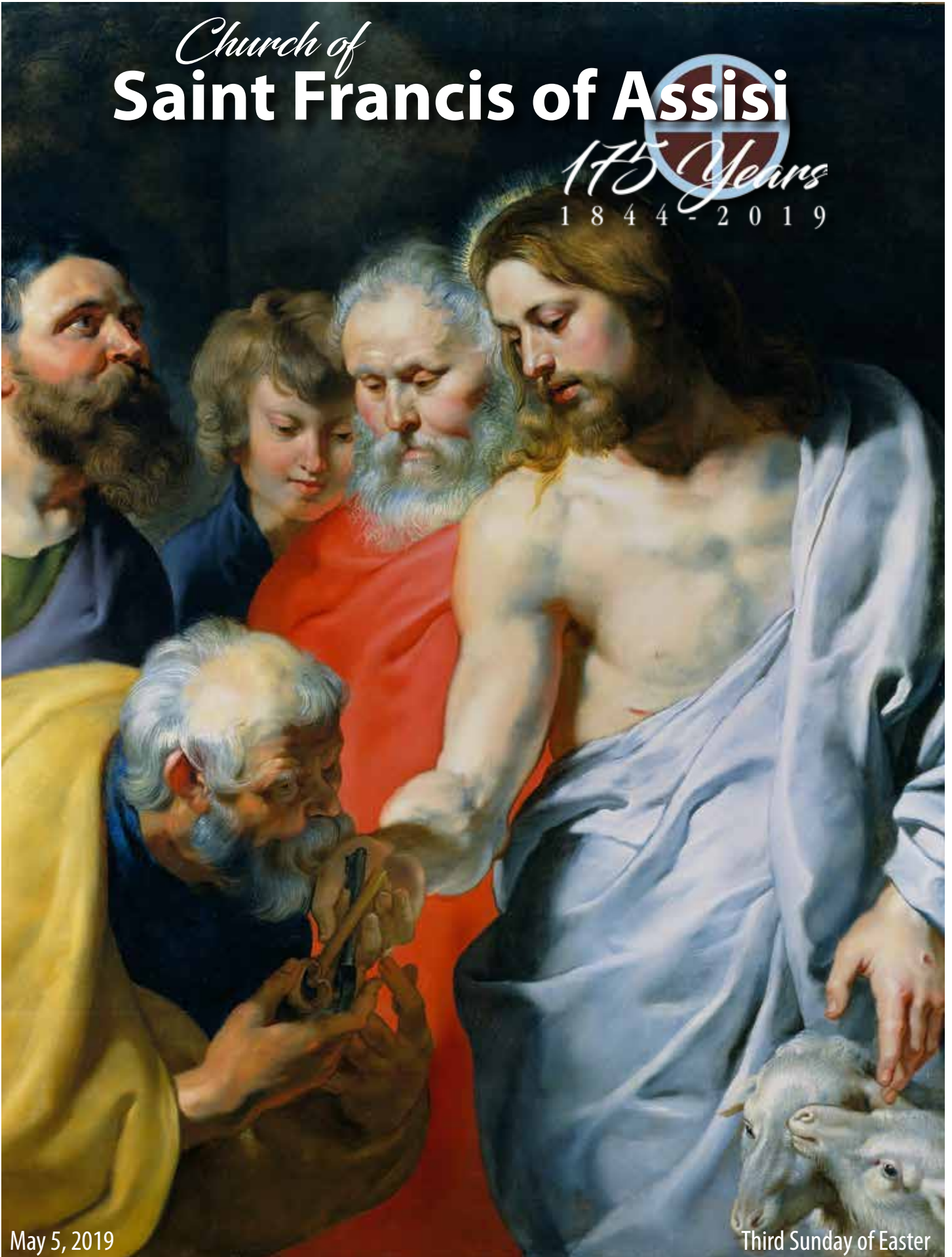


Church of
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May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province and their partners in ministry.

Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively WELCOME all people.



We WORSHIP God through prayerful and inspiring liturgies, the celebration of the sacraments, and the devotional life of the Church. We WITNESS to our faith by ministering to everyone, especially those who are poor, alienated or oppressed.

Our Weekly Schedule

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

4:00, 5:15 PM (Organ & Cantor)

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM (Organ & Cantor), 9:15 AM (Korean),
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor; Lower Church),
11:00 AM (Organ & Choir); 12:30 PM (Organ & Cantor),
5:00 & 6:15 PM (Contemporary Ensemble)

Weekday Masses

7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30, 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Masses

8:00, 11:00 AM

First Friday Filipino Community Mass

6:15 PM (Lower Church)

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 AM; 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Devotions

Monday

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony after all Masses starting at 7:45 AM

Wednesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the Sick after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Friday

Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart after 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses
Lenten Season: Stations of the Cross
Easter Season: Stations of the Resurrection

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

On the cover:

Christ's Charge to Peter from the Wallace Gallery in London by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). In this work, Rubens combines an episode from John's Gospel when Christ asked his disciple Peter, "Feed my Sheep", with the account in Matthew's Gospel of Christ's promise to present Peter with the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. The subject was rare, although it had been used by Raphael for the Sistine Chapel Tapestries in St Peter's, Rome.

