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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

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ESTATE
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INC.**

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The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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saintmaryscemetery.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 5:30 PM; Sat: 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM
Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

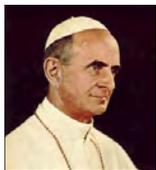
ABOUT OUR PARISH

Welcome, New Parishioners and Sunday Visitors:

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary form (1962 Missal) are celebrated here with the blessing of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. We encourage new parishioners to please register in the parish and to introduce yourselves to the Pastor. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM.

Parish Mission Statement



“What then is a parish? It is the smallest section of the one universal flock which has been entrusted to Peter by the Lord.

Under the authority of a responsible priest who has received the care of souls from his bishop, the parish is, within the Church of Jesus Christ, the first community of Christian life; it is a community cut to human dimensions, in which the shepherd can know his flock and the flock can know their shepherd ... At the heart of this area, we find the parish church with its bell-tower, its baptistery, its confessional, its altar and tabernacle, a symbol of unity and the centre of community life.”

**(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
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THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020: "FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION: That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied."



(PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (2) Clement Pappin, summer of 2019, aged 6. (3) Fr. Salako's audience with Pope Francis, 2019.)



"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASING TO YOURSELF, THEN YOU WILL BE FOR JESUS A PLEASANT PLACE OF SHELTER."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

In the midst of a world-wide pestilence and much suffering, the world-wide Catholic Church proclaims this Octave Day of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday". This designation, requested by Our Lord through the mystic visions given to Sister Faustina Kowalska, entered into the official liturgy of the Church at the direction of Pope John Paul II.

*Throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. (Decree from the Congregation of Divine Worship, 23 May A.D. 2000)*

Note how there is nothing soft or sentimental in the wording of that Decree. It is a proclamation of the Divine Mercy inextricably linked to the Mystery of Suffering. The graces of the Divine Mercy devotion are, as it were, *prevenient* graces for the trials of humanity bound to come.

Reflecting on the example of his own father's faith in the midst of great suffering, John Paul II wrote:

The violence of the blows that struck him opened up immense spiritual depths in him. His grief found its outlets in prayer. The mere fact of seeing him on his knees had a decisive effect on my early years...Even now when I awake at night I remember seeing my father kneeling to pray...He was so hard on himself that he had no need to be hard on his son; his example alone was sufficient to inculcate discipline and duty...My father was the person who explained to me the mystery of God.

Among the griefs of the father's life were the pre-mature death of his wife in 1929 (when his son Karol the future pope was nine years old), and the death of his older son Edmund in 1932, who was only 26. Edmund was a young doctor who died from a scarlet fever epidemic. He was treating patients in the hospital, contracted the disease himself, and died. Speaking 50 years later at Jagellonian University, the Pope mentioned the loss of his brother.

These are events that became deeply engraved in my memory. My brother's death perhaps even deeper than my mother's death—equally because of the special circumstances, one may say tragic ones, and in view of my greater maturity at the time.

According to the Pope's biographer Tad Szulc:

After the funeral, the surviving Wotylas published an announcement in a Krakow newspaper to express their gratitude to all the doctors and nurses at the Bielsko hospital for the help and care given Dr. Edmund during his illness 'at the risk of their health and lives.' They signed it: 'Father and Brother.' (*Pope John Paul II: The Biography, Chapter 5, A.D. 1995*)

These are considerations for our own help as we struggle to come to grips with the overwhelming realities of this hour. The Mystery of Divine Mercy flows out of, and leads us back into, the Mystery of the Cross.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Easter Sunday morning Fr. Higgins offered 'Missa Privata' in the parish gardens.



(PHOTO by Erika da Silva)



(PHOTO by Joe Monahan)

The Mass continues to be offered each day in the parish although it is no longer possible to allow anyone to be present for it.

