

# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

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### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (since 1994)

2250 - 150th Street, Surrey, BC V4A 9J3  
 Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday  
 6:30pm Tuesday  
 8:00am Wednesday to Saturday  
 6:30pm First Friday  
 Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday  
 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday  
 Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday  
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

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1153 Fir Street, White Rock, BC V4B 4A8  
 Weekday Mass: 9:00am Tuesday to Saturday  
 Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday  
 10:30am Sunday  
 Confession: 8:30am-9:00am Saturday

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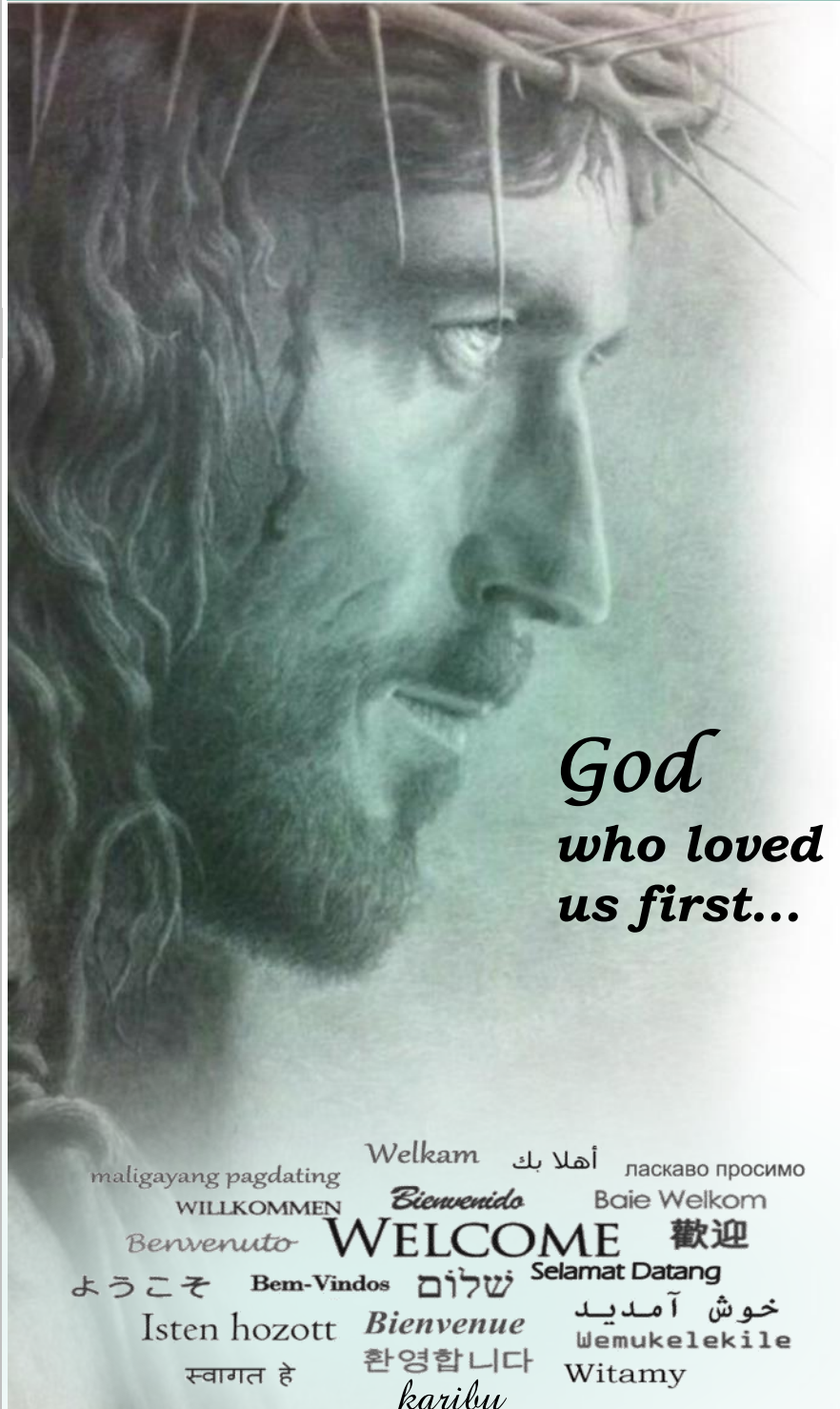


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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

As the month of November has begun we once again place our "Book of the Dead" in our churches, remembering especially those who have died during this past year. You are welcome to enter those names into the book and all those listed will be remembered collectively at our Masses during this month. If you would like an individual Mass to be offered for someone please use the All Souls envelopes available, which you can either put into the Sunday basket or drop off at the office.

