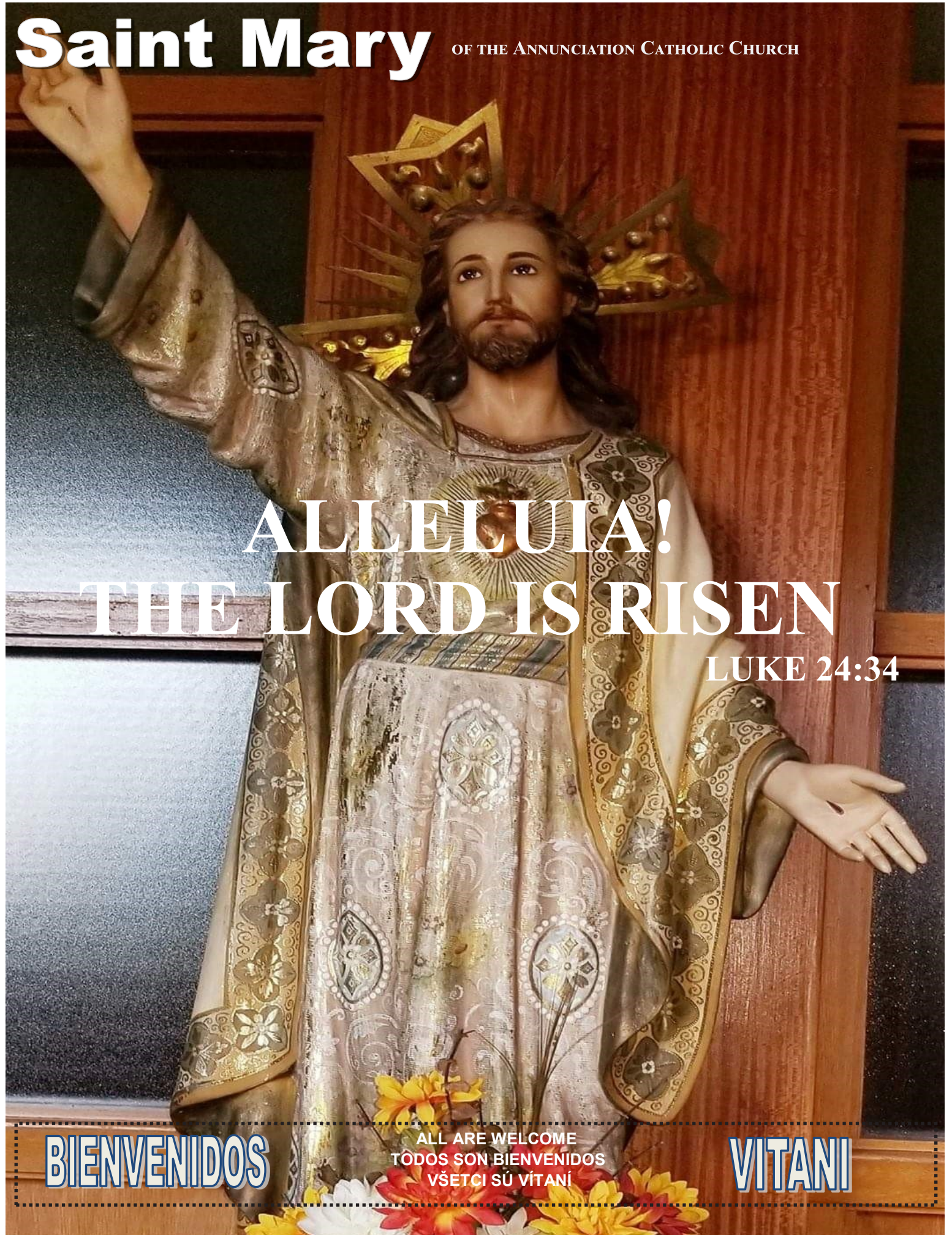


# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



ALLELUIA!  
THE LORD IS RISEN

LUKE 24:34

BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
VŠETCI SÚ VÍTANÍ

VITANI



# Upcoming Parish News/Events



Thank you to everyone who has handed in their pledge to the capital campaign. We are few weeks away for our participation weekend. I would like to issue a challenge to the parish, we are currently at 46 gifts to the campaign and we have raised more than \$250,000, can we get another 30 gifts by April 15th? Please remember that you can always drop your pledge off in the parish office or you can use one of the two boxes in the entryway. If you would like to pick up a pledge form you can also get those in the parish office. Fr. Muddu

## QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



2023 Annual Appeal



**SPECIAL MASS INTENTION**  
FOR THE PARISHONERS TO PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN FOR THE PARISH IMPROVEMENTS.



A special Thank You to  
Rita & Eric Blankenbaker for doing all  
the decorations this Easter season.  
The church looks beautiful.

