

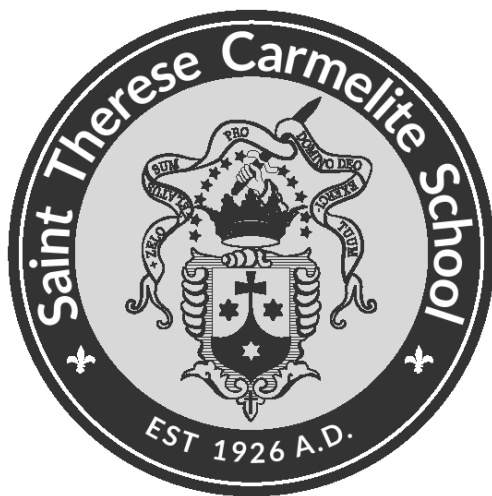
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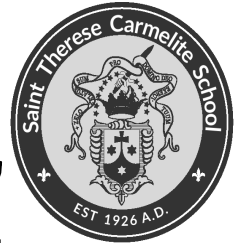
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Saint Therese Church



August 23, 2015

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332)

Associate Pastors: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222)

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months in advance

Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

*Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

*Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group

Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039

***Grief Support** 2nd/4th Wed, 2:30-4pm

***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370

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

***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight

Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061

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

***Natural Family Planning:**

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

***Respect Life Ministry:**

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

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

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed,

6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872

***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

***Avila Young Adult Group:**

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)



St. Miriam of Jesus Crucified OCD
Feast Day: August 25

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, 10:00am & 7:30pm

Devotions:

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

8:00pm; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)

stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

School Chaplain: Fr. Leonel Varela

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)

denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00am: Marcia Martinez-Bateman

(775) 771-4992

11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com

Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Ministry to the Sick:

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Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

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Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23, 2015

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. —Joshua 24:15

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

“Do Angels Really Exist?”

By Fr. Hal Stockert

The teaching of the Church and the testimony of the Bible instruct us that angels are spiritual beings who have a free will and an intellect that is far superior to ours. Coming from those two sources ought to settle the matter of their existence for anyone who accepts *either* of them as authoritative sources. Those of us who accept *both* as authoritative ought to have even less problem believing in angels. We know that the evil ones dwell in Hell and the holy ones dwell in Heaven and are therefore considered to be saints. God uses angels as messengers, guardians, and all-around helpers to us—as well as to reflect His glory. In Tobit 12:12, the Archangel Raphael said to Tobias, “So now when you and Sarah prayed, it was I who brought and read the record of your prayer before the glory of the Lord, and likewise whenever you would bury the dead.” In Tobit 12:14-16, we read, “And at the same time God sent me to heal you and Sarah your daughter-in-law. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord.”



There are many other places in both the Old and the New Testaments where we read about angels. They appeared, for example, to Abraham before visiting Sodom to try to find ten honest men. Jacob wrestled an angel and had a dream in which he saw angels ascending and descending upon a ladder. There was an angel stationed at the gates of Eden as Adam and Eve were cast out.

There was the angel of the Annunciation, Gabriel—without whose presence it is difficult to visualize the Incarnation. There was the angel who appeared to John the Baptist’s father, angels who appeared outside the tomb, and angels who appeared to the faithful at the Ascension—not to mention angels who “ministered” to Christ so often in Scripture. These are far too many references to be simple embellishments, with far too much detail.

The Church also teaches that God has given us angels as guardians to lead us to good thoughts, works and words, and to preserve us from evil (since the 17th century the Church has celebrated a feast honoring them—now observed on October 2nd). He has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that do not behold His face. Our Lord says in the Gospel, *“Beware lest ye scandalize any of these little ones, for their angels in Heaven see the face of My Father.”* The existence of Guardian Angels, is, hence a dogma of the Christian faith: this being so, we need to be respectful of angels. How great our solicitude should be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which are ever bent upon us in all our ways!

Through study of the Scriptures, we can come to the conclusion that angels possess the following qualities:

- Angels are immortal. “Then He will say to those at His left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Mt. 25:41).
- Angels possess understanding and free will. “For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment...” [2 Peter 2:4]. The angels had a free will and knew it when they were disobeying God by following Satan in his rebellion.
- Angels are greater in might and power than any other creature. “Whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring against them a slanderous judgment from the Lord” (2 Peter 2:11).

Most Catholics were taught as children at least two formal prayers that were addressed to angels: “Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel” and “Angel of God”. As adults we would do well to continue saying these prayers daily in order to seek the guidance and protection of God’s holy angels.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Information & Training Meeting

To learn more about 40 Days for Life, you are invited to join us **THIS WEDNESDAY, August 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room. You will learn about shift leader duties and responsibilities, how to become a peaceful prayer advocate, and will have an opportunity to sign up for weekly/hourly prayer & fasting to help end abortion in this effort through Christian prayer and sacrifice.