The new lights at Good Shepherd certainly make for a brighter interior which makes it so much easier to read the missal and hymnbook and thereby follow along more attentively. And it also allows the priest at the ambo and at the altar to see the faces of the congregation more clearly and in that way to visually connect with the community at worship.

This week's bulletin has an insert that is the financial overview for the last year of 2017. It shows the sources of income for the parish and then the various categories for expenditures, and I've made a few comments as well. It's a bit late in coming but I waited for the summer months to pass so that the majority of our parishioners would be here to receive this information with the Sunday bulletin.

And just on a personal note, I'm taking the last part of my holiday time so will be away for the next two weekends. Have a good week,

*Fr. Dion*

## Week at a Glance see bulletin cover for regular weekday Mass schedule

<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<i>Fr. Dion away Nov. 2nd - 14th</i>
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
8:30am	Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS	
6:30pm	Comfort Coat Sewing - School Gym	
7:00pm	Lectors Seminar - GS Meeting Room	
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am	Drop-off, Drop-in Coffee ( <i>school parents</i> )- GS	
4:00pm	King's Banquet Soup Kitchen - SOS Hall	
7:00pm	CWL General Meeting - GS Meeting Room	
7:00pm	Small Christian Community - GS Library	
7:00pm	Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room	
7:00pm	<i>Consoling the Heart of Jesus</i> (week 9 of 11) - GS	
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
9:00am	Korean Bible Study - GS Cry Room	
9:30am	<i>Endow</i> Moms Group (week 5 of 8) - GS	
10:30am	Priests at 12pm Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy and Consecrated - <i>Holy Rosary Cathedral</i>	
6:30pm	Confessions - GS	
7:00pm	RCIA - GS Meeting Room	
7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group - School	
<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
1:00pm	Bible Study ~ (PSALMS 7 of 10) - GS Meeting Room	
4:00pm	Legion of Mary - GS Fireside	
6:15pm	PREP - School	
6:30pm	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - GS	
7:00pm	Bible Study ~ (PSALMS 7 of 10) - GS Meeting Room	
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
6:00am	Friday Morning Men's Group - GS Fireside	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
8:30am	Rosary for the Crisis in the Church - GS	
	Priests at 2nd Friday Communion visits	
6:00pm	Altar Servers & Families Gathering - School Gym	
7:00pm	Young Adults (19-35yrs) - School Fine Arts Room	
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
8:30am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Prayer Group - GS	
8:30am	Confessions - SOS	
10:00am	Confessions - GS	
5:00pm	Mass for First Holy Communion Families - GS	
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
3:00pm	Stella Maris Concert Choir's Remembrance Day Concert: <i>"For Peace"</i> - GS	



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**Our Archdiocesan assessment of \$120,000 has been reached. Funds received over this amount will be returned to our parish in the form of a rebate.**

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance. As of October 31st, we have received **422** gifts totalling **\$160,340.89** from you, representing **20.7%** of our registered families.

[As a comparison, 28.5% of our parish families made a contribution to Project Advance 2017.]

This year, funds raised over our diocesan amount will be used for:

- Half of our Holy Cross High School commitment
- Parish/Youth Centre building fund
- Hiring of a Youth Ministry coordinator

Your ongoing support is valued and much appreciated! Make your pledge online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) (designate our parish as the recipient) or at the Parish Office or through the Sunday collection basket.

