



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

January 8, 2023  
The Epiphany of the Lord

### Worship Centers:

#### Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

#### Parish Office:

Mon-Thur: 9:00-4, Fri: 9:00-noon

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### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2-4 pm; Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm

### Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30 am (live stream) & 11:00 am

Week day Masses:

Monday 8:30 am

Tuesday 5:15 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am

\*2nd Wed. Park Place, 2:30 pm (suspended)

\*3rd Wed. Highgate, 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am



### Adoration:

Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man." ~St. John Chrysostom



Magi from the east

Matthew 2:1-12

### Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings Pastor

Dcn Pete Woelkers Deacon

Aubrey Rearden Parish Administrator  
Worship

Kimberly Gaa Christian Service

Nick Wingerter RCIA,  
Adult Formation

Mary Moore-Wingerter Administrative Asst.

Abbie Greff & Mary Proud Elem. Formation

Brien Rosendale Youth & Young Adult  
Pre-Marriage

Tracy Tomich Custodian

Janet Knutson Funerals/Weddings

### Ministry Formation and Training

Tuesday Jan. 17th, 6-7pm Ministry Formation session 1 (2nd offering)

Tuesday Jan 17th, 7:15-8pm Sacristan training

Thursday Jan 19th, 6:45-8pm Ministry Formation session 2 (1st offering)

Saturday Jan 21st, 5:30-6:15pm Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday Jan 22nd, 9:45-10:45am Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday Jan 22nd, 12:15-1:15pm Reader training

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 1/7-8:30 am -4:30 pm	Jerry Hudson (sp int) +Gene & Alice Meyer	D Hudson Meyer Children
Sun 1/8 -8:30 am -11:00 am	+Ed Nevala Tanner & Taylor Gliko (sp int)	V & M Marko M Stimac family
Mon 1/9 -8:30 am	+Mae Thelen	B Thelen
Tue 1/10-5:15 pm	Pattie Coolidge (sp int)	Barochs
Wed 1/11-8:30 am	Jean & Terry Mimnaugh (S I)	K & D Mimnaugh
Thu 1/12-8:30 am	Father Jay Peterson (sp int)	M Mathern
Fri 1/13 -8:30 am	+Bill Thomas	T Zadick
Sat 1/14– 8:30am 4:30pm	+James Holbrook +Don Parson	Cordas R & J Hosheid
Sun 1/15– 8:30am - 11:00am	Parishioners +Maureen Newman	T & C Winjum

Readings for next week The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
Gospel: John 1:29-34

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Jan 8: Cece Fuhrman, Pam Noble  
Sunday, Jan 15: Tom Balyeat and Help Needed!

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Jan 8: Barb Schlecht & Sharon Kougl  
Sunday, Jan 15: Knights of Columbus

Calendar of Events Jan 7– Jan 15

<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30 daily Mass 4:30 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Coffee & Rolls Elem. Formation—9:45am Bible Study-1pm Adoration—7pm	Sts P&P
<b>Monday:</b>	Mass 8:30 am Marian Monday—7pm	hall
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Young Adult Bible Study—6:30am Coffee & Conversation, 9:00am OCIA– 7:00pm	Schultes Sts. P&P
<b>Friday:</b>	8:30am Mass	
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Liturgical Ministers for Jan 14, 15

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
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		Holy Wash
		J Knutson
Sacristan		
S Mohler	D Azar	K Krattiger
Greeters		
Ushers		
Cross Bearer		
Altar Servers		
A Fitzpatrick	C Schuler D Schuler	
Readers		
L Hazelton	F Fitterer	S Dalen
Musicians		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
T Grau K Reed	P Woelkers L Fitterer	C Huber P Woelkers

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator  
452-6491 ex. 1 [aubrey@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:aubrey@holyspiritgf.org)  
Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler

The January Ministry schedule is complete! Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler to see your complete schedule. This schedule runs through January 31st. Watch the bulletin for information on upcoming Ministry Training dates. Once you have completed the training, we will be able to add you to the schedule. Thank you for volunteering, and for serving our community through your ministry!

Music

Upcoming choir practice:  
Wednesday Jan 11th and 25th, 5:30pm. Any questions, call or text Laura 868-4152 or Jen 799-0961. All are welcome!

**Call Parish Office for information on Adult Disciple Apprenticeship, or Adult Formation**

**For all who seek to become Christian believers**

Call Nick at the office, ext 4, or come **Wednesdays**. at 7 pm in the Adult Education room (Sts. Peter and Paul Center) all year round.

