



DECEMBER
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2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Matthew 1:24

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Eucharist, St. Thomas the Apostle strives to be an inclusive servant community – to be Christ in the World. We bear the Good News of God’s unconditional love to all generations through worship, faith formation, witness and service.



Joseph, son of David,
*do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home.*

– Matthew 1:20

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.

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Fr. Peter shares insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

Holy Voices

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Reflection on the Readings

After two Sundays of hearing from John the Baptist, today we encounter the other major figure of Advent, the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this last Sunday before Christmas, how fitting it is that we should ponder once again Mary's response to God's invitation through the angel Gabriel. Let us pray for the grace to respond to God's invitations to us as we begin our final preparations for the coming of the Lord.

Readings for Today

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Presider Schedule December 24-25

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Church: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Larry Kearney

4:15 pm Gym: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Jim Breen

7:00 pm Church: Fr. Bob Colaresi

10:00 pm Church: Fr. Peter Infanger

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:30: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

11:15: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

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Prayer

Thank you,
Scandalous God,
For giving yourself to the world,
Not in the powerful and extraordinary,
But in weakness and the familiar:
In a baby; in bread and wine.
Thank you
For offering, at journey's end, a new beginning;
For setting, in the poverty of a stable,
The richest jewel of your love;
For revealing, in a particular place,
Your light for all nations.
Thank you
For bringing us to Bethlehem, House of Bread,
Where the empty are filled,
And the filled are emptied;
Where the poor find riches,
And the rich recognize their poverty;
Where all who kneel and hold out their hands
Are unstintingly fed.
~ written by Kate Compston

Advent Devotionals and Novenas

Various cultures within the Universal Church celebrate the last days of the Advent season with special devotionals and/or novenas. The focus on these days before Christmas represent the heightened anticipation and excitement we, the faithful, have for our Savior Incarnate.

O Antiphons: The seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) – is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. Originally in Latin, the song “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is a common English setting of these traditional texts.

Las Posadas: The Spanish word ‘posada’ means inn or lodging. People journeying on a posada – traditionally from house to house in a neighborhood – are embodying the journey of Mary and Joseph to find a place to stay where Jesus could be born. Once accepted into a home, the travelers are welcomed with hot food and drinks, sweets, music and piñatas.

Simbang Gabi: A Philippine Catholic tradition structured around the celebration of the Mass. See this week’s bulletin insert for more details.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Bob Pattermann, by Dick and Kay
†Mary Follin, by Juliette Follin
8:00 am †Jerry Johnson, by Mom and Dad
9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Marowski, by Bea Pierquet
†Dennis DeMeo, by Mary Malone
11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas the Apostle

Intentions for this week

Monday, December 19, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am Healing for George Deevarghe, by Phyllis Cliff

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Bill Feder, Family

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Special Intention Fr. Lt. Keith Wolf, by Fr. Peter Infanger

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †William Raef, Battisto Family

Friday, December 23, 2022

St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 am †Jennifer Cliff, by Phyllis Cliff

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Late Advent Weekday am

4:00 pm †Bill and Griffin McCarthy, Family
†Jenni Anderson, by Mom, Dad and Kerri
4:15 pm †Florence and Paul Pattermann, Dick and Kay
7:00 pm †Tim Updike, by Mom and Dad
10:00 pm †Sgt. Jose Carlos Vega, by The Joy Group

Sunday, December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Marowski, by Bea Pierquet
11:15 am †Fred Gardner, by Elizabeth Castello



Upcoming Events Advent at St. Thomas

Mid-day Meditation

Tuesday, December 20
12:00 pm

Join in Mid-day Meditation in the Chapel to ponder the blessings of the Incarnation and the workings of God in our lives.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Mass | Church*

This Mass includes the Children's dramatized proclamation of the Gospel

4:15 pm Mass | Gym

7:00 pm Mass | Church

10:00 pm Mass | Church*

No 3:30 pm Reconciliation,

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:30 am Mass | Church

11:15 am Mass | Church

(*) denotes that liturgy will be livestreamed; Holy Communion distribution in the parking lot for Masses.