The Fall campaign for 40 Days starts Wednesday, **September 23**, and continues through **November 1**, at Planned Parenthood (public right-of-way), 330 South Garfield Avenue, Alhambra (corner of Garfield and Beacon). Please join and support our Alhambra Team with prayer & fasting. For more information, contact Cathy Nguyen at 675-1587 OR Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.



VIRTUS FINGERPRINTING SESSION

There will be an Archdiocesan Fingerprinting Session on **September 23** here at St. Therese Church. It will be held in the Parish Offices from Noon to 3:40 p.m. & from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you will be working (or volunteering) with or around children in our Parish or School, you must be fingerprinted.



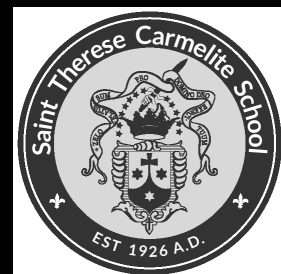
Please call for an appointment at 284-0020 (1). The appointments fill up very fast once the date is out to the all the parishes!



Saint Therese Carmelite School...

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Become A Saint!



SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 30

WHAT DOES ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL OFFER? St. Therese Carmelite School is fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). It offers: **Transitional Kindergarten** through Eighth Grade; Fine Arts and Physical Education; Religious Education provided by the Carmelite Friars, in collaboration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Los Angeles; Carmelite Spirituality, with an emphasis on the Carmelite saints; Full-time Carmelite chaplain (Fr. Leonel Varela); Rigorous Classical Curriculum; Small class sizes; Before- and After-School Academic Enrichment Program (optional), and more!

FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for Fr. Peter on the occasion of his ordination last Saturday, August 15. Many of you who attended the ordination greeted my beloved mother, Shirley Sullivan. Thank you for your kindness to her and for the many prayers offered for her when she had heart open heart surgery. She would like to express her gratitude to you as well.

God bless you all!
--Fr. Philip Sullivan, O.C.D.



Are you a member of the Knights of Columbus ?

If you are a Catholic male over the age of 18 and not in the Knights of Columbus, I hope the 5 reasons below will encourage you to 'join' this great fraternal organization of the Catholic Church that is founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

1. The Heartbeat of the Knights of the Columbus is Service
2. The Knights of Columbus Supports the Catholic Church
3. The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Family
4. The Knights of Columbus are strongly and devoutly Pro-Life
5. The Knights of Columbus are Faithful to the Catholic Church

For more information, call Thomas Quintana, the Grand Knight for Alhambra Council at 626-863-7061

In Service to Mother Church and Our Community Since 1923...

ATTENTION: Young Adults from 21–39 (including couples)!

St. Therese Parish is resurrecting The AVILA GROUP whose mission is to strengthen faith through friendship.

Events will include:
1) **FORMATION TALKS:** These will be held on the first Saturday of every month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe



Courtyard of the Parish Offices, beginning September 5th, and will include prayer, a guest speaker, discussion, and a potluck; and 2) **WEEKEND SOCIAL EVENTS:** Members will host informal events, such as: movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports at the park, concerts, shows, dances, reading groups such as Theology on Tap, parish volunteer work such as mentoring youth and visiting elderly, etc. For questions contact Paula Grimm at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com OR Ruben Beltran at rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES:



Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE:

"When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life. When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, with the right to a loving and united family. When the institution of marriage is reduced to a temporary, conditional arrangement that can be terminated, we will stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond." --Saint John Paul the Great

Eucharistic Adoration

Presentation Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

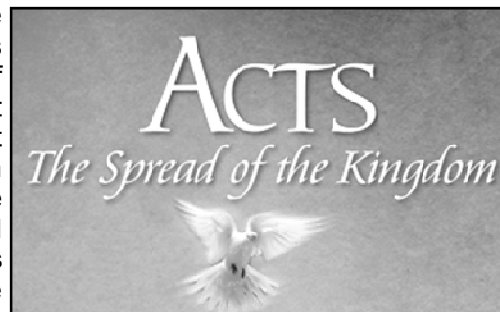
"One Sunday in July 1887, Therese received a great Eucharistic grace. At the end of the Mass, a picture of the Crucified Christ stuck out of her missal. She was struck by the idea that His Blood was falling to the ground. She decided to remain at the foot of the Cross for the rest of her life to receive this precious dew for the sake of sinners."

-Therese and Lisieux, by Pierre Descouvemont

Become a Committed Adorer: To make a commitment to come to the chapel once a week at the same hour, please contact the Coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020 (2).

