



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 316

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

Preparation: Prayer Of St. Francis BB 535

Mass Parts: Mass Of Creation

Communion: Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 344

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 611

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet.** This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 8 No Second Collection
September 15 Fuel
September 22 No Second Collection

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. The link will take you directly to Parish Giving so you can donate.



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful!



Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ \$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/ \$75	\$2,250/ \$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/ \$60	\$1,800/ \$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ \$50	\$1,500/ \$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/ \$40	\$1,200/ \$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/ \$30	\$900/ \$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/ \$25	\$750/ \$15
\$15,000	\$750/ \$15	\$450/ \$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00



NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more.

Our Parish has raised \$40,280.00 toward our 2024 goal of \$ 46,979.00.

If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca, use the QR code below with your smart device, or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. Extra gift envelopes and brochures about the Catholic Appeal are available in the pews and at the church entrances. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.



FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches.



SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR OUR CHURCHES

The Diocese of Manchester has mandated that every parish, school, preschool, and childcare conduct a site visit and site-specific training for active shooter and emergency preparedness. A search for “church shootings and stabbings” on any web browser will reveal hundreds of incidents of violence at churches, many of them Catholic. There have been more than 24 fatal shootings at churches in the United States since 1999. This number does not include the mass shootings at other religious institutions or international tragedies.

On **September 22 at 11:30, at Plaistow in the Church Hall**, members of the Blue-U Security organization will visit our Parish and present ways in which we can all be aware and alert to security issues on our campuses. Blue-U will subsequently conduct a review of our church buildings with Father Albert.

Ushers, Greeters and any interested Parishioners are welcome to gather for the 90-minute presentation. No pre-registration is needed.



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry!

Items most needed in the Food Pantry at the moment:

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| Pasta | Hot and cold cereal |
| Pasta sauce | Crackers & snack items |
| Ramen noodles | Cookies & treats for kids |
| Peanut butter | Pancake mix and syrup |
| Jam and Jelly | Canned meats |
| Canned soup | Tuna fish |
| Canned fruit | Shelf stable milk |
| Canned vegetables | |

Consider donating personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) or household cleaning products, paper towels, toilet tissue, or facial tissue. Pet food is always welcome!

Checks made out to St. Luke Food Pantry are always useful and welcome. Our Pantry spends upwards of \$1,000.00 per month to help the hungry!

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER / FALL...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Summer / Fall even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Summer / Fall months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 8

11:00 AM Religious Ed Registration *Plaistow*

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 PM The Gospel of Luke *Plaistow*

Wednesday, September 11

Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer

Thursday, September 12

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, September 14

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 15

11:00 AM Religious Ed Registration *Plaistow*

11:00 AM Catechist Meeting *Plaistow*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 7 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the O'Donnell Family by Jane Leach and family *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 8 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

8:00 AM Dexter Cronin (1st Anniversary) by Tom and Cathy Cronin *Newton*

10:00 AM Gordon Lewis by the Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Monday, September 9 ~ Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz *Newton*

Tuesday, September 10 ~ Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

8:00 AM Paul R. Antkowiak (4th Anniversary) by his family *Plaistow*

Wednesday, September 11 ~ Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

6:30 PM Sr. Shirley Leborgne, pm by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary *Plaistow*

Thursday, September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM Salvatore Villani by Bob and Alice Litwinovich *Newton*

Friday, September 13 ~ John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

No Mass

Saturday, September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy

Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 (Day)
Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll by the McKinney family *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 15 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards *Newton*

10:00 AM Karen, Lillian, and John Murphy by Carole Lueders *Plaistow*

The Sanctuary Light at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Paul R. Antkowiak

(4th Anniversary) by his family



The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Richard Bell

by William Tucker

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

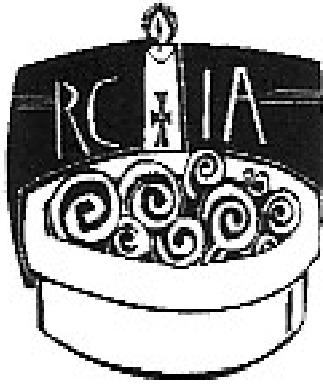
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WELCOME IN CHRIST!

