

# THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

AMERICA'S FIRST PARISH - FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 8, 1565

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## MASS SCHEDULE

AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY-SATURDAY

7:00 A.M.

VIGIL MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M.



AT OUR MISSION CHURCH

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

86 MARTIN LUTHER KING AVE.

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.



## CONFESSIONS

AT THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 7:30 A.M.

AND 3:30-4:30 P.M.



## EUCCHARISTIC

## ADORATION

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOLLOWING

THE 7:00 A.M. MASS,

UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

ANGELUS AND ROSARY

12:00 NOON

BENEDICTION 3:00 P.M.

THE MOST REVEREND FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ, D.D., S.T.D.  
TENTH BISHOP OF ST. AUGUSTINE

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## This Week in Our Parish

### SUNDAY, JULY 1

9:30 a.m. — RCIA, Verot Room

10:15 a.m. — Blessing of Infants in the Womb, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### MONDAY, JULY 2

6:30 p.m. — Knights of Columbus, Bishop Baker Center

### TUESDAY, JULY 3

9:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. — Legion of Mary, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

7 p.m. — RCIA, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 Rectory offices closed

9 a.m. — Mass, Cathedral (please note: no 7 a.m. Mass)

### THURSDAY, JULY 5

7:45 a.m. — Altar Guild, Cathedral

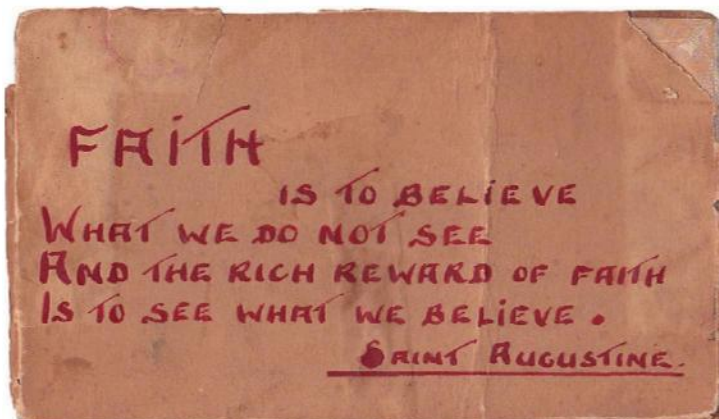
### FRIDAY, JULY 6

6 p.m. — First Friday Art Walk Concert, Cathedral

### SATURDAY, JULY 7

7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Confessions, Cathedral

6:15 p.m. — Blessing of Infants in the Womb, Blessed Sacrament Chapel



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### CATHEDRAL

6/30	Saturday 5 p.m.	Maureen Minnick †
7/1	Sunday 9 a.m.	Kelly & Jimmy Pastorelli "L" Wedding Anniversary
7/2	Monday 7 a.m.	Sr. Mary Christine Zimorski †
7/3	Tuesday 7 a.m.	Juanita Rodriguez † Santiago Rosado †
7/4	Wednesday 9 a.m.	John and Ruth Ahearn †
7/5	Thursday 7 a.m.	Maria Taglione Davis †
7/6	Friday 7 a.m.	Thomas Collins † The benefactors of Cathedral Parish
7/7	Saturday 7 a.m.	Mary "Viney" O'Brien †

### ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

7/1	Sunday 8 a.m.	Norah and Howard Waite †
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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Monday, July 2

Am 2:6-10, 13-16 ▪ Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 ▪ Mt 8:18-22

### Tuesday, July 3 SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

Eph 2:19-22 ▪ Ps 117:1bc-2 ▪ Jn 20:24-29

### Wednesday, July 4

Am 5:14-15, 21-24 ▪ Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 ▪ Mt 8:28-34

### Thursday, July 5

Am 7:10-17 ▪ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ▪ Mt 9:1-8

### Friday, July 6

Am 8:4-6, 9-12 ▪ Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 ▪ Mt 9:9-13

### Saturday, July 7

Am 9:11-15 ▪ Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ▪ Mt 9:14-17

### Sunday, July 8 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2:12-5 ▪ Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 ▪ 2 Cor 12:7-10 ▪ Mk 6:1-6