For complete details about these programs and all Advent programming offered at St. Thomas the Apostle, please visit our website at stapostle.org.

C.A.R.E CORNER

As a child of nobility, Hildegard of Bingen was afforded an education through a Benedictine Abbey. She made her religious vows at the age of 15 and later became an abbess and a founder of monasteries on the Rhine River in

Germany. She became known as a preacher and a counselor to clergy. But she was also well-known for her interests in the natural sciences, leaving us a nine-volume collection of writings on the healing properties of plants and animals. She believed that all living things were the outpouring of the bounty and the presence of God.

At the age of 42, Hildegard received a divine command to write down the visions revealed to her. Thank goodness she listened! Her writings filled three volumes, a treasure which of course we can still access today. Hildegard died in 1179 at the ripe old age of 81. It was Pope Benedict XVI who named her a Doctor of the Church in 2012 based upon her divine encounters, her reputation for holiness, her preaching against heresies, her sacramental view of the world, and her liturgical and theological compositions. Her overall love for our Church has had far-reaching implications throughout the ages.



Pre K and Second Grade Mass Thanks

We thank the catechists who have been sharing their faith and teaching the children in their Pre-K and second grade Religious Education classes and prepared the children for the grade level Mass on December 11.

Thanks to Janet Bailey, Mary Brigid Creek, Melissa Ernst, Heather Marzano, Laura Starzec along with their aides Allison Davids, Lily Ernst, Kelly Miles, Hillary Mucha and Kathleen Puvathingal and the second grade coordinator Cheryl Kaspar.

The Gift of Catechists and Volunteers

Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of a dedicated group of catechists and volunteers. These volunteers include our catechists: Mary Wright, Julie Krupa, Darlene Dionne, Mary Szczap, Susan Brotherly, Joe Pecoraro, Adisah Mahama, Ann Cotner, Ami Joseph, Loula Fernandez, Lisa Shields, Anne Sidio and Brian Laughlin. On those rare occasions when this dedicated group is unable to be there for class, Chris Baker, John Kennedy, Gina Howley and Amy Duran have stepped up to help. There are also volunteers who are willing to work behind the scenes to ensure our programs run smoothly. These volunteers include Bernard Salzig and Carolyn Vondran.

Thanks to all of these 'ministers' for sharing the gifts of their time and talent with St. Thomas middle school students. Their dedication is a gift to the whole St. Thomas community.



Question of the week

What does it mean to be part of God's family?



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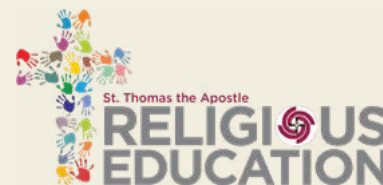
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A BIG shout out goes to our St. Thomas middle school and high school young people who helped decorate and fill over 100 Christmas stockings for Care Pantry families.

The filling of the stockings would not have been possible without the generous donations of gift cards, socks, mittens, hats, and so much more from middle and high school families and generous parishioners. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping our young people let their Light shine.

The same group of young people who worked to fill the Christmas stocking also helped to set up Christmas trees to add to the holiday spirit in our church spaces. We so appreciate your help!



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **December 17:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
- **December 20:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School. Kindergarten is at St. Thomas December 20.

Middle School

- **December 19, January 9, 23:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **December 17, January 14, 21:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

RE Tuition Angel

This Christmas season would you like to be a tuition angel for a family attending Religious Education (RE) classes? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay their RE tuition. If you can help the fees are: \$145 for one child, \$240 for two children or \$315 for three children. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please write tuition gift on the memo line of the check. Please send it to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office, attention Lorraine Katz. Thank you for your generosity with being a tuition angel. It is greatly appreciated.

Advent Playlist: Family ADVENT-ure

The season of Advent encourages us to slow down and ponder ... to ponder Christ's first coming in the miracle of Christmas ... to ponder Christ's second coming at the end of time. Yet, often, Advent is anything but quiet and relaxed. This playlist is full of ideas to help you or your family have meaningful Advent time. Check out 'Family ADVENT-ure' on the St. Thomas website.