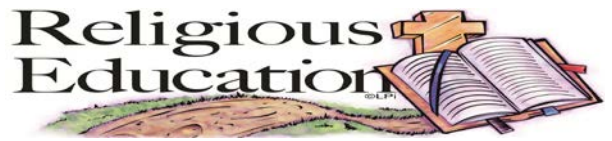
Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or Confirmation and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, "missed" one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who "missed" sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic Year for **Grades K through 6** begins on September 22. Whether your child is currently enrolled or is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

BUSTED HALO

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at www.bustedhalo.com.

ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✦ PARISH DIRECTORY ✦

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry	603-382-8324 x 315
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MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3rd week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4th) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HAPPENINGS**

The Knights have been helping a few elderly citizens with some tasks that they can't do or afford to have done for them. This includes the following:

- (1) Cutting a lawn and trimming bushes;
- (2) Moving a washer and dryer from one location to another and disposing of the old washer and dryer;
- (3) Moving goods out of two storage units to alternate locations

The Knights have a few more tasks lined up to help out some elderly citizens. A shout out to Knight Ed Wencis who serves as the coordinator of this program. If you want more information on the Knights or their associates program, please contact Peter Richards at pmrjs6@comcast.net.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617**



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, at 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH.

Watch weekly bulletins to find out how you can donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish's biggest fundraiser!

Please join the fun & festive day while getting a jump on your holiday shopping!

Got Questions? Please EMAIL the Fair Coordinator at StLukeNHFair@gmail.com



**Saint Luke the Evangelist
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Luke Outreach Ministry! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Luke Outreach Ministry box on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Our Parish-Run Tables **DEPEND ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

Can You Donate ??

New and/or Like-New items WINE Antiques and/or Collectibles
WINE Gift Cards Newly Knitted/Crocheted Items Lottery Tickets
Fun Gadgets WINE Original Artwork Tootsie Roll Lollipops
New TOYS Theme Baskets WINE New Power Tools Jewelry

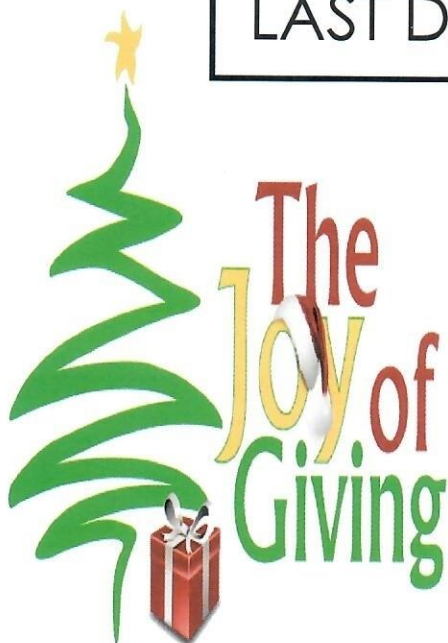
Please, NO VASES & NO STEMWARE, & NO MUSTY ITEMS

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES

SATURDAYS from 3:00PM-5:00PM **September 7, 14, 21, 28**

SUNDAYS from 10:00AM-12:00PM **September 8, 15, 22, 29**

LAST DATES for Drop Off 9/28 & 9/29



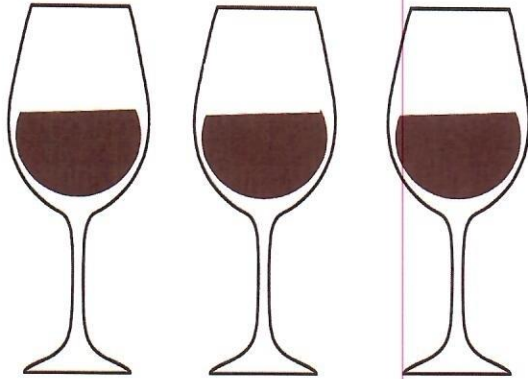
DROP OFF LOCATION

Downstairs

Parish Hall

PLAISTOW

Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!”