Above: *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, Caravaggio, 1601





❖ **Blessing and Inauguration  
of Bust of Saint Augustine  
with Relic next Sunday,  
July 8 at 11:00 a.m. Mass**

You no doubt have seen the bust of our patron, Saint Augustine of Hippo, which has been placed in a new cabinet on the west wall of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks to a very generous donation, we were able to have the bust fabricated by DeMetz studios in Ortisei, Italy. After several delays due to unforeseen circumstances, the family that made the donation has finally been able to schedule a time to bless and inaugurate the beautiful new addition

to our Cathedral next Sunday, July 8 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Following Mass, a blessing will be given with the relic and you will have an opportunity to come forward and venerate the relic.

❖ **Catechist Recruitment drive hugely successful;  
catechist training this month**

The Religious Education Catechist Recruitment Drive was a *huge* success! Over three weekends, we had 23 people sign up as potential new catechists! This is truly inspiring to see so many of our parishioners ready to step into this ministry of accompanying our young people and their families in understanding what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

We will be hosting Catechist Training at the Bosco House (10-B Sebastian Ave) on July 11 and July 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in being a catechist for the parish's Religious Education program, you may show up, or more preferably contact Andrew Tierney at cathedralcfc@gmail.com or 824-2806, ext 315.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY MASS

**Mass on Wednesday, July 4 is at 9:00 a.m.**

[P.N. – There is no 7:00 a.m. Mass.]

Also, please note the Rectory Office will be closed and there will be no Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION MONDAY – FRIDAY IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Join in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ, present to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Angelus and Rosary are prayed at 12:00 noon. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place daily at 3:00 p.m.

On Fridays, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed prior to Benediction at about 2:45 p.m.

[P.N. – Solemn Exposition of the Eucharist does not take place on holidays or on days that the Rectory Office is closed.]



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This week our country will celebrate **Independence Day**. It's a time for picnics and fireworks, boating and beaching, as well as celebrating all that is America. Unfortunately, as American nationalism has grown over the last several decades, there's a danger when people put country before God, nation before religious faith.

In an article published in *America* last year, Father Brian McElroy asked the question of how Catholics should respond to this rise of overwhelming patriotism and nationalism. In the first place love of one's country is considered a virtue by the Catholic Church. Being patriotic is upheld as a dynamic that is meant to unite a nation – never to divide it. However, love of country must never come before love of God and faithfully living the gift of faith He has so generously bestowed upon us. Therefore, when situations occur that place Catholics at odds with our faith and morals, the practice of upholding our Faith must always come first.

McElroy reminds us that our greatness as a nation relies on how we uphold justice, freedom, truth and solidarity for all our citizens. Without these, our government – along with our country – would crumble. Our Constitution begins with the words, "*We the people....*" If this does not mean all people, then what our Constitution stands for is but a "house of cards." The greatness of our nation must uphold the dignity of every person regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity or status. All are equal before the law, just as each person is equal in the sight of God.

Finally, we must remember as Catholics that we always work for the common good, that is, the good of all. Thus, the good of all triumphs over individual rights. This may be the most difficult aspect to come to terms with in a nation that values freedom. However, when individuals determine their own "freedom" -- versus the common good -- the ability to uphold justice, truth, freedom and unity take a back seat to the rights of one.

Pope Francis, in his September 2015 message to a joint session of the U.S. Congress said: "The challenges facing us today call for a renewal of that spirit of cooperation, which has accomplished so much good throughout the history of the United States. The complexity, the gravity and the urgency of these challenges demand that we pool our resources and talents, and resolve to support one another, with respect for our differences and our convictions of conscience."

*Love, Father Tom*





## Mission Statement of the Cathedral Parish St. Augustine, Florida

WE ARE CHRIST'S EYES, EARS, MOUTH, HANDS, AND  
FEET—SENT OUT TO DO JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY FOR  
THE POOR AND OPPRESSED,  
TO MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY,  
TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION -  
AWAKENING FAITH AMONG THE HOPELESS,  
AND PROMOTING LIFE EVEN WITHIN THE CULTURE  
OF DEATH.