## This Sunday's Mass Readings

**1ST READING:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 8:2-4, 47, 57  
**2ND READING:** Hebrews 7:23-28  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 12: 28-34

Today's Gospel story from Mark presents us with a rather friendly conversation between Jesus and a sincere scribe who appears to be impressed with Jesus' previous responses (v. 24-27) and wants to know more. "*Which commandment is the first of all?*" (v.28) Remembering that the scribes were the scholars and intellectuals of Judaism and their scholarship was the knowledge of the Law, what he was asking Jesus was: if there's a law or commandment that sits over all that the prophets taught and all the law taught, what is it?

Jesus responds, "*The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*" (v. 29-31)

In this response, Jesus reminds us that **the whole point of the Christian life is to love God with our whole heart, and not just our heart, but with our whole soul, mind and strength as well, to receive his mercy without any obstacles and then to learn how to let that mercy we've received become the way which we respond to others.**

It's important that we truly confront what Jesus is asking of us. There are many Christians who believe they love the Lord simply because they have good thoughts about God, they admire him, they think that he's kind, merciful and generous. But **Jesus is calling for much more than this.** Love is more than having good feelings or impressions about another; love is the unconquerable benevolence that leads to willing, to choosing consistently, the good of the other for the other's sake. Love is opting as a habit to sacrifice oneself for another, putting someone else ahead of us. There are many Christians who love God to the point of sacrificing for him, but as today's Gospel shows us, it's not enough to sacrifice some of the time, financial resources and talents that he's given us for him and his glory. It's not enough to give God some of their mind, heart, soul and strength. **Jesus is calling us to love God with ALL we've got.** Today he says that that's worth more than all sacrifices. **To get to that type of love requires a deep conversion on our part. It means that our hope is not just to be good people but to be really holy people.**

Let us each examine our own hearts:

**Jesus calls us to love him with all our *mind*.** How much of our mind do we dedicate to God? Do we try to think as God thinks in our decisions? Do we truly fill our minds with his thoughts through prayer and reading the Bible and good spiritual books or do we fill them with the world's thoughts through reading the paper more than the Bible and surfing the internet or watching television more than we pray?

**Jesus likewise calls us to love him with all our *heart*.** Do we really love God more than we love everything and everyone else

in our life? Do we have real affection for him or is he an obligation?

**He calls us to love him with all our *strength*.** How much effort do we make to love him? Do we battle through distractions in prayer? Do we prioritize Mass and adoration and really strive to pay attention?

**He calls us to love him with all our *soul*.** That means he wants us full of grace. Do we seek to stay free of all sin or do we compromise with sin and give in to gossip, complaining, holding grudges and the like? Do we take advantage of the opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession so that whatever in our soul is not of God can be forgiven?

In the Gospel today, however, Jesus goes a step further than to love him with everything we are and have... He tells us that **our love for God will be shown in our love for neighbour.** Jesus elsewhere does not say "Love me as I love you," but "**Love one another as I have loved you.**" When he asked St. Peter after the Resurrection, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" and Peter replied that he did, Jesus didn't say, "Great! That's all I wanted!" Rather he said, "Feed my sheep. ... Feed my lambs. ... Tend my sheep." Peter's love for Jesus, just like ours, would be shown in our love for others. That means today that **Jesus is calling us to love our neighbour, to love the one sitting beside you in the pew, to love our family members, to love strangers and even enemies with all our heart, all our mind, all our souls and all our strength.**

How can we actually love God and others with everything we are and have? Is God calling us to something impossible? Is it even possible to command us to love; can love be forced? Pope Benedict gives us an answer, in his beautiful encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*: "**The 'commandment' of love is only possible because it is more than a requirement. Love can be 'commanded' because it has first been given. ... on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter that has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. ... Only my readiness to encounter my neighbour and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbour can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me. The saints—consider the example of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta—constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbour from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and conversely this encounter acquired its realism and depth in their service to others. Love of God and love of neighbor are thus inseparable, they form a single commandment. But both live from the love of God who has loved us first. No longer is it a question, then, of a 'commandment' imposed from without and calling for the impossible, but rather of a freely-bestowed experience of love from within, a love which by its very nature must then be shared with others. Love grows through love.**"

## SACRAMENTS

### **Baptism**

We are excited to welcome your child into our faith community! **ALL** Parents and Godparents are required to attend a **Baptism Class** prior to scheduling a Baptism. The next class is on **Saturday, November 24th**, 10:00am at Good Shepherd Church. Please contact the Parish Office for the next class date.