\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*

**The Shed clearing and cleaning will begin after Easter.** If there is anything you wish us to keep, please contact Rita Blankenbaker at 804-475-6823 or Deacon Dave at [djgeary4531@comcast.net](mailto:djgeary4531@comcast.net)

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy are needed - there is a bin in the Narthex. Assistance is also needed to stuff eggs and to set up on Easter morning. If you can help, please contact Valerie Sparks, 804-572-1768.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday—Thursday)

Monday, April 10	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 11	<b>10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE;</b> 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 12	<b>NO ADORATION OR MASS</b>
Thursday, April 13	<b>NO ADORATION OR MASS;</b> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 14	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, April 15	1:00 PM Wedding; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b> (+EMT Justin Lee Howard requested by his Grandparents, Michael & Loretta Brindock)
Sunday, April 16	<b>8:30 AM MASS;</b> 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b> (+Camille DeVittorio requested by the DeVittorio Family); <b>3:00 PM Adoration for Divine Mercy</b>



### PRIZE BINGO IS BACK

Saturday April 29th

The games will start at 6:30 PM. Bingo Cards will be \$10/book and stampers will be sold. We are excited to bring back this fun activity. A casual dinner will be sold for \$5.00 and will include a hotdog, chips, beans and a drink. Desserts will also be available but have yet to be decided on at this time.

For information, contact Debbie Frank at [debbietavikfrank@aol.com](mailto:debbietavikfrank@aol.com)

### BINGO PRIZES

As per our tradition, Saint Mary's hosts Prize Bingo! If you have any new or gently used items that might be good as a prize for Bingo, please put them in the donation box in the Narthex (household/decorative items or toys). We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness in making Prize Bingo fun and Thank You in advance for your donation!



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

APRIL 7—GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 9—EASTER

APRIL 9—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

### Saint Mary of the Annunciation

### Weekly Offertory Summary

Mar 12 to Mar 18		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,856	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,573	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,429	\$ 165,144
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 160,200
Over/Under	\$ (1,022)	\$ 4,944

# THANK YOU

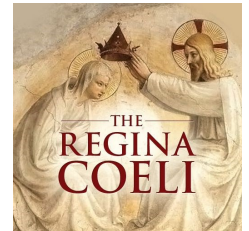
*to everyone that worked through the rain last weekend to prepare the grounds for Easter!*

Several volunteers cleaned indoors, blew leaves and moved 30 yards of mulch!

*It looks amazing and we are so grateful for your hard work and perseverance!*



STARTING TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY, THE REGINA COELI WILL BE RECITED NOT THE ANGELUS.



FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



INSTANT POTATOES and JELLY



### Knights of Columbus Scholarships!

Knights of Columbus Council 7538 is now accepting applications for the Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. It may be used to attend a Catholic high school or any accredited college, university or school.

Applications are due May 15, 2023.

Application information and forms are available on the Knights of Columbus rack by entry to Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Ron Wisniewski at 804-307-1615.



### WEEKLY MASS READINGS

10 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Monday** : Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28: 8-15

11 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Tuesday** : Acts 2: 36-41; Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20: 11-18

12 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Wednesday** : Acts 3: 1-10; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24: 13-35

13 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Thursday** : Acts 3: 11-26; Psalms 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24: 35-48

14 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Friday** ; Acts 4: 1-12; Psalms 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21: 1-14

15 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Saturday** : Acts 4: 13-21; Psalms 118: 1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16: 9-15

16 APRIL 2023 - **Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 2: 42-47; Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; First Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

# Community/Diocesan Events



## Pray for the Sick of our Parish



*David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Estelle Bareford, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Bob Buchanan, Barry Carrington, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Paula Hass, Laura Harris, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Rodney Ketterman, Tony Ketrick, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Michael McFadden, Bette Moore, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Kelly Searer, John Signor, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Judy Yanes*

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the COVID disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

*Names will be removed after 6 months. If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.*

**GOD BLESS**

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

### PARISH OFFICE

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 Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months prepara-  
 tion is typical), and Anointing of the Sick, or to receive a home visit  
 or home blessing, Call the office at 804-448-9064.