### Are you expecting the birth of a child?

THE CHURCH SHARES YOUR JOY, AND WANTS  
TO BLESS GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS TO YOU!  
**The Church's Blessing of an Infant in the Womb will take  
place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral  
on Sunday, July 1 at 10:15 a.m. and Saturday, July 7 at  
6:15 p.m.**

Expectant parents and their families are encouraged to  
seek the Lord's blessings and the intercession of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2018

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their  
pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with  
the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



### Miraculous Medal Novena

on Tuesdays before 7 a.m. Mass at  
the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine  
"O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US  
WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO YOU!"

### Cathedral Parish Parking: TRUE OR FALSE?

Parishioners can park at the "Old Wells Fargo lot" for Mass.  
**PARTIALLY TRUE.** The owners of the Cathedral Place office building  
allow free Mass parking for the Sunday morning Masses only (no parish  
parking permit is required). **There is no free parking arrangement for  
the Saturday or Sunday 5 p.m. Mass.** The schedule for vehicles to exit the  
lot is the same as for the "Bank of America lot," e.g., 7 a.m. Mass by 8:45  
a.m., 9 a.m. Mass by 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass by 12:45 p.m. Please pay  
willingly if you exceed these times. Failure to do so is an abuse of the gener-  
osity shown to us by the owners of the property and jeopardizes the parish's  
ability to continue to park there.

### OFFERTORY FOR JUNE 24, 2018

CATHEDRAL.....	\$9,477.50
St. Benedict the Moor.....	\$949.00
Faith Direct.....	\$7,152.51
[Mission Cooperative.....	\$10,640.00]
[Peter's Pence.....	\$901.00]
Weekly Total.....	\$17,579.01
Weekly Amount Needed.....	\$24,307.69
Weekly +/-.....	\$(-)6,728.68
YTD actual thru 5/31/18**.....	\$1,143,887.80
YTD needed thru 5/31/18.....	\$1,162,166.60
YTD +/-.....	\$(-)18,278.80

\*Weekly total does not include any offertory given via website, mail, etc. \*\*YTD total includes all offertory, e.g. collection  
baskets, Faith Direct, website, mail, etc. YTD based on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.



### ❖First Friday Art Walk Recital at the Cathedral, July 6, 6 p.m.

The music department of the Cathedral is  
pleased to announce that the First Friday  
Art Walk Recital on July 6 will feature  
organ recitalist Ms. Carina Sturdy.  
Carina Sturdy recently earned her Bache-  
lor of Music in organ performance at the  
University of North Carolina School of  
the Arts under Dr. Timothy Olsen. She  
will begin her Master of Sacred Music at  
the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

In addition to playing numerous solo concerts up and down the  
east coast, Carina has placed in both regional and national music  
competitions.

Carina has served as the Organist for Main Street United Meth-  
odist Church in Kernersville, NC, the Organ Scholar for Bruton Par-  
ish Church, Music Intern at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston  
-Salem, NC, and Interim Organist and Music Director at Williams-  
burg Baptist Church. Additionally, she has worked as a fife and  
harpichordist for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. During  
her freshman year at The College of William and Mary, she played  
harpichord with William and Mary's Early Music Ensemble and  
Gallery Players and accompanied the Opera Workshop.

As usual, this recital which begins at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30  
p.m.) is free of charge. A free-will offering will be accepted to thank  
Ms. Sturdy for her efforts in preparing this recital and to help with  
her air fare. For further information please contact Dr. Bernie Sans  
at cathstaugmusic@gmail.com.

## HUMANAE VITAE – LIFE, LOVE AND HUMAN BIRTH

"[Married love] is above all fully human, a compound of  
sense and spirit. It is not, then, merely a question of natural  
instinct or emotional drive. It is also, above all, an act of the  
free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to  
survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow,  
so that husband and wife become, in a way, one heart and  
one soul, and together attain their human fulfillment."