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Events This Weekend – December 17-18

Fraternite Notre Dame – Baked Goods

The Fraternite Notre Dame (Sisters of Notre Dame) are again visiting St. Thomas this weekend. They will bring their delicious baked goods for your holiday celebrations to the Gathering Area after all Masses.

The Sisters of Notre Dame minister to the poor in Chicago in the Austin neighborhood. Their pantry serves 250 families every week. They are the recipient of 40 percent of the food we collect on Harvest Sunday. Their soup kitchen serves the homeless in the neighborhood each day, Monday-Friday. Their after school program serves more than 60 children from the neighborhood, ages 5-12.

Christmas Ham Collection

This weekend is the annual Christmas ham collection for Care Pantry families and other area pantries. This year's goal is 600 hams. The truck will be out front until about 1:00 pm this Sunday (December 18).



If you forget your ham, you can make a donation at the collection truck and one will be purchased for you. Thanks for all who are able to help.

Haiti Twinning

The Gift of Education Special Need this Year

Due to the turmoil and rampant inflation in Haiti, there is a greater need than in previous years for support of St. Thomas School and Ertha's school. More parents cannot afford to pay tuition as they struggle to supply their families with food. Teachers need additional pay to travel to Duchity to teach. Fr. Frantzy did manage to open the schools in early November. If you are considering options for end of year donations, please consider Haiti Twinning Education as a good investment and a wonderful gift to the students in Duchity.



Throughout Advent season, Haiti Twinning is offering a Haitian Christmas card along with a picture of a Duchity student that you might send to your family and friends, perhaps in lieu of a gift. The gift of education to the children of Duchity is a gift that will last a lifetime.

Donation Options

A donation of \$50 is suggested, but any amount is welcomed. The goal is \$30,000 (\$13,000 collected to date).

- Checks can be made to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Haiti SAC" in the memo and mailed to St. Thomas OSJ (1500 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, 60563)
- To make an online donation, go to <https://osvhub.com/stapostle/giving/funds/haiti-twinning-education>

For those that would like Haiti Christmas cards along with pictures of Duchity students, stop by the Outreach and Social Justice Office or contact Mike at 630.355.8980, x121 or mryder@stapostle.org.

Christmas Swaddling Project

The St. Thomas Pro-Life Ministry Swaddling Project begins this weekend. Pick up a Swaddling Bag as you leave Mass. Multiple area pregnancy centers will benefit, including Birthright, Waterleaf and Avenue Women's Center.



See the label on the bag for the items most needed. Return all bags to the playpen in the Gathering Area by Sunday, January 15, 2023. Gift cards to Walmart, Target and grocery stores in denominations of \$20 or \$25 also accepted as well as monetary donations. Make checks out to St. Thomas OSJ with "Swaddling Project" in the memo.

Thank you for your support!

Think Spring!

Think Indoor Golf!

Save the Date – Sunday March 5, 2023. It will be the social event of the new year, so far!



Coming Soon!

The Race Card Project at St. Thomas

What can you say in just six words? To date, over 500,000 people worldwide have participated in The Race Card Project by sharing their sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, always revealing thoughts on race, and using only six words to do so.



at St. Thomas

The Race Card Project at St. Thomas will be available beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany and continue through March. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about ways you can join the conversation.

The St. Thomas Inclusive Justice Initiative believes, and we hope you agree (!) that there is value at getting a peek at varied views about race. We want to honor and give voice to your and others' thoughts about race. There is value in sharing even when we don't all feel the same way or have the same experiences. Indeed, that is the richness of this project. We hope that these six-word thoughts will encourage reflection and spark further productive dialogue.

To start your creative juices flowing, consider some race cards that have been shared at <https://theracecardproject.com>:

I am not wrong, I'm different

One mirror with many different reflections.

Stories should be told, not hidden.

Wishing for a happily ever after.

We hope that, come January, you will add your voice to the conversation!

Inclusive Justice Initiative Antisemitism on the Rise

USCCB Response

Antisemitism has been on the rise across the country and sadly has even affected a Jewish community near us. On November 15, thirty-nine headstones were desecrated at the Congregation Am Echod cemetery in Waukegan. Below is a link to a news story about the incident:

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/jewish-graves-desecrated-with-swastikas-spark-anger-tears/b65a506c-c5fa-479e-ade4-31cec2b9bc8e>.