The Pastor's Corner



On this Third Sunday of Easter, we hear the following passage from the Gospel of John: "Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?'" Peter had only to remember that he had denied knowing Jesus three times. Jesus was not testing him, but was stirring up in Peter the strength that he knew Peter had, but had disappeared during the time of Jesus' arrest. Jesus was preparing Peter for the future which would have many challenges. We know that Peter did not disappoint Jesus and eventually died on a cross like his master. The Easter season is an opportunity to have our faith strengthened as we hear how those closest to Jesus had to mature in their faith also. These are important opportunities for us. Jesus asks us: "Do you love me?"

Each Friday during the Easter season we pray the *Via Lucis* after the 12:30 and 5:30 Masses. These are the Stations of the Resurrection: Jesus rises from the dead, the disciples discover the empty tomb, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, the risen Lord appears on the road to Emmaus, the Lord is recognized in the breaking of bread, the Lord appears to the disciples, the Lord breathes peace and gives the power to forgive, Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas, the Lord eats with his disciples, the Lord forgives Peter, Jesus sends his disciples into the world, the Risen Lord ascends into heaven, Mary and the disciples keep vigil, and the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. The Scripture for each station is read and a prayer follows that is recited by all. We are familiar with the Way of the Cross; the Stations of the Resurrection complete the earthly life of Jesus with the various events taken from the Gospels. They are a beautiful meditation for the Easter season.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$113,500

Amount pledged as of April 26, 2019: \$29,221

(last week: \$25,651)

Number of Gifts: 51 (last week: 42)

Number of Potential Givers: 1,675

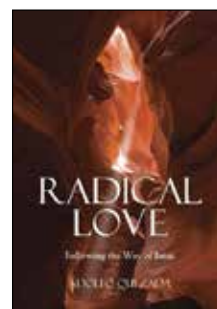
A \$50 gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will move us ahead if several hundred people give this gift now. If you were not able to give to Renew and Rebuild, this is an opportunity to help support various parish back up services. These enable local churches to take care of many of the business aspects of running a church.

Via Lucis
**THE STATIONS OF
 THE RESURRECTION**
**Every Friday during the Easter Season
 after the 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses**

During the Easter season we will celebrate the *Via Lucis* or Way of Light. The *Via Lucis* consists of 14 "Stations" which recount the Easter story from the Resurrection to Pentecost. Please join us for this beautiful Easter devotion!

Book Review: *Radical Love*

Although this book may be small in size, it is filled with the wisdom to help us let go of what distracts us, and it leads us so that we can embrace a stronger relationship with God. Jesus Christ shows us the way to do this. "Following the Way of Jesus" is the subtitle of this book with chapters that talk about the God of Jesus, God above All, the Way of the Soul, Salt of the Earth and Light of the World. Much of this sounds familiar but Adolfo Quezada, an author, retreat director and psychotherapist, fills out each of these chapters with Scripture and his own wisdom. *Radical Love* is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Mother's Day Novena Cards

We will celebrate a novena of Masses for all mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2019. A selection of Mother's Day novena cards are available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House for a suggested offering of \$5.00.

HOLY WEEK 2019 AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: A RETROSPECTIVE



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Holy Saturday



Easter Vigil



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The Shrines of France

11 Days: November 6-16, 2019

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Loire Valley • Chartres • Mont St. Michel
Bayeux • Normandy • Caen • Lisieux • Paris

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Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World



Christians too can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forms of digital communication . . . limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace and all ethical standards and respect for the common name of others can be abandoned.

Inner strength, as the work of grace, prevents us from becoming carried away by the violence that is so much a part of life today, because grace defuses vanity and makes possible meekness of heart. The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters, and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others. Saints hesitate to treat others harshly; they consider others better than themselves.

It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons. That is itself a subtle form of violence.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the intentions of Dennis Evangelista.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, please go to the reception desk.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

8:00 AM Albert & Lillian Gennarelli (d.)
11:00 Mary Trotta (d.)
4:00 PM Franciscan Mass League
5:15 Charles Janiak (d.)

Sunday, May 5, 2018

8:00 AM Maurizio Costantino (d.)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Stephen & Frances Rosty (d.)
11:00 Stella & Baby Bednarz (d.)
12:30 PM Fred & Margarita Villaluz (d.)
5:00 Kit Villa, in thanksgiving
6:15 Simeon Youngho Han (d.)

Monday, May 6, 2019

7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
7:45 Yves Carmelle Larieux
8:30 Victor Vensas (d.)
11:30 Bertha Amestegui (d.)
12:30 PM Sarah Santos (d.)
4:30 Mamma Dal Maso (d.)
5:30 Jonathan Butler

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:00 AM Anna Adamski (d.)
7:45 Kelsey Solomon
8:30 Joseph Magadan (d.)
11:30 Florence M. Berzinskas (d.)
12:30 PM Frank Kelly (d.)
4:30 Fleurdelys Abaya, birthday
5:30 Rene Crescente Abaya (d.)