WINE RAFFLE

1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!!

2nd Prize: 12 bottles of wine of various types.

One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or FIVE (5) for \$40.00

QUILT RAFFLE

One (1) ticket for \$3.00, THREE (3) for \$5.00 or FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$10.00

Cream, Dk Blue, Lt Blue Quilt,. 68" x 80"

Made by Cathy Cronin



RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Make your check payable to: St. Luke's Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked WINE RAFFLE and drop it in the collection basket - OR ... Mail to:

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, 03865

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Raffle

Quantity of Tickets

Total \$

WINE Raffle

\$_____

QUILT Raffle

\$_____

Total Owed

\$_____



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
September 8, 2024

He Has Done All Things Well

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today’s readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today’s reading from Isaiah instructs us: “Be strong, do not fear!” (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

James 2:1–5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 7:31–37

And [immediately] the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew. †

Our religious tradition promises that a world of peace and harmony is just ahead of us.



A Word from Pope Francis

There is an interior deafness that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today. It...is *the deafness of the heart*. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



REFLECTION
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- Is there someone you wish could hear you?
- Who is speaking to you, longing to be heard?

Longing to Be Heard

Paige Byrne Shortal

Once, I was the privileged witness of the deaf singing while those who could hear remained oblivious to the music. It was at the installation mass of an archbishop. As a cantor, I was seated near the pulpit in the cathedral, as it happened with those who were deaf. As the cathedral filled with several thousand people, there was a great noise of gathering and greeting. The choir, which was located out of sight, was singing the prelude music, but so great was the noise, that no one knew they were singing—except the deaf. The interpreters, wearing headphones, were signing the songs. Those who were deaf joined in and soon, they were the only ones in the whole vast cathedral singing with the choir.

I don't know what it is to be deaf in a hearing world, but I know the frustration of the mute. Anyone who has lived with



a two-year-old or a teenager knows this experience. I witness loving parents who feel helpless as their child is unable to hear them. Loving spouses who cannot get through to their alcoholic partner. Friends who look on helplessly as one they hold in high regard continues in patterns of self-destruction. Teachers who cannot inspire a talented student.

Therapists who cannot convince a patient that life is worth living. Confessors whose penitents cannot accept the words of forgiveness.

Whenever there is someone deaf—whether the president of a country or an apathetic electorate; a pastor or a dulled congregation; a concerned parent or a hurting child—there is someone who loves them who is rendered mute. The root of such deafness is fear: fear of losing a fix or freedom or privileges or position or power or prestige. Such deafness rooted in fear can stifle not only the human voice, but the very voice of God. Even God is rendered mute. Do not the scriptures tell us that Jesus could work no miracle in his native land? While he made the deaf hear and the mute speak, his own were deaf to his message. Our brother, Jesus, knows the pain of the mute. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From *"In the Words of Henri Nouwen: How to Live a Happier, More Fulfilled Life"*

If you want to be a better friend, spouse, parent...listen. The word listening in Latin is *obedire*, and *audire* means "listening with great attention." That is where the word obedience comes from. Jesus is called the obedient one—the listener. The Latin word for not listening is *surdus*, the root of the word absurd. Somebody who is not listening is leading an absurd life. †

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Healing God, open our minds and hearts that we may hear those longing to be heard, and bless those who are unable to hear us. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 9–14

Monday, St. Peter Claver:

1 Cor 5:1–8 / Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 6:1–11 / Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 7:25–31 / Lk 6:20–26

Thursday, Weekday:


1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13 / Lk 6:27–38

Friday, St. John Chrysostom:

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 / Lk 6:39–42

Saturday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

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