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# Saint Therese Church

December 21, 2014 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

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**510 North El Molino Street. Alhambra, California 91801. 282-2744. FAX 282-7560**

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (226) **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

**Masses & Services:** Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

**Devotions:** Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

## Sacramental Programs:

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**(Confession):** Wed., 7-9 pm;  
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

**Baptism:** Register at 284-0020 (1)

**Weddings:** Call 6 months before

**RCIA:** Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

## Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,

2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer

Vigil—7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—

Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed

William 975-1838 [tieknt@gmail.com](mailto:tieknt@gmail.com)

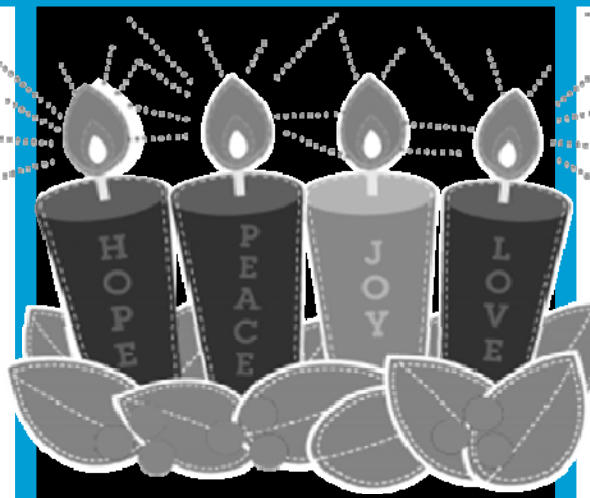
St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



## Parish Mission Statement:

*St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.*

## Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);  
[denisekay@hotmail.com](mailto:denisekay@hotmail.com)

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)

**Christian Services:**

Bridie McDermott (224)

**Choir Directors:**

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman  
(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm  
(909) 703-1284 / [pgrimmdir@gmail.com](mailto:pgrimmdir@gmail.com)

**Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:**

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

**Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick:** Fred & Margaret Padilla

282-0943

**St. Therese Religious Education:**

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

[rhondalstorey@gmail.com](mailto:rhondalstorey@gmail.com)

\* Pre K through 8th Grade

\* Adult Religious Ed

**Youth & Adult Confirmation**

**Programs:** Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: [rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com](mailto:rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com)

**St. Therese Catholic School:** 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

[clovano@stthereseschoolalhabra.org](mailto:clovano@stthereseschoolalhabra.org)

Web Site: [stthereseschoolalhabra.org](http://stthereseschoolalhabra.org)

**New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.**

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. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

# Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 21, 2014

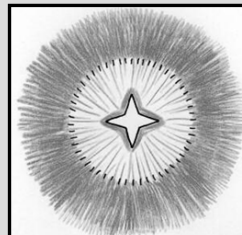
*The Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. —Luke 1:35*

## Schedule for Christmas and New Year's



### MASSES:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. (Children's Mass), 7:30 p.m., and Midnight  
Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.;  
and a Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day!)



### New Year's Eve Celebration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

8:00 to 10:30 pm at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra

11:00 pm to 1:00 am at St. Therese Church

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration at the Retreat Center, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Conference

9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction / Refreshments

10:30 p.m.: Candlelight Rosary Walk to St. Therese Church

11:00 p.m.: Conference

Midnight: Holy Mass at St. Therese Church



New Year's Day at St. Therese Church: Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

## ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

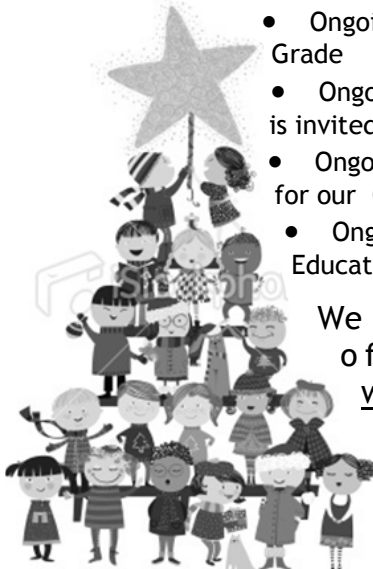
*Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.*

May the peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you! Have a Blessed Christmas! The School Office opens and classes resume on January 5.

- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education

We encourage you to visit the school office or our website

[www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org](http://www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org) for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Carmela Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at [clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org](mailto:clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org) to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!



# PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

Please join us for a night of singing & celebration! The St. Therese Children's Choir will be singing and providing a short concert before Mass from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., and there will be a pre-Mass procession of Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus.

