

Saint Therese Church

March 11, 2018 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

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Deacon Couples: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (333); Deacon Gilbert & Frances Vargas (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Facilitator: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Putman MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

Other Programs:

Annulments: Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443

-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.

-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Irish Step Dance Class: Maria Henrie, mariacahill11@yahoo.com

***Knights of Columbus:** Gran9d Knight: Paul Gutierrez (888) 869-3124

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

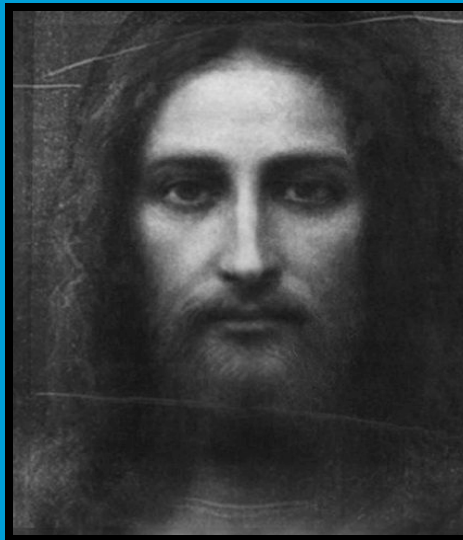
-Retrouaille Marriage Ministry

909-900-5465 (help for marriages)

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday:

6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-

8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661) principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Parish Secretary:

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9:00am: Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992

11:00am: Charlotte Lansberg cjansberg@choochoorecords.com

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Catherine Contreras (112)

Cor Jesu Youth Ministry:

Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education and Liturgical Ministries:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1) rhondalstorey@gmail.com

Confirmation & RCIA

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2) rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration: Continuous, day and night.

Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinator: Ruben Beltran—284-0020 (2)

LENT IS A TIME FOR OUR "ANNUAL MAINTENANCE"

From the website of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

LAETARE SUNDAY

Regardless of make or model—be it a clunker or a Lamborghini—your automobile needs a periodic check-up beyond its regular oil changes. A check-up is preventative maintenance. The examination tells you what part is wearing and what needs to be replaced. It can also bring you good news, for instance, “Your tires are in good shape; so are your brakes!” The Church has us do the same thing for our spiritual maintenance. The time for this is called Lent. For the last three and a

half weeks we have had the opportunity to look hard at ourselves. We may have seen that our patience is not working smoothly, and we take steps to improve it. We may have seen that our prayer life needs some adjustment, so we take steps to improve our timing.

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Sunday when we get to hear the good news from our Church during our annual “check-up”. This Sunday we hear some especially Good News—the most popular verse in the entire Bible (John 3: 16): “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life.” These words have been hung on banners in recent years in front of the seats on stadium walls. You and I are part of that “loved world.” It is to you and me that those words are addressed.

Please note that those words do not say that God was so angry at the world, so furious with the world, so disappointed with the world. No, it says God so loved the world. Those are the words that provide the reason for naming this Sunday “Laetare Sunday.” Laetare means “rejoice,” have joy at the Good News! Out of curiosity, I looked up the word “joy “ in the newest Catholic theological dictionary. It was not listed. There was no entry between “Jesus” and “Judaism.” Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, but it is not listed in the scholarly, Catholic dictionary. Joy is natural in our lives as Christians. St. Francis de Sales said it well: “A sad saint is a sorry saint.” Christian joy is based on what Jesus did for us. Surely, being joyful is necessary to attract others toward appreciating what is the source of our joy. “See the Christians; see how they have love for one another.” Observed love is joyful.

I like the story of “Spotted Tail,” the uncle of Crazy Horse. Spotted Tail was a chief in the Sioux Nation who resisted all attempts to be converted by the Christian missionaries who came to his reservation. In fact, he would throw a bucket of water on any missionary who approached him—mocking the baptism they preached. One day, in the autumn of 1876, a Roman Catholic nun was visiting the home of the commanding officer of the Indian Agency. Both she and Spotted Tail were invited to a reception hosted by the officer’s wife. Lemonade, not firewater, was probably served. The nun, who apparently had a whimsical streak, stood up and raised her glass toward Spotted Tail. The chief immediately responded by standing and raising his glass towards her. She began to dance joyfully. Glass raised, and laughing aloud, she approached the chief, who did the same. The two met in the center of the room laughing together and toasting each other. This moment of joy changed Spotted Tail’s image of Christianity to the degree that he sent one of his daughters to the nun’s convent-school in Kansas City. Today, Spotted Tail is buried at the Episcopal Cemetery in Rosebud, South Dakota.

Dour faces neither reflect the face of God nor draw people toward conversion. Think of all the religious paintings that you have ever seen: how many of the faces are smiling? How many reflect the joy of receiving the gift in today’s Gospel? The next time you receive an absolutely delightful gift, try opening it with a dour face. We can’t. Neither should it happen with our Lord’s gift of life—here and hereafter.

