

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

## From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

### Reflect

***How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MARCH 28-29, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 28 - 6:00 PM

✠ Aldo & Claire Lijoi by Vittoria Lijoi

### Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

### Wed., April 1 - 5:00 PM Adoration & 6:00 PM Mass

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

### Thursday, April 2 - 5:00 PM Holy Thursday

*Available to Reserve*

### Friday, April 3 - 5:00 PM

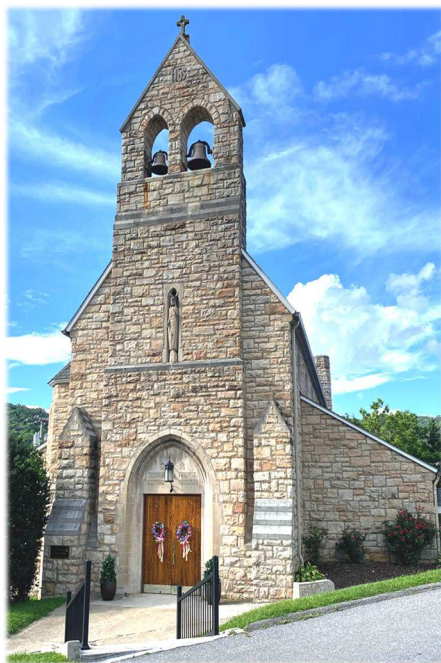
Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 4 - 6:00 PM Easter Vigil

✠ Mario Lijoi by Natalie & Mary-Ann Lijoi

### Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 AM Easter Sunday

✠ Michael Raymond Rogers by Greg & Laura Rogers



### Sacred Heart

#### Princeton

#### Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration & Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

**Confession:** 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29: Palm Sunday

March 29: Mary's Way of the Cross Stations 5:00 PM

April 1: Wednesday Daily Mass 6:00 PM

April 2: Holy Thursday Mass 5:00 PM

April 3: Good Friday Service 5:00 PM

April 3: Office Closed for Good Friday

April 4: Easter Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

April 5: Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

April 5: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM

April 5: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

April 6: Office Closed in honor of Easter

April 6-10: Fr. Joseph on Holiday, No Daily Mass

April 7: OCIA 5:00 PM

April 9: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

## CHURCH STAFF

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Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*

JOIN US FOR OUR

# EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH  
AFTER EASTER  
SUNDAY MASS

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A  
FUN FAMILY PHOTO  
BOOTH

We Will NOT Be Having  
First Saturday & Sunday Socials  
for the month of April

## Stations of the Cross Schedule

**Mary's Way of the Cross**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29 at 5:00 pm**  
Led by Centering Prayer Group

**Good Friday**  
**April 3 at 4:00 pm**  
Led by Fr. Joseph

Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council  
who hosted this past week

# SPAGHETTI Fundraiser

Support our fundraiser by  
enjoying a homemade  
spaghetti dinner

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
5:00-8:00 PM  
TO-GO ORDERS ONLY  
SACRED HEART LOUNGE

*\$10 Spaghetti Meal Includes:  
Pasta, Meatballs, and garlic Bread*

*Frozen Items for Sale both Saturday  
and Sunday after Mass Include:*

*Baker's Dozen Meatballs \$10  
1 Qt of Sauce \$6*

 Good food. Great Group.

**KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

## HOLY WEEK

CALENDAR OF 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTIONS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*Sacred Heart Collection*  
For the good of the Parish

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*Sacred Heart Collection*  
For the good of the Parish  
&  
*Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land  
Collection*



**OCIA SCHEDULE**

April 2, 3, 4: Attend Holy Week Services

**Please prayer for our Elect**

Christopher Taylor, Clayton Campbell, Ryan Hall,  
Tanner Keathley, and Robert McGraw



**Faith Formation**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

**Faith Formation 2026**  
Every Sunday at 10:15 am

**The schedule through Spring 2026:**

March 29 ~ Regular Session

April 5 ~ No Faith Formation – Easter Sunday

April 12 ~ Regular Session

April 19 ~ Youth to read for Mass & Regular Session

April 26 ~ First Holy Communion with reception – No Faith Formation

May 3 ~ May Crowning and Procession during 9am Mass

Youth to participate – more info will follow

May 3 ~ Last day of Faith Formation

+First Reconciliation and First Communion Practice to be scheduled+

*Congratulations to Roxanne Ciaccio and Gianna Copolo for receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Friday. Thank you to Stacey Wright, their Catechist, and Kaiden Bryant for all their help.*



