

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever has ears ought to hear." - Mt 13:3, 7-9

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 an
	6:00 pm

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am 8:15 am

> Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am 8:15 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

Reconciliation / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Julius Kaburu Parochial Vicar Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke Deacons Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

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August 4

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8) / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Ps 65)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

Second Reading

Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"

Gospel

Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?



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EM Training

July 16, Sunday, 1pm or July 17, Monday, 6pm Contact: Steve & Mary Anne Ashley 916-479-2214

We have scheduled a Eucharist Minister Training for parishioners interested in becoming an EM and will also be available to all existing EMs as a refresher, now that we have added back the distribution of Precious Blood during communion. You can attend either the Sunday training following the 11:30am Mass or Mondayin the evening. Each session will last 1-1/2 to 2 hours and be held in the church.

Senior Visitation Ministry Who We Are Contact: Charlene Agles charleneagles@gmail.com, 916-984-9602

We are a group of dedicated compassionate individuals, from St. John's Parish, who volunteer their time in visiting the homebound and elderly in our community who live alone or in an assisted living facility. During their visits they may offer:

- Spiritual and Emotional Support
- Companionship
- Socialization

Men, women, and couples are welcome to have visits from our Ministry.

If you are interested in having someone visit you, a relative, friend, acquaintance or may be aware of anyone that would benefit from our Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, go to the Parish website, or contact Charlene. There are brochures in the church vestibule.

Security Ministry Team Volunteers Needed Contact: Jim Miller cosmomiller@earthlink.net

The Security Ministry is looking for Security Team Volunteers to join our Security Team, serving at your weekly Mass of choice. No experience is needed. We will orient and train all new volunteers. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Jim.

Vacation Bible School

July 31 - August 4 Elementary program: K - 5th grade 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Gallagher Hall Contact: Shannon Langer 985-7338 slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration Forms maybe be downloaded from our website at: folsomcatholic.org/vbs or picked up in the Parish Office. Cost is \$30 per child.

Helpers are needed! Please download or pick up a Volunteer Form.

Registration must be completed by July 17.

Welcome Fr. Julius

As of July 1st Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu is officially our new Parochial Vicar. Originally from Kenya, St. John's will be his third assignment since his arrival to the United States in 2019. His previous assignment was at Good Shepherd in Elk Grove. Please welcome him and introduce yourselves when you see him around our campus!

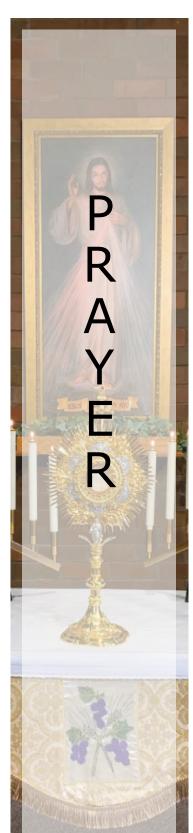
Mass Cancellation

Please note the 6:30am weekday Mass will be cancelled from June 26 - August 11.

Just a Reminder: Keep Our Church Clean

Please help us keep our church clean. Food and drinks are not allowed in the church.





At St. John the Baptist Parish, time in conversation with our Lord is at the center of our lives. Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 16th 7:30am Genaro De Leon_t 9:00am Reynaldo Reyes_t Valeriano Tecson_t 11:30am Everlyn Wikander 6:00pm Elizabeth Marquez (15th birthday)

Monday, July 17th 8:15am Mike & Cathy Kovarik (*anniv*)

Tuesday, July 18th 8:15am Margaro Andalon Lorenzo Godinez

Wednesday, July 19th 8:15am

Thursday, July 20th 8:15am Gennie Reyes (birthday) Benjamin Buldat

Friday, July 21st 8:15am Madeline Ortiz McIntire+

Saturday, July 22nd 5:00pm Cecilia Mikolajevak⁺ Roy & Debra Martinez (50th anniv)

Observances We Celebrate This Week

Tuesday St. Camillus de Lellis Thursday St. Apollinaris Friday St. Lawrence of Brindisi Saturday St. Mary Magdalene

July is Dedicated to:

The Precious Blood of Jesus

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Intercessory Prayers Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Aaron Samson Bernardo Perez Billy Ereno Christopher Nuez Cindy Blech Dolores Doorman Eddie Hines Frances Nigro Griffin Koerber Herminia Cullado Ifeoma Ugwu Joanne Davis Iose Lustan Joy Bryla Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski Manuel Abina Margie Reilly Patti Midtlyng Percy Munsell Randy Elliot Richard Meagher Ruth Loughridge Steve Pohorsky Tom Rawson Zien Tran

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.