BIBLE STUDY *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians. It is also the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone—He sent the Holy Spirit to



guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom** in the Parish Meeting Room beginning **Wednesday, September 16**, at 7:00 p.m., and continuing every Wednesday. For more information call Veronica Barnett at 589-5882.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE: Registration for the new school year 2015-2016 is TODAY, Sunday August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in front of the Church. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you when you register.

August 30: Mandatory Parent Meeting (and registration) at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. First class will be September 13 at 9:00 a.m. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

RCIA Adult Faith Formation:

The next class session will begin on September 13th. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, please contact 284-0020 (1).



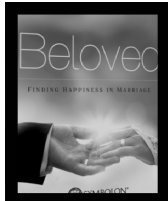
REGISTRATION for C1 & C2 is TODAY, Sunday, August 23, from 9:00 am to Noon in front of the Church. A copy of the student's baptism certificate must be provided in order to register.

August 30: Mandatory Parent Orientation for C1 (and Registration) will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class will be held on September 20 at 3:00 p.m.

SEEKING CATECHISTS / TEACHERS FOR YOUTH CONFIRMATION

If you are a practicing Catholic who knows your faith and would like to share it with high school-aged teens, then consider volunteering as a catechist for the Youth Confirmation Program at St. Therese Church. Classes are held three times a month, which includes attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2).

BELOVED: FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE” CLASSES— EXTENDED INTO SEPTEMBER!



You are invited to join us for these classes, which explore the meaning of marriage and how to live it out. You will discover the deepest spiritual, emotional, and practical realities of marriage through Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching. **BABYSITTING** is still available... please **RSVP** to the numbers below if you will need child care. **Classes meet in the evenings in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Next dates are as follows: Fridays, September 11 and 25.** For more info, contact the class leaders, Rhonda Storey (225) or Ruben Beltran (235).

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!
Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

August 15 / 16, 2015

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| Unrestricted..... | \$10,951.00 |
| Restricted | \$ 403.00 |
| T O T A L | \$11,354.00 |

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| July 18 / 19..... | \$13,133.50 |
| July 25/26..... | \$10,815.50 |
| August 1 / 2..... | \$13,303.50 |
| August 8 / 9..... | \$12,576.00 |

TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT:

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| Parish Goal: | \$68,600.00 |
| Amount Pledged: | \$42,656.00 |
| Amount Paid: | \$39,541.00 |
| *Balance still to collect: | \$29,059.00 |

Thank you for your contributions!

BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are September 1 and October 6 (none in August). The fee is **\$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only.** The baptism will be on Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 am, and October 24, at 1:00 pm. Noon. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS:

Canon Law requires 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 will need to be signed by a priest from the parish for each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. **The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month.** For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at geribah03@gmail.com or (323) 803-9956.

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every **Monday** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. *Lectio Divina* is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and third. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for **anyone who is grieving for 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 meeting will be on **August 26.** For additional information, call the office at 282-2744.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at **10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays** of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). The next meeting will be on **August 27.** For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

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 and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or



Mass Intentions

For the Week of 8/22/15 to 8/29/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Joseph Ngan RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Dorothy Pittelkau RIP
 7:30 a.m.: Amy Yanc INT
 9:00 a.m.: Lily Wachujid RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Eugene & David Halpin RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): For an end to California's drought
 5:00 p.m.: Poor Souls, esp. Members of FOSS

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Beatrice Waterhouse OCDS RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Emmery Sandoval INT
 8:00 a.m.: Gloria San Lucas RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Godwin Milner INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli INT
 8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Dee, Greg, and Vicente RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Erotioa Meris, OCDS RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Turley Family INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Huo Tai Seng, Yu-Mei, & Kuo Shung Huo RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Marie Lopez INT
 8:00 a.m.: Fr. Datus Kanjiramukil OCD RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Arthur La Riviere OCDS RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sam Sandoval INT
 8:00 a.m.: Lili De Jesus OCDS INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Heather Brajkovich RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Larry Hoh RIP

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

*In Honor of
 Murphy & Joanne Goodwin
 On the occasion of their 35th
 Wedding Anniversary*



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.

Personal Ads

Lady seeks A ROOM AVAILABLE FOR RENT in this area (NOT seeking a tenant). If you have one available, please call Mariana at 573-3609 or 826-5412.

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26, 2016**. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323)722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the **Discalced Carmelite Friars,** will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through www.elcarmelotravel.com. Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimages to: **HOLY LAND: (10/2015) EASTERN EUROPE: (4/ 2016); I N D I A : (9 / 2 0 1 6)** Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362 or go to www.memconline.org

Intentions of our Holy Father for August 2015:

1) That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy; and 2) That, setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Franklin Teng

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Ron Sandoval

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas

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