When we “Live Jesus,” when we “put on Christ,” may we not forget to absorb and reflect His joy.

Soup Nights AND Stations of the Cross

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). For details about the rules for fasting and abstinence, please see the Events section of our website.

Soup Nights (simple meatless meals) are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering basket available each week to help support various groups. The next sponsors are: **March 16:** Saint Therese Carmelite School; and **March 23:** Knights of Columbus and Retrouvaille leaders

Stations of the Cross are held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.



DONATIONS FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS



Thank you to all who made donations to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns here in Alhambra!

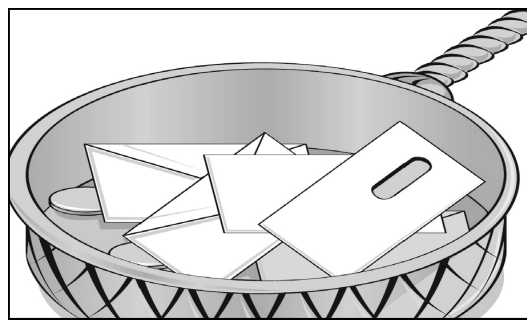
You may still make a donation by using one of the pink envelopes from the pews. May God bless you for your heartfelt support of our Nuns. God bless you!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

March 3 / 4, 2018

Unrestricted.....	\$15,742.00
Restricted	\$ 2,325.00
T O T A L.....	\$18,067.00
February 3 / 4.....	\$17,339.00
February 10 / 11.....	\$14,912.00
February 17 / 18.....	\$15,420.00
February 24 / 25.....	\$21,181.00
FEBRUARY TOTAL.....	\$68,852.00



"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Check Users:

Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily

St. Joseph Prayer Group



You are invited to join us in the church on **Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., to honor St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church,** with

devotional prayers. We gather in the church in front of the statue of St. Joseph. Confession is available to all after the devotion (from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.). For more information, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Novena to St. Joseph

(To be prayed from March 11 to 19)

O glorious St. Joseph, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now seek. O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we have confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.



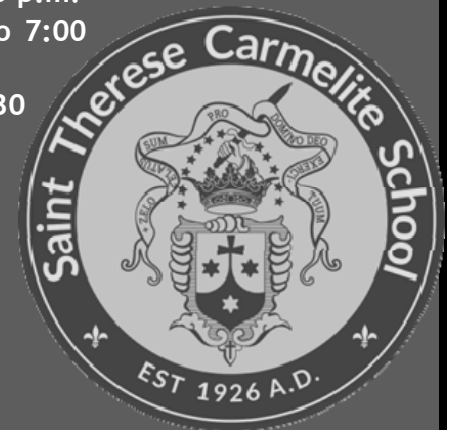
O Glorious St. Joseph, through your love for Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"It is consoling that He who must judge us, dwells in us." -St. Therese of Lisieux

- March 16 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 16 (Friday): SCHOOL-SPONSORED SOUP NIGHT from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- March 23 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 29 (Thursday): Holy Thursday - No School
- March 30 (Friday): Good Friday - No School
- April 2 (April 6): Easter Vacation - No School
- April 9 (Monday): School Resumes
- April 13 (Friday): School Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- April 15 (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.

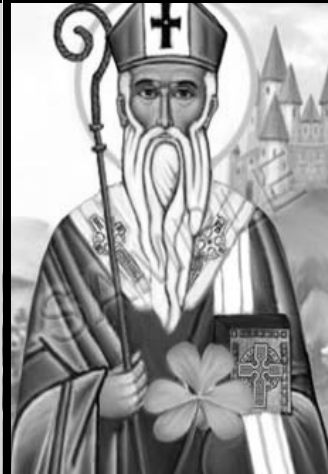


We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing students and wonderful teachers. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or go to our website at admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for a ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER (Corned Beef and Cabbage—as well as Irish Stew!) on Saturday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the Hall (after the 5:00 p.m. Mass).

There will be **COMPETITIONS** for the best Irish soda bread and the best Irish-inspired dessert.



BAPTISM

PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be April 5 and May 3). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are at 11:00 a.m., on April 28 and May 26).

TO REGISTER...

go to our website and click on Sacraments > Baptism. You will also need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the class.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this needs to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

For more information, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, Ext. 225, or rhondalstorey@gmail.com.



The cost is:
\$15 per couple
\$10 per individual adult, and
\$3 per child under 12.
Tickets will be available after this weekend's Masses and at the door on the 17th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION, and ADULT RCIA

ELEMENTARY: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION:

C1—Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

C2—The next classes will be Sunday, March 25, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.

RCIA: Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, March 22 and April 5, 12, and 26—all at 7:00 p.m. For questions, contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1) or Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (2).