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:00 AM Zilla Kerr (d.)
7:45 Ronald Kerr (d.)
8:30 Eva Dumelle (d.)
11:30 Anne Mazza (d.)
12:30 PM Lee Sherman (d.)
4:30 Angela Romona Diaz Paulino (d.)
5:30 Michael & Providencia Gilbride

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 AM Donohue & Williams Families (I. & d.)
7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (I. & d.)
8:30 Antonia M. Estillore (d.)
11:30 Stan Morales
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Juana Mendoza (d.)
5:30 J. J. Medina

Friday, May 10, 2019

7:00 AM Donohue & Williams Families (I. & d.)
7:45 Clifford J. Seifried (d.)
8:30 Michele Nachshen, for healing
11:30 Mary Cihanek (d.)
12:30 PM Dol Yee (d.)
4:30 Magdalena Zamora (d.)
5:30 Sister Ester Consuelo of Blessed Sacrament (d.)

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE: 135 W. 31st Street • SAN DAMIANO HALL: 127 W. 31st Street
ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: 139 W. 31st Street

Adult Education

A variety of courses in Scripture, church history, spirituality, personal growth, and other topics are offered at noon and in the evenings in the Fall and Spring months. Special brochures with course offerings are published prior to the start of each term and are available at the church entrances. Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 311.

Franciscan Bread for the Poor

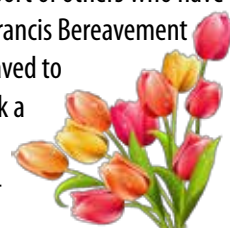
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

Counseling Center

Counseling services are available on a short- or long-term basis by appointment only. Sliding scale fee structure. Call 212-736-8500, Ext. 290 for information or to make an appointment.

Saint Francis Bereavement Ministry

While grief is a very private experience, people who have lost loved ones can benefit from the witness and support of others who have lost someone special in their lives. The St. Francis Bereavement Ministry offers an opportunity for the bereaved to connect with others who grieve, and to seek a path of healing as they come to terms with their loss. Call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire.



Immigration Assistance

The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi provides assistance to all immigrants regardless of status. If anyone needs assistance or has concerns about immigration matters, please contact the Migrant Center at 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 or email migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

Korean Ministry

The Korean Community worships in Korean every Sunday at 9:15 AM. A Mass for young adults is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM in the lower church. Fr. Michael Kim, O.F.M.; 212-736-8500, Ext. 384.

LGBT Outreach

Our LGBT ministry is very active in our community. The ministry provides various spiritual, social, and educational events from September through June. For more information, please visit the website to sign up for our mailing list. For more information, contact Meredith Augustin, liaison for the LGBT ministry, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Mass Cards & Perpetual Enrollments

Available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Music Ministry

To become involved in our liturgical music ministry, please call Meredith Augustin, Director of Music Ministries, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process by which people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. The RCIA is for any unbaptized adult who is new to the Catholic faith or any unbaptized child usually over the age of 7. The RCIA is also for any adult or child over the age of 7 who was baptized in another Christian tradition and for baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Joseph Nuzzi at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365.

RENEW! Younger Retiree Program

Catholic retirees, age 55 and over, participate in spiritual, cultural, social, and service activities in the New York Metropolitan Area. For information, please contact RENEW at 212-736-8500, Ext. 389.

Secular Franciscans

Lay men and women who strive to follow the Gospel way of life according to the ideals of St. Francis. For information please see our website <http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/secularfranciscans.htm>.

St. Francis on Facebook

St. Francis Church is on Facebook! Join the group "St. Francis of Assisi NYC" on Facebook to see who else is a member, be informed of news and events and keep in touch with what's going on in your parish community. Stay connected the way you like to stay connected. Join the group today and invite your friends.

Self-Help Groups

St. Francis Church hosts numerous self-help groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, and others. Please consult the Self-Help and Support Groups brochure for times and locations of the meetings.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction as a means of spiritual growth and faith development is provided by the Center Staff. Contact Fr. Joseph Cavoto, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500 for more information.

Ugnayan Filipino Ministry

A home away from home for newly arrived Filipino immigrants. Our ministry sponsors the Sacred Heart devotion during the 6:15 PM First Friday Mass with fellowship afterwards. We conduct Lectio Divina every Third Friday of the month. The ministry also welcomes interested individuals to join their music ministry. Rehearsals are on two consecutive Thursdays before the First Friday. Email: flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org.

Volunteers

St. Francis Church invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church and the community. Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers. Email: etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org.

Young Adult Ministry

This is a ministry of, by, and for Catholic men and women in their 20's and 30's. At St. Francis we believe that ministering to young adults begins by creating an environment where people feel welcome, especially by worshipping God together in a way that feeds the spirit. For more information please email: youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org.



Is God calling you to be a Franciscan Friar?
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