



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### FEBRUARY 2, 2025

#### Mass Times

##### Weekend

*Saturday Vigil*

5:00 pm

*Sunday*

7:00 am, 9:00 am

11:30 am, 6:00 pm

*1st Sunday of the Month*

1:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Daily Mass Times

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

##### Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon

7:00 pm

#### Sacraments

##### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:45 pm

##### All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information. Please note for marriages please call the office at least 12 months in advance.

#### Clergy

Fr. Giovanni Gamas

##### Pastor

Fr. Jibin Jose

##### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ignatius Haran

##### Pastor Emeritus

William Goeke

Dennis Gorsuch

Jim McFadden

##### Deacons

#### Parish Office

Mon - Thu: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Closed for lunch from 1 - 2pm

Fri: Closed all day to the public

307 Montrose Drive, Folsom

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Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

#### 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.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord.  
How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

### Second Reading

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

### Gospel

Mary and Joseph received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple.  
Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?

## February is Dedicated to:

**The Holy Family**

## Readings & Observances for the week of

**February 2, 2025**

### Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Monday: St. Blaise

Heb 11:32-40 / Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 / Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4 / Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 / Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday: St. Agatha

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a / Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 / Mk 6:7-13

### Friday:

Heb 13:1-8 / Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc / Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Mk 6:30-34

### Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c) /

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Lk 5:1-11



**Who is this king  
of glory?  
It is the Lord!  
(Ps 24)**

## Pope Francis'

## Monthly Intention for February

### For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## Live the Liturgy

### Inspiration For the Week

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?





## WELCOME

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ.

### Parish Bingo

Saturday, February 1, 6pm, Parish Hall

Contact: Leilani Badley

[divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org)

The Divine Mercy Ministry and Knights of Columbus invite you to Parish Bingo Night. What do you love about our Faith? Share your love by wearing a religious article of clothing, jewelry, etc. Bingo cards are \$20.00 for 10 games. Win cash prizes and more! You must be 18 years or older to participate in the bingo game. Proceeds will go to the Divine Mercy Ministry Faith Formation and Outreach Programs. Questions please reach out to Leilani.

### Welcome Fr. Jibin

#### Meet and Greet Reception

Saturday, February 1, after 5pm Mass

Sunday, February 2, after 9am Mass

Please join us in welcoming our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jibin Jose. Location will be either the Garden Room or Parish Hall. Please watch for posted signs.

### Senior Visitation Ministry

#### Who We Are

Contact: Charlene Agles

[seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org)

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, or contact Charlene. There are brochures in the church vestibule.



**Friday, February 28, 2025**

5:00PM-8:00PM Gallagher Hall

All you can eat crab served by the SJND Class of 2025!

Jewelry Raffle provided by Adrian Blanco Jewelry

This event is sure to sell out!

Purchase your tickets today at:  
[sjnds.org/crabfeed](http://sjnds.org/crabfeed)



### World Day of Consecrated Life

**February 2, 2025**

In 1997, Saint John Paul II, instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life – consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

### World Day of the Sick Mass 2025

February 8, 10-12pm

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

5057 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the celebration of the Eucharist, which includes sacramental anointing of the sick, blessing of caregivers, and blessing with water from the Shrine in Lourdes, France. The annual Mass is sponsored by the Sacramento Diocese and the Order of Malta. More information at [www.scd.org/events](http://www.scd.org/events).

### World Marriage Day

February 15, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

2700 Dover Ave., Fairfield, CA

Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. There will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and picture with Bishop Soto. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). For more info and to register visit [www.scd.org/wmd](http://www.scd.org/wmd)



## PRAYER

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 2nd

7:00am Walfrido Galang+  
Mary Slusser+  
9:00am Dionisio Halog (birthday)  
Simon Arguello+  
11:30am Purificacion Siruno+  
Dan Simmons+  
1:30pm People of the Parish  
6:00pm Ricardo & Elma Silva+  
Richard Allaye-Chan+

#### Monday, February 3rd

6:30am Libia Portal (healing)  
8:15am Michelle Pelka-Dagney+  
Thanh Doan (healing)

#### Tuesday, February 4th

6:30am Bryan Leard (birthday)  
8:15am Christina David  
Mario Penman+

#### Wednesday, February 5th

6:30am  
8:15am Benedict Khanh Doan (healing)  
Matthew Winkler+

#### Thursday, February 6th

6:30am  
8:15am Rafael David+ & Cora David

#### Friday, February 7th

6:30am  
8:15am Louis Silva+

#### Saturday, February 8th

5:00pm Emily Gocong+  
Kay & Peter Davey

### 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.*

Andrew Speer	John Ledna	Paul Halloran
Camelita Montgomery	Kathy Halloran	Ross Thayer
Emma Ward	Kyle Pasterski	Sharon Molina
Esther Cannizzaro	Loretta Carrasco	Sophia Hernandez
Gretchen Reindl	Margie Reilly	Virginia Miller
Jessie Padilla	Maria Hernandez	