Church open for private prayer & visitation:
Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri:
6:30-7:30 am
Mon/Wed/Fri:
11:30 am-12:30 pm
Saturday: 8:00-9:00 am
Sunday:
6:30 am-12:30 pm
(Archdiocesan and Commonwealth directives put a 10-person limit inside the church at any one time.)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(A devotional prayer especially useful when one is prevented from receiving sacramental Communion)

I wish, my Lord, to receive Thee with the same purity, humility, and devotion with which Thy Most Holy Mother received Thee, as well as with the spirit and the fervor of the Saints.



David Allen

**MONDAY OF THE SECOND
WEEK OF EASTER**

(Missale Romanum 1970)

“Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have been renewed by paschal remedies, transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage, may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker. Through our Lord, etc. Amen.”

This beautiful composition leads us to contemplate how God both *restores* His own divine image in us by baptismal grace and also *perfects* it over the course of our lives. Image restoration and image perfection: these are the two movements of grace at work in us through our participation in Jesus’ death and resurrection. Eastertide certainly celebrates the former, for baptism’s power is rooted in Christ’s Paschal Mystery. Eastertide emphasizes the latter, as well, for the Risen Christ attends our daily lives with His grace, so that we may become more and more like Him (Bl. Columba Marmion, OSB, *Christ in His Mysteries*, pp. 328-346).

Life in Christ provides the means of grace by which we can become less and less like Adam and Eve in their *unlikeness* to God (“transcend the likeness of our earthly parentage”), and so “be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker,” in the words of our Collect. Even more literally, we can translate this as “the image of our heavenly *author*,” referencing Heb. 12:2 (Jesus is the “author and finisher” of our faith, Douay-Rheims and KJV). Thus, while initial justification “renews” our fallen human nature by restoring the image of God, it remains for us to cooperate with God’s grace in perfecting the image of Christ imprinted on our souls in baptism. Salvation is about a *total renewal* of our whole person, especially in terms of love for God and neighbor.

St. Peter teaches this to us in his First Epistle: “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’.....Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart” (Cf. 1 Pet. 1:14-16, 22, RSV-CE).

St. John’s teaching is in full agreement with St. Peter’s, as we see in his much-loved First Epistle: “And by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says ‘I know him’ but disobeys His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in Him: he who says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked” (cf. 1 Jn. 2:3-6, RSV-CE).

Sanctification- our becoming holy- is an on-going process by which we become more and more like Jesus by growing in imitation of His love. The Church defines holiness as becoming perfected in Christ-like charity, i.e., to love God and our neighbor like Jesus and the saints (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* no. 2013). As we know too well from experience, none of us who claim faith in Jesus Christ can also claim such perfection. We’re striving after it, but we’re not there yet. An honest and brief examination of conscience (a good daily exercise), should show us several areas of improvement! May our experience of the Risen Christ this Eastertide become ever more real, so as to spur us onward in hope towards stronger charity.

*Mr. David Allen, M.T.S., is the lay
Pastoral Associate for our parish of
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.*



“TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE SOULS IS TO FEEL OUR SEPARATION FROM THINGS VISIBLE, OUR INDEPENDENCE OF THEM, OUR DISTINCT EXISTENCE IN OURSELVES, OUR INDIVIDUALITY...AT FIRST THIS OUTWARD WORLD PREVAILS. WE LOOK OFF FROM SELF TO THE THINGS AROUND US, AND FORGET OURSELVES IN THEM. SUCH IS OUR STATE—A DEPENDING FOR SUPPORT ON THE REEDS WHICH ARE NO STAY, AND OVERLOOKING OUR REAL STRENGTH—AT THE TIME WHEN GOD BEGINS HIS PROCESS OF RECLAIMING US TO A TRUE VIEW OF OUR PLACE IN HIS GREAT SYSTEM OF PROVIDENCE...AND WE BEGIN, BY DEGREES, TO PERCEIVE THAT THERE ARE BUT TWO BEINGS IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, OUR OWN SOUL, AND THE GOD WHO MADE IT.”

—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)
RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list for the sick, especially for:

Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Ophelia Tobio, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Katharine Allen, Dorothy Fresolo, Lita O’Laoghaire, Mary Downey, Joseph Gamache, Kathy Quinn, Nick & Janet Pino, Mary Duhaime...