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## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this Easter Morning have been given as memorials to  
**THE HONOR AND GLORY OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD**  
**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF**

Betty Nakibuuka, Leonald Ssentongo, Dorothy Nayiga and Joseph Kafeero **by Father Alexander Muddu**

Lloyd & Rose Matilda Specht, Josephine Robinson, George & E. Obreta Burnett and Father I.J. Rohr **by Michael and Jean Burnett**

Harvey C. Eckert, Duane Riden, John & Linda Eckert, Hazel & Anthony Eckert, Mary & Melvin Parker, Frank Parker, Mary Roadcap, Sonny, Charlotte, Danny & Scott Fultz; Steve Stravolo, Marshall & Sandy Deckard, Randall & Bill Bryson and Debbie Brooks **by Chris and Mike Nowark**

Harold & Margaret Fedder, Chuck Tingler and Louise F. Whitfield **by Wallace and Elizabeth Tingler, Jr**

John & Hermina Simulcik, Alexander & Mary Sinlock, Frances Melle, Stephanie Sinlock, Alfred & Josephine Henshaw and Thomas, Daisy & Willard Stanley **by Alexander and Diane Sinlock**

Alexander & Mary Sinlock, Frances Melle, Alfred & Josephine Henshaw, Stephanie Sinlock, Thomas & Daisy Stanley and Billy Simulick **by Cynthia Wheeler**

Albert Matikonis, Christine Matikonis, Raymond Logan and Agnes Logan **by Donald and Barbara Logan**

Persons and Heifferon Families **by Kathleen Persons**

Francis & Rita Smith **by Francis Smith**

Renee Marino, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Watermeier, Sr. and Paul Kelley **by Ralph Watermeier**

Wayne & Kay Ackerman, Arthur & Lillian Zaska, Barbara Fredlund, Art Zaska, Jr. and Ken & Neysa Sauve, **by Carl and Darlene Ackerman**

Ann & Bill Bolecek **by Gloria Bolecek**

Rita & Bill Wormwood, Susan & George Lesko, Scott Hall, Steve & Faith Hall, Patricia W. Hall and Todd & Daniel (baby) Vaughan & Family **by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lesko**

Michael Kolodzinski, Joe & Rose Vrablic, Stash & Fran Kolodzinski and Gary Kolodzinski **by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kolodzinski**

Harold Larsen, Jane Larsen, Betty Miremont and Elise Larsen **by Anna Porter**

Annette Wisniewski, Sue Wright, Joseph Wisniewski, Anne Lunsford, Marc Lunsford and Robert C. Lunsford **by Ronald Wisniewski**

John and Genevieve Petroskey, Richard Rodebaugh, Arlie & Elenor Mautner and John Finlayson **by Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie Rodebaugh**

Joseph Stier **by Richard and Eileen Mueller**

Pauline & Walter Webb, Aaron Kaye, Florence & Clifford Moore and Dr. Loran Carrier **by Michelle Moore**

### **DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS:**

**Stephen Simulcik, Rowland and Merry Babcock, Redmond & Susan Merrell, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Paquette, Michael & Patricia Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Alvarado, John & Alice Lorenzo, John O'Leary**



# The Holy Oils

Kristopher W. Seaman

Many of us well know the story of the Lord's calling and anointing David as king. Having been told that one of Jesse's sons was to be the king, Samuel went to Bethlehem. When the eighth of Jesse's sons was presented to Samuel, the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him." In the Old Testament, those whom God called to be kings, priests, and prophets were anointed with an oil that was to be regarded as "holy to the Lord" (Exodus 30:37).

For Christians, anointing is significant because it is closely tied to who Christ is. *Christos* is the Greek word for the Hebrew *messiah*. Both words mean "anointed one." Jesus as the Christ is anointed by God, that is, he is the perfect embodiment of God's purpose and mission. He is the perfect Priest, Prophet, and King. In Baptism, Christians share in Christ's perfect identity as God's Son. We hear in the Rite of Baptism for Children, "He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with his people, you may remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King."

During Holy Week or shortly before, the bishop of a diocese gathers with his priests and some of the laity to bless the oils for the sick and catechumens and to consecrate the chrism. This is indeed a rich liturgy.

The first oil to be blessed is the oil for the sick. The prayer of blessing recalls Christ's ministry of healing the sick. The Holy Spirit is invoked upon the oil so that all those anointed will be healed in body, mind, and soul. The oil is principally used for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Next, the oil for catechumens is blessed. Catechumens are those who are preparing to become Christians. This oil will be used, then, for catechumens as they journey toward Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. It is also used in the Baptism of infants. The prayer asks that those who are anointed will be strengthened in faith, grow in their understanding of the Gospel, and live more fully Christian discipleship.

The final oil, chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, a fragrance from the Holy Land. Chrism receives its name from Christ, as do we who are Christians, because we have been anointed with this oil. The prayer is quite rich as it recalls the song of David and the anointing of Aaron as priest;



OIL OF  
THE SICK



OIL OF THE  
CATECHUMENS



SACRED  
CHRISM

creation that brought forth the olive tree; and the dove that returned to Noah with an olive branch. Next, the prayer asks the Father to bless the oil so that those who are anointed with it might bear the image of Christ, be freed from sin, and share in eternal life. This oil is used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the sacraments that are not repeated.

The oils are all used for the spiritual health of disciples so that as Christians journey deeper into faith, they might be healed from sin and live within and according to the loving, healing, and prophetic presence of Christ, whose name we bear and with whom we were anointed.

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