#### 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.*



Agatha Kister	Lloyd Reiser	Santo Syquia
Alan McNichols	Luis Altamirano	Suzanne Low
Alvaro Martinez, Jr	Matthew Winkler	Tricia C. Pascual
Christian Cortez	Michael McEvoy	
Duanne Hagel	Pete Taitano	
Evelyn Heffel	Richard Lovine	
Jill Pelayo	Robert Kristoff	

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	Dominik Torres	Joshua Penman
Brandon Heffel	Dylan Flynn	Marc Jules Ocampo
Carl Crossman	Edward Garcia	Michael Dalupan
Darryl Hudson	Joaquin Cruz	Noah M. Karakas
David Tressler	John Lopez	Samuel R. Rodriguez

### Prayer Requests

Please call our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the Parish Office for Mass Intentions.



### 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 [adoration@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:adoration@folsomcatholic.org)

Monday:	10-11 am	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm		
Tuesday:	12-1 pm	2 - 3 pm	4 - 5 pm			
Wednesday:	12 - 1 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm			
Thursday:	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm
Friday:	12 - 1 pm	1-2 pm	2 - 3 pm	3 - 4 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm
Saturday:	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	1-2 pm	2 - 3 pm 3 - 4 pm
Sunday:	8 - 9 am	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am			



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we foster a commitment to lifelong spiritual growth.

### Lifeteen & Edge

Contact: Aaron Santos  
asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Please see the vestibule monitors or the Parish Website: [folsomcatholic.org/youthministries](http://folsomcatholic.org/youthministries) for a list of the February events.

### WINGS

#### We are Family Series

Garden Room, 9am  
Contact: Trista Gooderham  
wings@folsomcatholic.org

We invite all women to join us for our mini series discussion. Coffee and light snacks provided. Please RSVP to Trista. Visit [folsomcatholic.org/wings](http://folsomcatholic.org/wings) for meeting materials.

**February 6:** Garden of her Womb  
**February 20:** God as Jesus the Son  
**March 6:** God as the Holy Spirit

### Praise and Worship

Wednesday, February 12, 7pm, Church  
Contact: David Brauer  
paw@folsomcatholic.org

We are all in need of true hope and God's healing. Join us for an evening of inspiring music, thoughtful reflection and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! This is a ministry of worship, prayer and fellowship, where we have an opportunity to come together in the middle of the week as brothers and sisters in Christ to grow closer to our Lord. Please note the new start time. Our theme for this month will be "Hope and Healing". A light reception will follow. Please join us!

### Respect Life Ministry

Planned Parenthood Abortion Business  
201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento  
Contact: Deacon Danny Patterson  
916-733-0133, [dpatterson@scd.org](mailto:dpatterson@scd.org)  
St. Johns Contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
[respectlife@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:respectlife@folsomcatholic.org)

Come with us to be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. St. Johns prays at the abortion clinic on most Thursdays from 10am-noon and has carpools LEAVING our church at 9:30am. Contact Joanne.

### New Workshops with Dcn Jim McFadden

#### BASIC THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

#### Based on the Magis Center Modules

Beginning January 13, 7pm via Zoom

Contact: Theresa Grant  
[tgrant@talkpathlive.com](mailto:tgrant@talkpathlive.com)

Deacon Jim is hosting a new 7-week series. Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News/Events.

Note: Weekly attendance is not required. Recordings available!

**January 27:** Evidence of God's Existence from Philosophy

**February 3:** Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection and Divinity

**February 10:** Why Be Catholic?

**February 17:** True Happiness

**February 24:** Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering?

### Companioned Prayer Ministry

#### A NEW LENTEN SERIES: Listening for God in our Lives

Contact: Michelle Hendricks  
[companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org)

Announcing a special Lenten five-session series to deepen your faith with Lectio Divina—an ancient way of listening for God's inspiration in scripture, and Companioned Prayer a way to experience the tender love of Jesus in our hearts.

This Lenten season you are invited to pause and notice the quiet grace-filled presence of God in your life. Come set aside time to discover how to be quietly nourished by Christ's grace and blessings within you and how this may enliven your living faith. Come grow in His love as you prepare your heart and life this Lent.