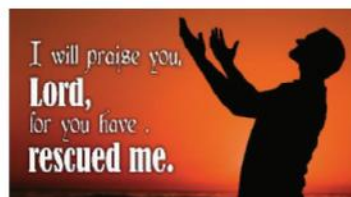
[*Humanae Vitae*, no. 9]

### Reflection

Blessed Pope Paul VI reminded us in his encyclical *Hu-  
manae Vitae* that married love comes from God who is  
love. In fact, married love mirrors God's love. In choosing  
to love like God, we love in a way that is fully human.

Reflecting upon how God affords every man and wom-  
an this capacity to love like Him, married love is meant to  
reflect and participate in God's love, which empowers hus-  
band and wife to freely decide to love in good times and  
through life's challenges.

**What does love freely given look like in your life?  
How can you love others more as God loves us?**





❖ **“Beloved,” young adult women’s Bible study, to be offered Tuesday nights beginning July 10**

Walking with Purpose, a Roman Catholic, non-profit organization devoted to helping women come to know Christ through scripture, will host a young adult women’s Bible study beginning Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Chocolattes in downtown St. Augustine (47 Cordova Street). The program will span over the course of six Tuesday evenings, through August 14.

*Beloved*, which has received the Imprimatur from Archbishop William Lori of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, lays a strong foundation for our true identity as beloved daughters of God. During our time together, we’ll learn that we belong to a family that will never abandon us. We’ll encounter grace and practical tools to make God our first priority. Jesus will meet us personally in the pages of His word, and we’ll be transformed as a result. God’s love for us is relentless and He calls us to a life of purpose. As we lean into Him, we’ll learn that nothing in our lives is wasted. When we discover who we are *in* Christ, it makes all the difference in the world. The goal of our time together is to allow these truths to transform our hearts to help us to stand strong, no matter what life blows our way.

Cost of the program is \$20. You may sign up for *Beloved* at <http://wwp.today/beloved718>.

For more information please contact Angelina DeVincenzo, [angelina.devincenzo@walkingwithpurpose.com](mailto:angelina.devincenzo@walkingwithpurpose.com) or (727) 741-4521.


❖ **Part-time CNA or home health aide sought for Our Lady of Lourdes Convent**

Are you a Certified Nursing Assistant or a Home Health Aide looking for a part-time position?

The Retired Sisters of St. Joseph are looking for an experienced, compassionate and loving caregiver.

The staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Convent support these beautiful consecrated women as they continue to serve the Dear Neighbor in service and prayer.

Please contact Pat Poticny, Administrator,  
at [patpoticny@ssjfl.org](mailto:patpoticny@ssjfl.org)



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❖ **From the Diocesan Vocations office: Discernment retreat July 27-28**

The Office of Vocations is sponsoring the *In Persona Christi Discernment Retreat*, July 27-28, at Marywood Retreat and Conference Center in St. Johns. All men ages 14 and up are invited to attend, and Bishop Estévez will celebrate a vigil Mass for the attendees. The cost of the retreat is \$15. If you have any questions, please contact the vocations office at [vocations@dosafl.com](mailto:vocations@dosafl.com).

*People say, “What good can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?” They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time. We can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform all our individual actions, and know that God will take them and multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes.*

Dorothy Day, *Loaves and Fishes*

**Cathedral Social Justice Ministry 501-2632**

**ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE** FEAST DAY JULY 3

Little is recorded of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Thomas was probably born in Galilee to a humble family, but there is no indication that he was a fisherman. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an apostle to Christ. Nevertheless, thanks to the fourth Gospel his personality is clearer to us than some of the other Twelve. Thomas’ name occurs in Matthew (10:3), Mark (3:18), Luke (6) and Acts of the Apostles (1:13), but in the Gospel of John he plays a particularly distinctive part. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but he was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, “My Lord and my God,” is the clearest declaration of Jesus’ divinity in Holy Scripture.

**Thomas, Loyal Follower.** When Jesus announced His intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea—a few miles from Jerusalem and dangerously close for someone as unpopular as He—Thomas said to his fellow disciples: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear He would be stoned, Thomas, in a moment of bravery not often expressed by the Apostles before Pentecost, rallied the others to stay by their Master come what may.