### **Marriage**

Couples wishing to marry need to meet with one of our priests a minimum of 4 months prior to the wedding date, in order to complete the proper marriage preparation course requirements before a wedding can be celebrated.

**Were you Married outside the Catholic Church?** Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love. Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss having your marriage convalidated, or "blessed".

### **Hospital / Care Home Communion Visits**

Please remember to let the Parish Office know whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized or moves into a care home in our community. The Parish has a dedicated group of people who will bring Holy Communion weekly to you or yours.

**Sacrament of the Sick or Anointing** is administered both to the dying and to those who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation, for the recovery of health and for spiritual strength. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

## Welcome

*We're glad you're here*

### **Our newest parishioners:**

McIntosh Family: Lorraine,  
Thomas, John & Thomas

Kobuzka Family: Karen, Igor,  
Jacob & Amelia

### **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**



*"It is sweet to everyone to be in the company of a dear friend. Shall we not find it sweet, in this valley of tears, to remain in the company of the best friend we have, who can do us every kind of good, who loves us with the most tender affection and therefore dwells always with us."*

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

Sunday, 2:00am-3:00am

Sunday, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Monday 5:00am-6:00am

Monday, 12noon-1:00pm

Monday, 10:00pm-11:00pm

Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am

Tuesday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Friday, 8:00pm-9:00pm

Hours needing a Substitute:

Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, 25

- 1:00am-2:00am

Sundays, Nov. 18 & 25

- 7:00pm-8:00pm

Mondays, Nov. 12, 19, 26

- 12noon-1:00pm

Tuesdays, Nov. 13, 20, 27

- Midnight-1:00am

Thursdays, Nov. 8, 15, 22

- 2:00pm-3:00pm

Fridays, Nov. 23 & 30

- 8:00pm-9:00pm

For more information please call:

Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057

Pick up your copy of the Holy Souls' 30 day Prayer Book to assist you in your prayer and devotions for the faithful departed especially during the month of November.



(Compliments of the Catholic Cemeteries, Archdiocese of Vancouver.)



### **Please pray for:**

Mia Tennant, Sarah Philibert, Bernd Firnung, Colleen Hopwood, Nikolas Fleming, Isla Ufford, Juliette Jacks, Sheetal Basra, Davinder Munday, Chuck Lafaive, Marie Geiger, Dermot Dunne, Ken LaHaie, Magdalena Coombs, Luka Volentier, Lynn Carruth, Leslie Jones, Tracey Antchak, Barbara Demers, Charlotte Sears, Alice Anderson, Van Huguet, Catherine Dempsey, Andrea Egan, Catharina Noble, Marian Nadelko, Derek Ridsdale, Graham Shore, Fran Caparo, Pat Flickinger, Sophie Cosgrave, Dan Hof, Joanna Boomars, Joyce Henderson, and Bernadette Deeley.

**The family of Fr. Jim Fagan** wishes to thank everyone who joined us at the funeral Mass last Monday. We also thank all the parishioners who expressed condolences and offered prayers. All the kind words of loving memories are gratefully acknowledged. **Thank you.**



Our local COBS Bread Bakery (in Semiahmoo Mall, at Crescent Beach and at South Point) donates their "Baked Today Sold Today" breads and other bakery treats to 7 local charities including our Parish's weekly King's Banquet Soup Kitchen. **We thank and bless them and ask that you give them the support of your business!**



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**Stella Maris Concert Choir**

**Sunday, November 11th, 3:00pm** at Good Shepherd Church

Adults \$10, Seniors/Students \$8; Veterans Free

Tickets available at the door or from the Parish Office.



**Study Group Facilitators**

*Are you currently leading a Small Group?*

*Is God calling you to serve as a Bible study leader or small group facilitator?*

*Would you like some tips on encouraging discussion?*

One of your key roles as a small-group leader is facilitating discussion at your meetings. For some, this opportunity is exciting and thrilling. For others, the task feels daunting.

First of all, know that you will improve with time—this is something any veteran leader will tell you. Second, there are tips and tools you can learn to help you improve as a facilitator.