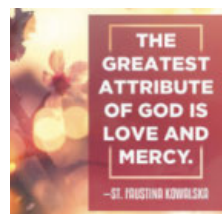
Mark your calendar:

Wednesdays: 10-11:45 am: March 12 to April 9, or

Monday: 7pm to 8:45 pm: March 10 to April 7.

Location: St. John's Church Chapel

Sign up in the vestibule at the back table.



Dear God,  
Open my eyes to Your movement  
in my life.  
And, even when I don't see it or don't  
understand, help me to rely on the  
promises of Your love and mercy.  
Amen.



## CHARITY

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

### Online Donations

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.



### 2nd Collection

Our 2nd collection is for our RE Program.

### St. Vincent de Paul

#### THANK YOU

Please accept our overdue thank you for the fifth Sunday collection which was more than \$8,800. In addition, we received \$1,500 from the WINGS Christmas Brunch. And, we also received direct donations to SVdP in December that exceeded \$10,000, along with the great grocery donations. This is an answer to our prayers as the number of families that we serve for food has increased to as many as 70 families per day. We also provided Christmas gifts to over 300 children with your help and the Folsom Police Department.

We also want to thank our fellow ministries for their support: the Knights of Columbus, the Men's Ministry and WINGS. And a big thank you to our volunteers who come with smiles to serve our families.

Please know that our families also express their gratitude every day that they come for food, clothing and financial assistance (rent, utilities, etc.).

God bless you and your families.



## KID'S CORNER

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

### Read the Gospel and Color



#### Lk 2:22-40

When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they dedicated Jesus to God. An old man named Simeon was also in the temple that day. As soon as Simeon saw and held baby Jesus, he praised God. He knew that Jesus was going to bring God's love to all people, including you.



#### Prayer

God, I thank you for sending Jesus to save all people from sin.



#### Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how special Jesus is.



#### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

present	doves	Spirit
peace	light	glory
parents	child	Simeon
persnet	p r e s e n t	
clihd	_____	
lgith	_____	
Smione	_____	
devos	_____	
pernats	_____	
goryl	_____	
Siprit	_____	
pecea	_____	





## PARISH MINISTRIES

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

### Welcoming Ministries

#### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak,  
parishionerwelcome@folsomcatholic.org

#### Greeter Ministry

Lori Hopper,  
greeters@folsomcatholic.org

#### Ushers

Stanley Posis,  
ushers@folsomcatholic.org

### Prayer Ministries

#### Companioned Prayer

Michelle Hendricks,  
companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org  
9:45 am, Church Chapel  
Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle

#### Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle

Leilani Badley,  
divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org  
-Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer  
-Cenacle - Leilani Badley  
-Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun,  
misericordiadivina@folsomcatholic.org

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas,  
adoration@folsomcatholic.org  
Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

#### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am  
Sally Gomez,  
mariancenacle@folsomcatholic.org  
-Spanish – Every Saturday  
Carmen Gaytan,  
cenaculomariano@folsomcatholic.org

#### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano,  
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### Parish Committees/Councils

#### Finance Council

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#### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden,  
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#### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier,  
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### Faith Formation

#### Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in Baptism?  
Shannon Langer,  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

#### Religious Education

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#### St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)

Keith Martin, Principal  
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### Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt,  
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#### Children's Liturgy during Mass

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#### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley,  
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#### Lectors

Patti Midtlyng,  
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#### Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson,  
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Music - See choir director after Mass.

### Spiritual Growth Ministries

#### Adult Scripture Study

Parish Office,  
info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo,  
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#### Faith Untapped

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#### Lay Mission Project

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#### Praise & Worship

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Tyler Boyd,  
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#### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

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#### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

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### Outreach/Charity Ministries

#### Filipino Apostolate

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#### Gabriel Project

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#### Grace Quilters Ministry

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#### Knights of Columbus

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#### Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

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#### Pastoral Care Ministry

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sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org  
Candice Ralston, (Wednesday)  
wedpastoralcare@folsomcatholic.org

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott,  
prayershawl@folsomcatholic.org

#### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561  
x 4206  
-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,  
Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

#### Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon,  
respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

#### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles,  
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#### St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.)

Mercy Knight,  
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### Additional Ministries

#### Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh,  
familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org

#### Gift Shop

Connie Aley,  
giftshop@folsomcatholic.org

#### Security Ministry

Jim Miller,  
safety@folsomcatholic.org

#### Women's Game Day

Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm  
Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

### Bulletin Deadlines

folsomcatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
Feb 9	Jan 30
Feb 16	Feb 6
Feb 23	Feb 12
Mar 2	Feb 20

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