ALTAR BOY FIELD TRIP

All current Altar Boys are invited to a FIELD TRIP to St. John's Seminary, Camarillo on Saturday, April 28. The bus will leave the parish parking lot at 8:30 a.m., and return around 2:00 p.m.



To RSVP, you MUST first fill out and turn in a permission slip to the Parish Offices by Monday, April 9. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey, the Director of Religious Ed, at rhondalstorey@gmail.com.

DADS WHO ARE VIRTUS-TRAINED AND FINGERPRINTED WILL BE NEEDED TO CHAPERONE! To volunteer, please contact Rhonda at rhondalstorey@gmail.com.



COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY



Maria Henrie

Youth Night on Friday, March 23, as follows:

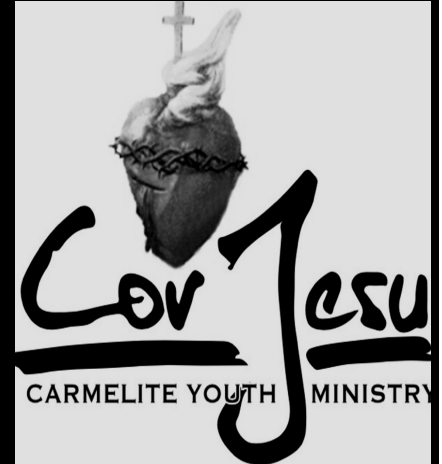
- 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.: Lent Soup Night in the Hall
- 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Youth Night (JH 6-8, HS 9-12) with Guest Speaker, Maria Henrie
 - parent talk/discussion
 - no potluck tonight

Flyers with all the details, as well as the Cor Jesu Registration form, are on our

website (Cor Jesu).

**"FIRST
COMES
LOVE:**

*Preparing for
Real Love in
Your Future
Vocation"*



ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:15 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for socials. For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Paula Grimm, at (909) 703-1284 or pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Following time for gathering, each session then begins at 7:30 p.m. Current session ("The Story of Salvation") continues through June 2018 (you can catch up on the Ascension Press website: www.ascensionpress.com). For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be Wednesdays, March 14 and 28.

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. Contact Maria Henrie at mariacahill11@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We are a fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen our faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 3/10/18 TO 3/17/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Albert Macedonio, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Thomas Cashen, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Geraldine Files, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Renato Villafuerte & Robert Reyes, RIP

Monday

6:00 a.m.: Mercedes Murillo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cirila H. Carrell & Family, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD, B-day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, B-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mercedes Murillo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cirila H. Carrell & Family, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mercedes Murillo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cirila H. Carrell & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Guadalupe Cuellar, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cirila H. Carrell & Family, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Cirila H. Carrell & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Virginia Jarin, INT

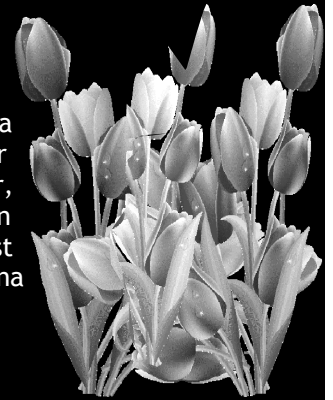
*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road.

Floral Dedication

There are no floral dedications during Lent.

However, you may set up a future dedication (for after April 1) in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Just leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

Prices start at \$45.



Outside the Parish

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents its third **FREE concert of the season on Friday, March 16**, at 8 pm, at First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena—1 block west of Michillinda Ave/ La Salle High School. The concert will feature Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty Waltz; Wagner's Procession to the Cathedral; Franck's The Accursed Huntsman; and Gabriel Prokofiev's Concerto for Bass Drum (West Coast Premier), with Nic Keelaghan, bass drum soloist. A light reception will be offered following the concert. The music will be wonderful, seating is comfortable (and wheel-chair safe), and parking is free. For further information, please call 445-6708 or see PCO's website at www.pcomusic.org.

CALIFORNIA MISSION TRAIL PILGRIMAGE: Join Patrick Madrid and Fr. Peter Fegan, OP, through California's mission trail from **June 3-10—from San Diego to San Francisco**. For more info, call Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1-800-653-0017 or visit www.CanterburyPilgrimages.com. Mention code: R-AULL.



Personal Ads

Lady seeks to RENT ROOM IN A HOME. Call Kelly at 297-2103.

Former seminarian (now in full-time ministry, senior in good health, very dedicated and trustworthy) **SEEKS TO RENT A ROOM, SMALL APT. OR GUEST HOUSE**. Can do some work and offer security. Call Larry at 213-265-9556.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Rebeca Willis / Lucy Lopez

Sunday:

7:30 a.m.: Thu Nguyen / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m.: Lucas Setiady / Nancy King

11:00 a.m.: Jeff Storey / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m.: Miriam Lopez

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