We are asking for children to volunteer to be angels, shepherds, and wise men (the wise men will present the gifts at Communion). If your children are interested in participating in this special celebration, please bring them to the church on the 24th by 4:00 p.m. Costumes will be distributed in the vestibule and a small practice will follow between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. There will be reserved seating for the participants and their families. For any questions or to sign up, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 1, or rhondalstorey@gmail.com.



## BLOOD DRIVE

St. Therese will sponsor a Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 18, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All donations will benefit Cedars Sinai Hospital in continued gratitude for the care given to Deacon Joe Mizerski. Your gift may save someone's life! To make an appointment, please call Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744, ext. 333, and leave your name, phone number, and the approximate time you'd like to come. Walk-ins are also welcome! God bless you for thinking of others!

"The Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light, because it comes from God. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as Love and rules the world and our lives."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

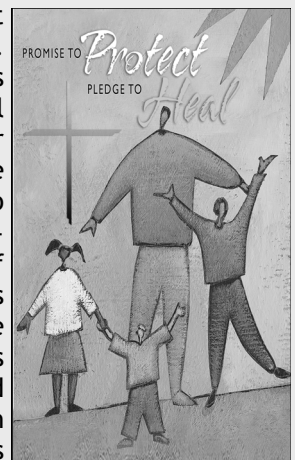
## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN— "DID YOU KNOW?"

### Tips for choosing safe toys for kids

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development.

But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons

and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).



# SEEKING DONATIONS OF FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

This weekend we are collecting non-perishable food (canned, bagged, boxed) to be distributed for the Christmas dinners of those in our area who are having a hard time "making ends meet". Boxes will be near the church entrances all weekend to collect your donations. We are also seeking hams and turkeys, which may be dropped off in the Parish Offices (510 N. El Molino Street). Thank you for thinking of others during this Advent season!



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

may you know  
the comfort & joy  
of God's  
presence this  
Christmas  
season & always!

**STRE:** Classes are in session today, Sunday, December 21. We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas vacation. We will see you back in class on Sunday, January 4.



## RCIA—New Inquiries to the Faith

This class is for all those who are unbaptized or were baptized in another Christian faith and desire to begin the journey towards becoming a Catholic. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on selected Thursday evenings. Next date is January 8.

# CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Classes are in session today, December 21. Enjoy your Christmas break—and we'll see you back on January 4!



## CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

All baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion but who have NOT received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA classes. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Next date is December 18. Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) for more info.



Your Journey Begins at St. Therese Church



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

"By a beautiful paradox of Divine love, God makes His Cross the very means of our salvation. We have crucified Him; but the Love in His eternal heart could not be extinguished. He willed to give us the very life we slew; to give us the very Food we destroyed; to nourish us with the very Bread we buried, and the very Blood we poured forth. He made our very crime into a happy fault; He turned a Crucifixion into a Redemption; a Consecration into a Communion; a death into Life Everlasting." --Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's THIS IS THE MASS.

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

**HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**



The Ladies' Altar Society invite you to help them clean the church for Christmas this **Monday, December 22**. They will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and continue throughout the day until the church is sparkling!

You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. --Luke 2:12



**GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (GPS)**



Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email [gps.pregnancy@gmail.com](mailto:gps.pregnancy@gmail.com).

**FINANCIAL OFFERINGS**

May God reward you!

Because the printing schedule of the bulletin was advanced for the Christmas holidays, the collection totals for the weekend of December 13/14 will not be available until the December 28 bulletin. Below are the collections for the previous month:

November 15 / 16.....	\$11,690.00
November 22 / 23.....	\$13,010.00
November 29 / 30.....	\$16,015.00
December 6 / 7.....	\$16,343.00

**TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014**

Amount of 2014 Goal.....\$65,693.00

Donations received to date.....\$60,431.00

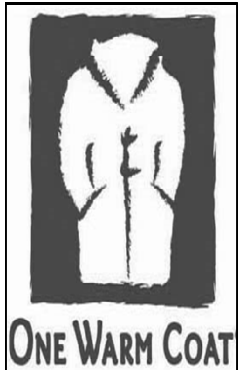
Donations still needed.....\$5,262.00

**T H A N K   Y O U !**

**SEEKING DONATIONS OF COATS**

*"For I was naked and you clothed me..."*  
Matthew 25:35-36

Colder weather is just around the corner—and some people do not have protection from it. Diaconate Formation Couple, Frances and Gil Vargas, are collecting un-needed coats to distribute to local homeless individuals and families. If you have a clean coat to spare (child's small through Adult XX, we would be most happy to find someone to share it with. Please email your information to [gil\\_vargas@att.net](mailto:gil_vargas@att.net), and we will contact you to arrange for pick up.



**"Word of Life" Quote of the Week:**

Every individual is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily



be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15).