> Andrew Pecha Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

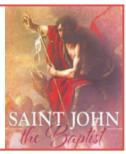
We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Anastasia Samson Andrew Bova Aurora Castro Betty Lauck Cenobia Quintero Christian Ladd Sr. Cleo Grace de Leon Cora Gonzales Douglas James Aiello Emperatriz Cabe Frank DeVenuto Jennifer Nelson Jose Carvajal Leona Gines Lorenzo Alejandro Guerra Lydia Hernandez Michael Haran Michael Ramczyk Pacita Barrameda Paul Avery Sandi Banach Shirley Dascallos

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the parish office for Mass Intentions.

St. John the Baptist, May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus.





Adoration

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Monday:	10-11 am	11-12pm	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm
Wednesday:	12 - 1 pm	3 - 4 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm
Thursday:	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	1 - 2 pm	6 - 7 pm	
Saturday:	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	1- 2 pm	2-3 pm 3-4 pm 4-5 pm
Sunday:	10 - 11 am				

Respect Life Ministry "365" Days for Life

Wednesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm (Late term surgical abortion days) Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Carpool from St Johns on Thursdays for two hours, 11am - 1pm Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

Mother Teresa traveled the globe condemning abortion, never afraid to speak truth in love. "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child." Today millions of unborn children are being killed, but we say nothing." Consider the thought of becoming involved in this much-needed ministry. All it takes is prayer. We offer assistance and Christ's love to women in what is often a crisis pregnancy. Contact Joanne for more info.

> the Date September 10, 2023

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Annual Dinner Fundraiser. Details to follow as the event gets closer.



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Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?



Prayer for Good Fruit

Dear Lord, Grow your word, truth, identity, and mission in us.

Inspire us with the fruit you would have us produce.

Help us to stay close to you.

Amen.



Summer Nights with Lifeteen & EDGE

July 9, 16, 23, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Gallagher Hall July 9, Parish Hall July 16/23 Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Our parish youth groups will be meeting and hanging out this summer before we officially kick off the program year this Fall. There will be food, prayer, and a variety of activities. Activities will vary per week and can range from lawn games, jam sessions, BBQ, movies, water games and more! Open to incoming 6th graders through high school seniors. For more information, please contact our Youth & Young Ministry Director Aaron Santos.

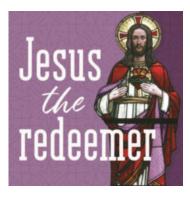
Are You On FiRE? Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Mark your calendars for ON FiRE 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 9am – 9pm at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This annual event for youth and young adults starts with a Mass con-celebrated by the Bishops of Northern California and Nevada and ends with exclusive ride time in the park after it is closed to the general public. And in between there is an all-youcan-eat lunch, reconciliation, a vocations carnival, a concert and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To learn about our ON FiRE talent and to get more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have any questions, contact Aaron.

Quo Vadis Weekend Retreat for Boys - Ages 13 to 17

July 28-30, 2023 (Friday-Sunday) Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax

Where Are You Going? Boys ages 13-17 will learn about the Priesthood, Diaconate and Married Life. The retreat will be in-person. There will be time for fellowship, games and prayer about their vocation. Late Registration is \$90 as of July 7th. Deadline to Register is July 17. If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese of Sacramento Office of Vocations at 916-733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org



(Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

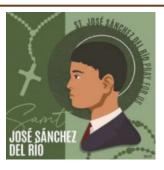
"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

2nd Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit http://www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Holy men and women from the Americas

José Luis Sánchez del Río was born on March 28, 1913, in Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico. Nicknamed "Joselito", he grew up in a strong Catholic family who prayed the rosary frequently and attended church as often as they safely could during the unrest in Mexico at the time.



Going to church publicly in Sahuayo was dangerous for José and his family was the Cristero War which broke out in 1926.

During this time, the Mexican government began trying to secularize the nation, enforcing anti-clerical laws, and violently targeting churches and Christians, specifically Catholics. The government closed religious schools, exiled and executed priests, nuns, and other religious people, and seized church buildings and properties for their own use. In response to this violent disruption, Catholics across Mexico organized and took up arms against the government united under their war cry, "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" which translates to, "Long live Christ the King!" The fighting was most concentrated in the region of West Central Mexico where José and his family lived.

While still a child, José's two older brothers joined the war effort as Mexican Cisteros, or "Soldiers for Christ," fighting against the government. As he became a teenager, José greatly desired to follow in their footsteps and, when his mother refused, he refuted by begging her, "do not let me lose the opportunity to gain heaven so easily and so soon." He prayed for a chance to give his life for Jesus and to be able to defend his faith and his community. Eventually his parents relented and allowed him to join the military as a flagbearer. During his short time in the militia, the other Cristeros nicknamed him Tarcisius, the name of an early Catholic saint who was put to death for protecting the Eucharist.