*Congratulations and Blessings for Roxanne Raven Ciaccio on your Baptism on March 25, 2025*

*Daughter of Gerry Ciaccio*

*Granddaughter of Jim Ciaccio*

*Sisters Lucy and Harley Ciaccio*

*Godparents ~ Stacey and Charles Wright*



**Centering Prayer Group**

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

**St. Anne's Altar Society**

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

**Next Meeting will be April 9th at 11:00 AM**



**April Birthdays**

Joanna	Ercoline	1
Walid	Azzo	5
Jon	Vescio	5
Ron	Cicolini	6
Ann	Robinson	7
Christina	Sammarco	7
Linda	Mariotti	8
Bill	Albert	9
Mary	Malamisura	10
Eugene	Abromitis	13
Mark	Hyduke	14
Theresa	Lowery	14
Deborah	Garton	15
Rhys	Aiello	16
April	Christ	17
Angie	Genovesi	17
Lori	Warner	19
Joshua	Brown	20
Michael	Rebuck	20
Eli	Peretti	21
Pamela	Miller	23
Ryder	Black	24
Greg	Rogers	24
Jackson	Wills	24
Deborah	Ramella	25
Mitzi	Romeo	25
Cathy	Cook	29
Dr. Lisa	Musolin	29
Kenneth	Bales	30

**April Anniversaries**

Ted & Patty Marchal	4-Apr
Hobe & Susan Bauer	7-Apr
Brandon & Krystin Austin	14-Apr
Anthony & Nancy Rasi	19-Apr
Donnie & Lisa Neal	23-Apr
Mary & Perry Clark	23-Apr
Tom & Valerie Hager	26-Apr
Greg & Laura Rogers	28-Apr

March 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 3/28 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.M. Zalduondo	1.V. Hager 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		Theresa Dan
Sun. 3/29 9 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	1. R. Aiello 2. K. Wills	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	1.B. Buzzo 2.C. Asbury 3.. T. J. Longworth	The Aiello's	Choir Roland Dan Jack



## Mary's Way of the Cross Stations

Isn't the Way of the Cross the way of every person's life?

In these stations we see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary then we try to make practical applications to our lives.

Join us as we recite these Special Mother Mary Stations of the Cross

On Palm Sunday, March 29th at 5:00 PM In the Church

### Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office to secure your preferred dates.

Dates available begin the weekend of April 11-12, 2026

Options Include:  
Urns on the Altar  
Floor Arrangement  
Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

A second collection for BUILDING MAINTENANCE will take place on the first weekend of each month. It is dedicated to the upkeep of our church buildings and ensuring our facilities are well-maintained. We will also prioritize saving for future projects by allocating resources for upcoming projects.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

**NEXT COLLECTION: APRIL 3-4**

# APRIL 2026



Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
 1003 Wyoming St.  
 Bluefield, WV 24701  
 ph: 304-327-5623

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Centering Prayer 5 pm</p> <p>12 <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>  <i>RAY FROM THE HOLY LAND</i>                      Rosary/Confes.:8:30 am                      Mass: 9:00 am  <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00 AM</b></p> <p>19 3rd Sunday of Easter                      Rosary/Confession 8:30 am  <b>Children's Mass 9:00 AM</b>                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p> <p>26 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday</b>                      4th Sunday of Easter                      Rosary/Confession 8:30 am                      Mass: 9:00 am                      Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>13  <b>K of C Meeting 6:00 pm</b></p> <p>20  <b>OCIA Meeting 5 pm</b></p> <p>27  <b>K of C Meeting 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p>14  <b>OCIA Meeting 5 pm</b>  <b>MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM</b></p> <p>21  <b>OCIA Meeting 5 pm</b></p> <p>28  <b>OCIA Meeting 5 pm</b>  <b>MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM</b></p>	<p>1 Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p> <p>8 Food Pantry 10-2                      NO                      Adoration/Mass</p> <p>15 Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p> <p>22 Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p> <p>29 St. Catherine of Siena                      Food Pantry 10-2                      Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2  <b>HOLY THURSDAY MASS 5:00 PM</b></p> <p>9                      No Mass  <i>St. Anne's Meeting 11 am</i></p> <p>16                      Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>3  <b>Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM</b>  <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 5:00 PM</b></p> <p>10  <b>RAY FROM THE HOLY LAND</b>  <b>KofC Spaghetti Fundraiser To-Go 5-8 PM</b>                      Rosary/Confess.: 5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm  <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 PM</b></p>	<p>4  <b>EASTER VIGIL MASS 6:00 PM</b>  <b>RECEPTION TO FOLLOW</b></p> <p>11  <b>RAY FROM THE HOLY LAND</b>  <b>KofC Spaghetti Fundraiser To-Go 5-8 PM</b>                      Rosary/Confess.: 5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm  <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>18                      Rosary/Confession 5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p> <p>25 Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist                      Rosary/Confession 5:30 pm                      Mass 6:00 pm</p> <p>24  <b>2nd Collections</b>                      April 3: Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land                      April 3-4: Sacred Heart Parish For the good of the Parish</p>