The role of a facilitator is not to teach—or even to answer questions—but rather, to welcome group members and guide them through the lesson, aiming to give everyone a chance to participate. ***The facilitator does not make a discussion good; he or she makes a good discussion possible.***

Come learn with other prospective study group facilitators at a morning workshop on:

**Saturday, November 17th**

9:00am to 11:00am

Good Shepherd Church

Meeting Room.



**ASCENSION**

The Faith Formation Leader

Please contact Mario at the Parish Office to register for this workshop 604-531-5739

[mylanan@starofthesea.ca](mailto:mylanan@starofthesea.ca)

**Organic Coffee & Tea Orders**

are due next weekend:

**Nov. 10 & 11**

Your orders will be ready for pick-up from Good Shepherd Church on **Sunday, Nov. 18th.**

*Thank you for supporting the charitable works of the Helpers of St. Anne & St. Joachim.*



**The Knights of Columbus 57th Annual Charity**

**Appeal** campaign has once again begun! \$3/ticket. Proceeds of the Charity Appeal campaign are distributed to local charities in each location where tickets are sold throughout British Columbia.

Here are a few of the local charities our Knights of Columbus Local 7015 have supported in the past:

*WR Firefighters Association*

*Domestic Abuse Society*

*Signal Hill*

*Sources Women's Place*

*WRock/South Surrey Food Bank*

*Special Olympics*

To purchase your Charity Appeal ticket(s) for a chance to win cash or new 2019 vehicles, contact your local Knight.

**To All Ladies in the Parish:**

Please join us **Tuesday, November 6th** for our General Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, Good Shepherd Church.



**Seniors Fitness Group Potluck Lunch**

following class on **Wednesday, November 14th.** We welcome newcomers, congratulate our faithful friends, and invite everyone to come and join us! Please bring a dish to share if you can. \$3.00 per drop-in.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds**

NEXT GATHERING:

**FRIDAY, NOV.9th**

7:00-9:00PM

(in the School Fine Arts Room)

Want to be added to the contact list?

Email: [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)





The **Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy and Consecrated Men and Women** will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Wednesday, November 7th** at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.



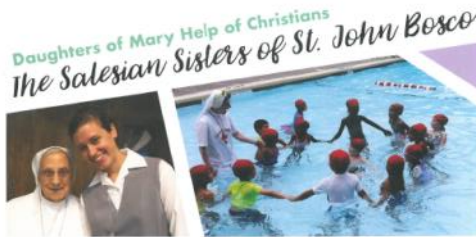
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A day of discernment for single women 18-30 years old

**November 10, 2018**  
10:00am - 9:00pm

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**Star of the Sea School**

Thank you to our school families who donated items for Nightshift Ministries' **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD DRIVE**



*"We have much to be thankful for. God has been faithful in providing for all our needs. But there are others who don't have their needs adequately met - especially those who are 'forgotten' and 'unlovely' in our community."*

- [NIGHTSHIFT MINISTRIES.](#)

**4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**



**Thursday, November 15th**  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Newland Golf & Country Club  
21025 48th Ave, Langley

Come hear the inspirational and incomparable Gianna Jessen. Born prematurely as the survivor of an abortion attempt, Gianna lives her life with cerebral palsy—not as a victim, but as a vibrant champion for the unborn. Gianna has been featured on Fox News and is the real life inspiration behind the feature film, *October Baby*.



*"God is using Gianna Jessen to remind the world that each human being is precious to Him."* ~ Mother Teresa

Free General Seating: **Must RVSP by Nov. 9th** - Seating is limited - or Sponsor a Table (8 Seats)

Call 604-534-1195  
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**"HOMELESS TO HOUSING" Presentation**

with Celine Mauboules,  
Executive Director of the Homelessness Services Association of BC.

**Wednesday, November 14th**  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Star of the Sea Hall  
15262 Pacific Avenue, WRock.

The goal of this presentation is to bring a broader perspective and understanding to the problem of homelessness and its solutions.

- For the general public
- For volunteers and staff who serve alongside people at the shelter, food bank, women's place, community dinners and other places and time

For more information, contact:  
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604-538-2049

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