**Youth Ministry**

Brien Rosendale  
452-6491 ext. 6; brien@holyspiritgf.org

**Brien can still use volunteers for both middle school and high school gatherings. He needs parents to sign up to provide lunch/dinner. High School Youth Group will gather Wednesday evenings** at 6:30pm, dinner will be provided. High School Bible Study will meet Thursday evenings at Schultes from 6:30-7:30pm. Middle School Youth Group will gather on Friday evening from 6:30-8:00pm, dinner will be provided.

**January Schedule:**

**High School Youth Group:**  
18, 25

**Middle School Youth Group:**  
20, 27

**Young Adult Ministry**

Brien Rosendale  
452-6491 ext. 6; brien@holyspiritgf.org

Young Adults! Brien will continue to gather at Schulte's for coffee/breakfast and share the Word of God on Wednesdays at 6:30am. Please join us.

**Elementary Faith Formation**

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)  
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)  
Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org &  
Mary Proud, maryproud@holyspiritgf.org

Elementary Formation meets on January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 9:45am in the Peter and Paul Center. Please join us.

The 2nd grade Sacramental Preparation children will receive 1st Reconciliation Mon & Tues January 16 & 17. Please pray for our young church.

**Holy Spirit School**

Melissa Hallahan, Principal, mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org  
Kelly Lopes, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants  
Jenifer Thomas, Development Director  
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We are back from our Christmas break and ready to take on 2023! Holy Spirit Catholic School is excited to start planning Catholic Schools Week, January 29th-February 3rd. We will be celebrating our community each day with different events. More information to come on each event. Our Parish is hosting Mass for our All Schools Mass on Monday, January 30th.

Our Development/Admissions Director had a very busy week with school tours. It is never too late or early to schedule a tour or shadow day of our amazing school. Holy Spirit Catholic School truly teaches the whole student, Mind, Body and Soul! We have many scholarship opportunities available. If you would like more information, please contact Jenifer at 761-5775, or jthomas@holyspiritgf.org.

Last year our school opted into the MT Education Tax Credit for scholarships. We are excited to offer this opportunity again this year. Each credit is equal to the amount the taxpayer donates; up to \$200,000 per taxpayer credit. The deadline for this program is January 18th. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Jenifer Thomas at 406-761-5775 or jthomas@holyspiritgf.org.

**Christian Service**

Kimberly Gaa, 452-6491 ext 7  
kimberly@holyspiritgf.org

*Join us for Coffee and Conversation, Wednesdays after the 8:30am Mass in the Hall. All are welcome!*



The Christian Service Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 17 at 10:00am in the parish hall.



**HELP!!**

We are in need of additional drivers and assistants for the parish bus!

For us to continue to operate the bus on a weekly basis, we need more volunteers. Please contact Kimberly for more information!



## Courtesy Announcements

**SAVE THE DATE** for Eucharistic Revival 2023, “Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement.” Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength—the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery-The Most Holy Eucharist. Visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](http://diocesegfb.org/revival) to learn more or register. Seating is limited!

Great Falls Central Catholic High School and Our Lady of Lourdes School invite you to join us for the BALL 2023 Saturday, February 4, at the Mansfield Convention Center at 5:30 pm. The BALL features silent, dessert, and live auctions. Enjoy a dinner buffet from Smoked American BBQ. Tickets are \$75 for an individual or \$600 for a table of 8. Registration begins January 2, 2023. Go to [greatfallscentral.org](http://greatfallscentral.org) or [ollschoollgfmt.org](http://ollschoollgfmt.org) and follow the links to purchase tickets or donate.

Contact Dawn Bushard at (406) 216-3344 or Bekah Atkinson at (406)452-0551 for questions. The BALL is our biggest fundraiser of the year.



Family Promise has a part time position for a dedicated professional. 50% of the job time will be spent marketing, communications, and fundraising. To be successful, this person must be proficient in lead generation, reporting, promoting our mission, and fostering relationships. For more information, please contact Executive Director, Greg Gosenick at 406-564-5267.

## Catechism Corner

### Why did the Word become flesh? (CCC 456-463)

In the fullness of time and to fulfill all that God had promised through covenants and prophesy, Jesus came to earth. Our faith hinges on this very fact: God takes on human flesh and lives among us (John 1:14). But why did God Will this mystery? We proclaim that “for us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.” But there is still more! The catechism gives us 4 reasons why the Son of God became the Son of Man: 1) to save us from sin (CCC 457); 2) to show us His Love for us (CCC 458); 3) to show us a model of living the good life (CCC 459); and 4) to make us partakers of the divine nature (CCC 460). This was the great plan God had conceived from the very beginning: creating humanity in His image and likeness, He would one day assume that very image to be the mode and model of our eternal bliss. These reasons express the Will of God and define God’s unconditional love for us. In our state in this current life God loves all of us, but He desires to assume us, just as He did our Blessed Mother, from the lowly state of our sinful nature through salvation, then mutual affection, then righteous living, then, finally, to divine life itself. By this He shows how we are *saved* by the grace of our *faith* in the Salvific Act of Jesus, and then *perfected* by the grace of our *charity* to live lives coherent and cooperative to His Will. This is the distinctive sign of Christian Faith! St. Thomas Aquinas writes on the great scandal of the Incarnation: "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."