**Thomas, Inquisitive Student.** Later, in John 14:1-5 it was Saint Thomas who raised an objection prior to the Last Supper:

*“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.”*

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?”

With the keenness typical of the Twelve, Thomas misunderstands Jesus’ reference to His death and resurrection. Thomas’ question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of His ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

**Thomas, Doubting Apostle.** Lastly, and more famously, Saint Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe” (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, “My Lord and my God!” and Jesus replied, “Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe” (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression “doubting Thomas.”

**Thomas, Reluctant Missionary.** Accounts of Thomas’ missionary activities are unreliable, but the most widely accepted report holds that he preached in India, although he was reluctant to start the mission. To this day, Saint Thomas is venerated as the Apostle of India. In fact, there exists a population of Christians along the Malabar Coast, on the western coast of India, who lay claim to conversion by Saint Thomas. Their tradition holds that he built seven churches, was martyred during prayer by a spearing on the “Big Hill” near Madras, and was buried in Mylapore, on the east coast of India. Ultimately, Saint Thomas’ remains were transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today.

*Written by Christine Berta, parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville, IL. Sources: Catholic Encyclopedia, by Herbert Thurston; For All The Saints, by Katherine Rabenstein.*



If at any time you wish to **add** a name to, or **remove** a name from, the prayer lists, please email Shannon McKay, bulletin editor, [ssmckasavant@aol.com](mailto:ssmckasavant@aol.com), to let me know.  
Or, you may call the Rectory, 824-2806, and convey your message to one of our staff; the information will be passed on to me.  
Many thanks! *SMcK*

## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Myra Rothenberg, Terry Spearman, Deshawn Jackson, Charles Burke, Alicia Anne Ernst, Robert Moore Murray, John Watson, Casey Spellacy, Mel Kulhanek, Connie Higgins, Danny Birkhauser, Debbie Baker, Pauline DeSaulniers, Nance Carlsen, Rebecca DeCamp, Victoria Smith, Jack Patrick Pean, June Hyde, Sue Garlanger, Mary Ellen Syrup, Edward Gillie M.D., John Santorelli, Guy Conlin, Sadie George, Joe Lyons, Irma Gonzalez and Family, Kory Kammerman, Yolanka Tracy, Lane Carter, Andy Carden, Fr. Slawomir Podsiedlik, Ted Fontaine, Karon Williamson, Baby Pearl, Laubacker Family, Sophia Christine, Bob Gardy, Joe Merritt, Pat DiMuzio, Nick D'Amico, Joyce Kaman, Nancy McAlister, Bridget Merkle, Margaret Schlotzhauer, Kevin McCarthy Sr., Susan Buron, Dan Burkhardt, Callen Spearman, Mary Grace Gardy, Diana Kanaszka, Joshua Solana, Joey Leach, Pierre Thompson, Sean Spicer, Delaney Nalepka, Cynthia Stephens, John Fazio, Elizabeth Fazio, Ellie Flanagan, Kevin Hollington, William "Pierre" Pierce, Anita Pierce, Shawn Hinkle, Maria Pineda, Sam DiMuzio, Ann Algreen, Allyson Turner, Nancy Totino, Kristen Beebe, Irvine Morrison, Ryan Olschewski, Margaret McCutcheon, Mary Tinto, Guy Tinto, Kathleen Green, John McBryde, JoAnne Esposito, Julie Dopp Koziel, Jill Burger, Judy Mills

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Grimes, Delaney Luna, Edward Luna, William E. Beach, Alex Carames, Will Soffera, Daniel Soffera, Lt. Col. Dr. Eric J. Colon, Kathryn Emery, CPT Derrick Hoxie IV, LCDR Sean Morrison, Robert Moran, Pamela Kassandra DeVoto, Ryan Olschewski, Patrick Connaway, Nick Brooky, Brandon McFall, Benedetto M. Santorelli, Jr.

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**Please contact the Rectory office at (904) 824-2806 for further information.**

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**George W. Bush**

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