In response to the increase in antisemitism, the US Bishop's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs released a statement that "Emphasizes Recommitment to Relationship with Jewish Community." They say, in part:

"More than ever, members of the Body of Christ must now become aware of their spiritual ties to the Jewish people chosen first to hear the Word of God. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul spoke of the Church as wild shoots grafted onto an olive tree, that is, the Jews. He cautioned: "you do not support the root, the root supports you." (Rom 11:17-24) As a result, the Church must take care to protect that same root from which she continues to draw sustenance as all await in varied ways the coming of the Messiah. (cf. *Nostra Aetate*, 4). The rising trend of antisemitic incidents has become even more painful in light of the Church's relationship to the Jewish tradition and our connections to the Jewish people in dialogue and friendship. ... As partners and neighbors, we seek to foster bonds of friendship between members of the Body of Christ and the Jewish people."

The incarnation of Jesus Christ as a first-century Jew reminds us that we are brothers and sisters with our Jewish community. The bishops call upon us to "remain ever vigilant" of the various ways in which the dangers of antisemitism appear. To read the full bishops' statement, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/us-bishops-committee-ecumenical-and-interreligious-affairs-emphasizes-recommitment-0>





BEHAVIORAL HEALTH St. Thomas the Apostle

Office of Behavioral Health Ministry Attention Caregivers

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection.

There are two upcoming meetings – Thursday, January 12 and Thursday, January 26 – from 7:00–8:00 pm.

Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd. Naperville. Enter the back entrance of the church as the main entrance may be locked. Check the “event board” by the lower level entrance for the room number.

Please email welisten2017@gmail.com or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions

Health Tips: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Increased cases of flu and RSV infection, primarily affecting young children, have prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to issue a health alert. RSV is a common respiratory infection in children. Adults also may become infected.

In adults and older, otherwise healthy children, the infection typically mimics the common cold.

Symptoms usually improve in seven to 10 days. But young children, especially less than 6 months of age, children or adults with weakened immune systems, heart disease or lung disease and adults over age 65 are at more risk for severe or sometimes life-threatening RSV infections.

In cases of severe infection, hospitalization may be required so that doctors can monitor and treat breathing problems and give intravenous fluids. Complications can include pneumonia, bronchiolitis and middle ear infection.

Signs and symptoms

- Congested or runny nose
- Dry cough
- Low-grade fever
- Sore throat
- Mild headache

Medication

Over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) may reduce symptoms. In severe cases, a doctor might prescribe a bronchodilator or ribavirin (Virazole), an antiviral medicine.

Self-care

To help ease breathing, use a cool-mist humidifier or vaporizer to humidify air. Sitting upright makes breathing easier. Offer the sick person plenty of fluids to drink, including warm ones such as soup. Over-the-counter saline nasal drops may ease congestion.

Prevention

There's no vaccine against this disease, but the medication palivizumab (Synagis) may decrease the risk of hospitalization and limit the severity of the illness. It's given monthly to children at high risk during the peak season for the infection.

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Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, Bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy. May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises. May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts that we have received from the Tree of Christ's Cross. Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, December 19

- 4:30–5:15 pm Youth Choir, Emmaus
7:00–8:30 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center
7:15–8:30 pm RE Middle School at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, December 20

- 10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside
12:00–12:30 pm Advent Meditation, Chapel
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
4:30–5:45 pm Kindergarten Church Visit
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, December 21

- 4:30–5:30 pm Pageant Practice, Church

Thursday, December 22

Friday, December 23

Offices Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

- 4:00 pm Church
4:15 pm Gym
7:00 pm Church
10:00 pm Church

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses

- 9:30 am Church
11:15 am Church



2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Closing Report

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Closing Report is now available. To view a copy online, please visit stapostle.org/2022-cmaa-closing-report/

Dear Padre addresses many interesting and topical questions people have about Faith and the Church and how it should impact our life.

Dear Padre

December 18, 2022

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est.*” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.”

— *The Redemptorists*
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