On this Feast of Epiphany, we wish you the courage of the Magi to commit to making the next Marriage Encounter Experience. Bring the gift of yourself, the gift of your relationship and explore how your love can profoundly change our church and our world. The next ME experience will be Feb 3-5 in Billings MT. There will be a spring Experience at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel, April 21-23. For more information or to register call Dan & Clare 406-697-3275 or visit our website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

**Montana State March for Life 2023**  
**Friday, January 13, 2023**  
**11:30am to 1:00pm**  
**Montana Capitol Rotunda, Helena**  
**More information at [prolifehelena.com](http://prolifehelena.com)**



The next Cum Christo weekends have been announced. Both will take place at the Ursuline Centre. Men’s: Feb 23-26, 2023, Rector Bob Meyers, 788-3519. Women’s: Mar 2-5, 2023, Rectora Michelle Koppany-Klesh, 868-7388.

### *We need help with Coffee and Rolls!*

Our schedule for Coffee and Rolls service includes January through April. If you are willing to host a weekend serving Baker Bob’s delicious cinnamon rolls, please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you!



**Reserve a table Today!**  
Billings Catholic Radio’s  
Annual Fundraising Banquet  
March 16, 2023

*Miracles: God’s Light in the Darkness of Unbelief*  
Enjoy popular Catholic apologist Karlo Broussard, one of the most dynamic and gifted Catholic speakers heard today, communicating with precision of thought, a genuine love for God, and an enthusiasm that inspires. For a successful fundraising event we need...Table Hosts! Please let us know if we can count on you to host a table this year. The enemy would like nothing more than to keep us focused on what’s wrong, rather than the answer that promises victory. Call 406-294-5250 or visit [billingscatholicradio.com/fundraiser](http://billingscatholicradio.com/fundraiser).

**Saint Michael Radio ~ FM 97.1**  
**“Sharing the Splendor of Truth”**

*Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias!  
Our church looks beautiful!*

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Janis Tholen	<i>Harry Tholen</i>	Jim & JoAnne Capp	<i>Capp &amp; Leary families</i>	Maralene Michaels	<i>Glenn &amp; Dede Cook</i>
Toni Parson	<i>Don Parson</i>	Noreen Udall	Gene & Alice Meyer	Jack & Rosann Johnson	<i>Kelly Johnson</i>
Connie Morris	<i>Bill Morris</i>	Connie Morris	<i>In honor of the John &amp; Jeanne Moore family</i>	Donnelly family	<i>In honor of Joe &amp; Dorothy Joyce</i>
Donnelly family	<i>Kathryn, Ruby &amp; John</i>	Sly & Darlene Barros	<i>Family, Loved &amp; Missed ones</i>	The Becker family	<i>Uncle Mike Kling</i>
Marcia & Dick Hocevar	<i>Adam Hocevar</i>	Rick & Doreen Scherr family	<i>Dick Aspinwall</i>	The McCallum family	<i>Our parents and siblings</i>
Dennis & Judy Vogel	<i>Shewan and Vogel family</i>	Deb Dickman	<i>Don &amp; Bertha King</i>	Deb Dickman	<i>Bernard, Virginia and Bernie Dickman</i>
Jim & Susy Baroch	<i>Don &amp; Betty Rearden</i>	Dan Sullivan	<i>Kay Kilby Sullivan</i>	Dan Sullivan	<i>Bill &amp; Tillie Kilby</i>
Cheryl Grau	<i>Claire &amp; Frank Saladin</i>			Derek & Katie Gustafson & family	<i>Dave &amp; Vickie Gustafson</i>



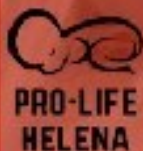
# Montana State March For Life

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Friday, January 13, 2023

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Montana State  
Capitol Rotunda (Indoors)



**#WHYWEMARCH**

Please join us to listen to guest speaker Mayra Rodriguez, Planned Parenthood whistleblower turned Hispanic pro-life leader who comes to us to detail clinic corruption, patient endangerment, planted drugs, and going from Planned Parenthood Employee of the year to being **FIRED** within a year.