—St. Pope John Paul II

## ST. THERESE 90TH ANNIVERSARY DESKTOP CALENDARS FOR SALE!

This is a beautiful, customized desktop calendar. It contains over 35 historical photos from when our current church was first built. It is definitely a collector's item, but you can also use it to schedule your events and appointments during 2015. You may purchase yours at the Religious Goods Counter after the Sunday Masses or in the Parish Offices during our open hours. They are \$12 each or two for \$20!



**BAPTISM MINISTRY** Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - 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 (next dates Jan. 6 and February 3). The fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only.



Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are January 24 and February 14—both dates at Noon).

**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 will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

**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 normally meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month; however, due to the holidays, there will be only ONE meeting in December, which was last week on December 10. The next meetings will be January 7 and 21. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

**WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We NORMALLY 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). Our next meetings will be on January 8 and 22. We will return to our normal schedule in January. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.



**IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:** Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548. or [1stkdoc@gmail.com](mailto:1stkdoc@gmail.com).



## ST. THERESE PARISH NEW YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNER'S CHOICE: A TWO-YEAR LEASE ON A NISSAN VERSA AUTOMOBILE OR A CASH PRIZE OF \$3,000:



Tickets can be purchased at the Religious Goods counter after the Sunday Masses or during open hours in the Parish Offices at 510 North El Molino Street. Tickets are \$15 each, and the drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 4, 2015. Some restrictions may apply.

By entering this raffle, participants agree to be bound by the Official Rules. St. Therese Parish's interpretation and application of the Official Rules shall be final. Please see the website (News/Events) for the Official Rules and Regulations:

[www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org](http://www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org)

# Mass Intentions

**For the Week of 12/20/14 to 12/27/2014**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Maria Lee Ngan RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Laurel Kuhn INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Augustine Goh & Theresa Lim RIP

11:00 a.m.: Martha & Larry Campos RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Paul Jerome Conn RIP

5:00 p.m.: Belia Baray RIP

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul & Park Ho Soon Maria RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: For all Humankind INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins B-day INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Jane Jani Widjaja RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Augustine Goh RIP

8:00 a.m.: Philip Yan RIP

**Wednesday—Christmas Eve:**

6:00 a.m.: Anna Cotton & Myrna Centeno RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Priests of St. Therese INT

8:00 a.m.: The Lacayo Family INT

5:00 p.m.: Joseph Lan Tran RIP

7:30 p.m.: Fr. William Fenton & Fr. Jerome Lantry RIP

Midnight: Maryanne Losorelli INT

**Thursday—Christmas Day:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community (Closed to the Public!)

7:30 a.m.: Ronnie Ellis RIP

9:00 a.m.: Joseph & Paul Tassi RIP

11:00 a.m.: Manuel Tuan INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mary Rose Go INT

**NO 5:00 P.M. MASS TODAY!**

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. William Fenton OCD RIP

8:00 a.m.: Eli Ayuso RIP

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m. Elizabeth Fieux INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

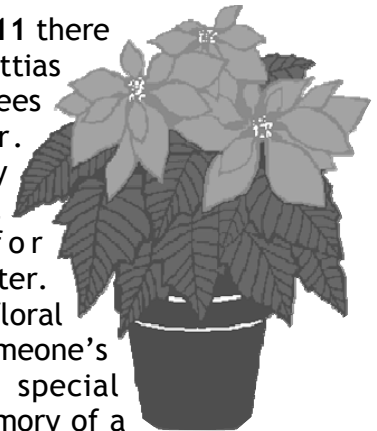
8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 2

# Floral Dedication

Through January 11 there will be only poinsettias and Christmas trees on the altar.

However, you may request a floral dedication for January 18 or after.

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 start at \$40.



# Outside the Parish

**CATHOLIC SINGLES NETWORK PRESENTS A HOLIDAY SINGLES DANCE:** Join us on Sat., Dec. 27, from 8 pm to 1 am at Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant in Arcadia. \$20 fee and free parking. RSVP to Jeanette at 437-7905 or Frank at 323-493-1329.

**NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION!** Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM began in July 2014. Check it out!

**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain** (attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). \$4,568 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at [aokyang@gmail.com](mailto:aokyang@gmail.com) or 394-4367.

**13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, June 23-July 5, 2015, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email [remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net)

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**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!** Feel alone? Frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped speaking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vee) has helped 1000's of couples experience(ng problems. To register, call Jane and Pete Lauder at 714-871-5953.

**Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2014:**

1) That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will; 2) That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

# Lectors

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Elena Muhr

**Sunday:**

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Olivia Carnegie  
 9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Antoniette Sandoval  
 11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Jeff Storey  
 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Students



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