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week and Easter mark a time of reflection and renewal in the Christian calendar. Holy Week recalls Christ's passion with solemn remembrance and hope. Easter celebrates resurrection and the power of renewal. May these observances inspire reflection and joy.

### Sacred Heart Bluefield



Saturday | 28 March, 2026  
6:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday | 29 March, 2026  
9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass  
5:00 pm Mary's Way of the Cross Stations



Holy Thursday | 2 April, 2026  
5:00 pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
7:00-12:00 pm Adoration in School Gym



Good Friday | 3 April, 2026  
4:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord



Holy Saturday | 4 April, 2026  
6:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
8:00 pm OCIA Reception



Easter Sunday | 5 April, 2026  
9:00am Mass  
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt & Photo Booth

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

**Homebound Parishioners:** Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

**Friends & Family:** Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Arnold Mitchem, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Mike Starre, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



**Parishioner In Need of Driver**  
 A Parishioner is need of a Driver to drive her to Church on a weekly basis.  
 If interested, please call Carolina Ferrare at 276-245-8230




Weekly Collection	weekend Mar 21-22	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,641.00	51,590.00	53,600.00
Loose Offertory	513.00	4,674.05	5,000.00
Holiday Flowers	200.00	1,280.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,354.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,544.05</b>	<b>\$ 59,600.00</b>
Votive Candles	6.00	69.90	100.00
Food Pantry	50.00	6,587.00	0.00
Memoria Contrib/ Bereavement	150.00	575.00	0.00
Attendance:	<b>6pm: 56</b>	<b>9 am: 126</b>	

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:**

Parish Office (304) 327-5623      Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, if Fr. Joseph out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**In case of Illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Joseph will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.



# Easter Flowers

Mary, Ken, and Roger Mash  
 Bill & Mary Albert  
 Nancy & Bill Densmore  
 Ada Mae Williams, Rose Pendleton  
 Patsy Malamisura, Jack Martin  
 Jack Albert, Judy White  
 By Randy & Cindy Albert

Gifted by Janice Barber

Gifted by Frank & Lillian Brady

Gail Matzel  
 by Eric, Kim, & Tristan Brown

Nick, Frances, Ron, and Donna Buzzo  
 by Bob & Cathy Buzzo

Gifted by  
 Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Betty Clayton by Vearl & Betty Clayton

All the Deceased in the  
 Crigger & Bowles Families  
 by James & Donella Crigger

Mr. & Mrs. John Crist, Sr.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Franklin  
 Mary Williams & Ann Crist Byrd  
 by John & Debbie Crist

Mary & Sam Genovesi by Angie  
 Genovesi

Robert & Frances L. Harrison by Julia Harrison

Frances A. Harrison by Tom Harrison

Margie & Percy Johnson Sr.  
 Lebbe C. Owens  
 by Percy Johnson

Gifted by Kathy Kirk

Terry Lampert by Claire Lampert

Mario A. Lijoi by Natalie  
 Lijoi

Josephine Marrella by Vickie  
 Lijoi

Gifted by Carl & Linda Mariotti

Ray & Mary Shumate  
 by Jimmie & Marilyn McCoy

Barry McCloud  
 by Jean McCloud & Tess Mannel

Gifted by Mike & Patti McGinnity

Anthony & Michelina Iacullo  
 by Claude & Annette Morgan

Gifted by Daniel & Ruth Perez

Anthony Paul Peretti by Patty Peretti

Monty Ramella by Debby Ramella

Ramella & Smith Families  
 by Tullio & Linda Ramella

Deceased Members of the  
 Rebeck Family & Mitch  
 Rebeck

by Deb Rebeck

Beth George by Connie Saunders

Jose Buendia  
 Genara Buendia  
 by Dennis & Marietta Tumbokon

Gifted by The Umberger Family

Gifted by Stephen & Laura Ward

# Dear Padre,

**How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?**

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



**Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–44 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?**

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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