During a battle in 1928 he was captured by enemy forces. The general who was leading him and the other Cisteros into battle had fallen off his horse when the animal was killed by opposing forces. José gave his personal horse to the general so the general could continue leading the troops and eventually escape capture. Horseless and thus unable to outrun the enemy,

Shortly after his capture, the government soldiers jailed him and their other prisoners in a church they had confiscated — this make-shift prison happened to be the church of José's baptism. While imprisoned, he prayed the rosary daily and refused to renounce his faith, even though he was told he would be released if he simply repeated the phrase, "Death to Jesus Christ." Despite having to watch others tortured and killed in an attempt by his captors to break his resolve, José chose to yell encouraging words to those being put to death in front of him instead of choosing to fall into despair. He refused to back down under the severe pressure and remained resolute in his faith in and love of Jesus.

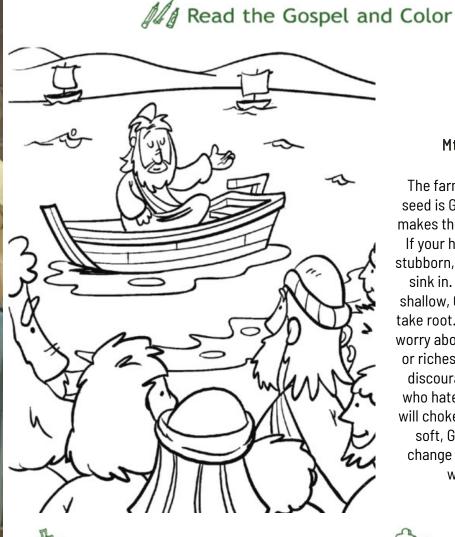
When nothing else worked to get him to renounce his faith, his captors tortured him. They sliced off the soles of his feet then made him walk on his mutilated bare feet to the cemetery where they planned to kill him. The entire time José sang hymns and refused to despair. They stabbed and cut him many times along the way with a machete. Before he was shot in the head by the military leaders holding him captive, he was heard yelling "Long live Christ the King! Long live Holy Mary of Guadalupe!" He was a month short of his 15th birthday when he was martyred. José Luis Sánchez del Río was canonized by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016.

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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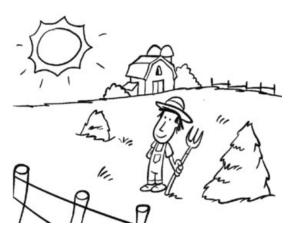


T^{igsir} Mission for the Week

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.



God, help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to change my life.



Mt 13:1-23

The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

S Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

farmer soil root	rocky thorns path			birds choked seed		
frarme	f	a	r	m	e	r
sede	_					
ptah	_					
brisd	-				_	
rkyoc	-					
tohrsn	_					
rtoo	_	-				
cohekd	_					_
silo	_					

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed .

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 **Greeter Ministry**

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996 Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201 **Eucharistic Adoration** Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116 **Couples for Christ**

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721 Lay Mission Project

Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471 Praise & Worship

David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com

Religious Education Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Theology on Tap Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

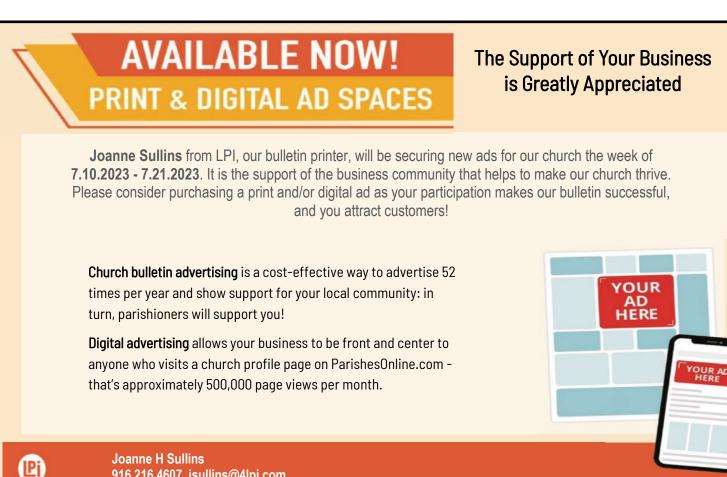
Finance Council Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600 **Liturgy Committee** Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 Gabriel Project Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 **Grace Quilters Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Knights of Columbus** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Ministerio Pastoral Hispano Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry** -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630 **Liturgical Ministries Altar Servers** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **Children's Liturgy during Mass** Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 **Music -** See choir director after Mass. Additional Ministries **Children's Babysitting at Mass** Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 **Gift Shop** Connie Aley, 916-337-3607 **Security Ministry** Jim Miller, 916-220-4311 Women's Game Day

Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm. Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561



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