores, pero hermanos mayores que esperan junto con el padre ansioso, mientras vislumbra el horizonte. En Cristo Jesús nos vemos reconciliados, con Dios Padre, y con nuestros hermanos. En su Muerte y Resurrección hemos pasado de la muerte a la vida. Somos una nueva creación. Y esto nos llena de alegría.

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Cuaresma es tiempo de reconciliación por medio del perdón. En este espíritu, el Papa san Juan Pablo II pidió perdón por pecados cometidos por la Iglesia. Uno de estos pecados es la manera como América fue cristianizada.

La relación del latino con la religión católica ha sido entre buenas intenciones y antagonismos. Gracias a Dios, ¡somos cristianos! Lamentablemente, nuestro bautizado, en la mayor parte de los casos, fue en agua bendita y sangre indígena a la vez, ya que América fue evangelizada con cruz y espada. Los pobres misioneros que con fatiga, predicaron en nuestras tierras venían acompañados por hombres poderosos en busca de riquezas.

El filósofo romano-español Séneca (siglo I) afirmaba: “la religión es algo que para la persona común es verdad, para el sabio es falso y para el poderoso es útil”. A su vez, el romano-judío Pablo de Tarso declaró que en Cristo, Dios ha revelado que la persona común y necia derribará la falsedad de los sabios (1 Cor 1:18-31).

El latino creyente reconoce que su fe nació del dolor de la conquista y no niega los abusos clericales, pero confía en el Evangelio reconciliador.

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