She took on Planned Parenthood and **WON!**

Also we have Guest Speaker & Montana girl, Sarah Hosa to speak out about the value of life, gratitude to her birth mother for choosing adoption, and the hardships she has faced with premarital and high risk pregnancies, and the pressure by doctors to abort her baby. She chose **LIFE!**

Last, but not least, Montana Attorney General, Austin Knudsen, joins us to give his perspective on what is happening here in Montana.

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2023

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish  
Father Doug Krings

## One Minute Meditations

### A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

### Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

*"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world"* (John 16:33).



## Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

**T-Talk:** Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: *"Call to me, and I will answer you"* (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: *"When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you"* (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

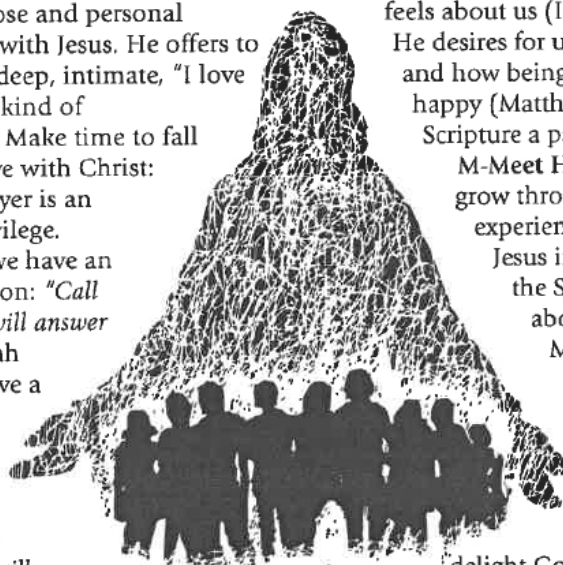
**I-Intimacy:** To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us

who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

**M-Meet Him:** Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

**E-Everything for love:** St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered

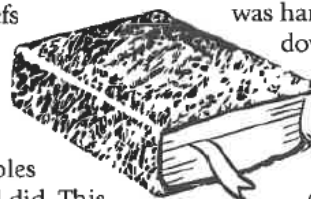
that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This



is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25).

Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.

## Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith ...

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She



said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why, he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

### from Scripture

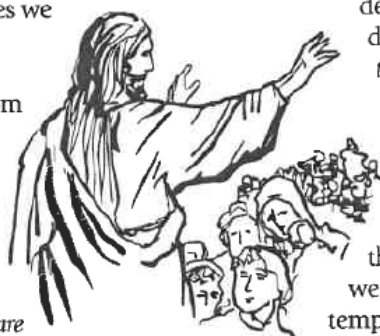
#### Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus' blueprint for holiness

This passage contains the Sermon on the Mount during which Jesus detailed the Beatitudes – the attitudes we need to be truly holy, and therefore happy. In fact, "beatitude" is translated from the Greek word for happiness. Jesus was saying, "Happy are you!" or "Congratulations!" if you live by these attitudes.

When Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are they who mourn ... the persecuted" He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart ... those who hunger and thirst

for righteousness," He was showing us that a holy heart will receive what it desires. When He described "the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers," He gave us a blueprint for how to act.

We can measure our behavior against these standards. When we are faithful to God in tempting moments, and translate holy inner attitudes into outward actions, we'll know we're on the right path to holiness. When we live by the Beatitudes, we'll be truly happy.



### Q & A What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and



nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

**Wisdom:** This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

**Understanding:** Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

**Counsel:** Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

**Fortitude:** The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

**Knowledge:** A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

**Piety:** Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

**Fear of the Lord:** The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

### Feasts & Celebrations

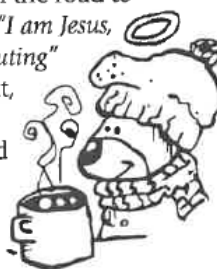
**January 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389).** Known as "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence, St. Gregory was unwillingly made Bishop of Sasima. He worked to clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

**January 16 – St. Berard and Companions (1220).** St. Francis of Assisi sent St. Berard and his companions to evangelize in the Muslim territories. After being arrested in Morocco, they were martyred after refusing to stop preaching and renounce their Faith.

**January 23 – St. Marianne Cope**

(1918). St. Marianne began religious life as an educator in New York schools, and later became a nurse. In 1883, she helped St. Damien de Veuster serve the leper colonies of Hawaii, continuing his work after his death.

**January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul (1st Century).** Formally called "Saul", he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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