“I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next”—Our Lady of Lourdes to St.

Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



PHOTO above: the Lourdes spring as it comes out of the Massabielle. This is how pilgrims to the Shrine today can view it.



“GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS.”—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of :

**+Ernest Nasif Jr.
 (Brother of parishioner Elissa Ferris)**



LATIN MASS PROPERS: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (LOW SUNDAY)

INTROIT: I Peter 2. 2; Psalm 80. 2 As newborn babes, alleluia, desire ye the rational milk without guile, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm.* Rejoice to God our Helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — As newborn babes ...

COLLECT: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the Paschal Feast, may, by Thy bounty, retain its fruits in our daily habits and behavior. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From the First Epistle of Blessed John the Apostle (I John 5. 4-10) Dearly beloved: Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory, which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three who give testimony in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

PASCHAL ALLELUIA: Matthew 28. 7; John 20, 26 Alleluia, alleluia. On the day of My Resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said: Peace be to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 20. 19-31 At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them: and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then He saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to Him: My Lord and my God. Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His Name.

OFFERTORY: Matthew 28. 2, 5, 6 An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said to the women: He whom you seek is risen, as He said, alleluia.

SECRET: Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts of Thine exultant Church: and to whom Thou has given cause for so great joy, grant the fruit of perpetual happiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: John 20. 27 Put in thy hand, and know the place of the nails, alleluia; and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION: We beg Thee, O Lord our God, that these sacred and holy mysteries which Thou hast given us to safeguard our rebirth, may be for us a remedy both now and in the future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son ...

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prelude: Thine Be the Glory

(George Frideric Handel 1685~1759)

Entrance Antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 32)

*Like new born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I "Lux et Origo"

Parish Book of Chant, no.28ff./pp. 60~62

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo III

Offertory Antiphon: 4 Esdras 2:36~37

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 32)

*Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has
called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.*

Communion: John 10:27

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 33)

*Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be
unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

Communion Meditation:

Regina Caeli (Chant)

(9 AM) Regina Coeli CG 106

(Charles Gounod, Published 1878: Chants Sacrés I)

Recessional Hymn:

Be Joyful Mary

(Worship Hymnal, No.35)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prelude: Laudes Salvatoris

(Heinrich Isaac, Published 1555 in Choralis Constantinus)

Asperges me (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

Processional: Exsultemus et Laetemur

(Parish Book of Chant, pg. 277)

Introit: Peter 2:2 *Quasi modo géniti infántes allelúja:*

*rationábiles, sine dolo lac concupíscite, allelúja, allelúja,
allelúja. (Ps. 80: 2) Exsultáte Deo adjutóri nostro: jubiláte Deo
Jacob. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in
príncipio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.*

*Quasi modo géniti infántes allelúja: rationábiles, sine dolo lac
concupíscite, allelúja, allelúja, allelúja.*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I "Lux et Origo"

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(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo III Parish Book of Chant, no.119/pp. 114

Greater Alleluia: Matthew 28: 7 *Allelúja, allelúja. In die*

resurrectiónis meæ, dicit Dóminus, præcédam vos in Galilæam.

*Allelúja. (John 20: 26) Post dies octo, jánuis clausis, stetit Jesus
in médio discipulórum suórum, et dixit: Pax vobis. Allelúja*

Offertory: Matthew 28:2, 5, 6 *Ángelus Dómini descéndit*

*de Cælo, et dixit muliéribus: Quem quæritis, surrexit sicut dixit,
allelúia.*

Communion: John 20:27 *Mitte manum tuam, et cognósce*

*loca clavórum, allelúja: et noli esse incrédulus, sed fidélis,
allelúja, allelúja.*

Communion Meditation:

Resurrexit Quid Quaeritis

(Johann Walter, Published 1539)

Recessional Hymn:

Be Joyful Mary

(Worship Hymnal, No.35)

Postlude: Thine Be the Glory

(George Frideric Handel 1685~1759)

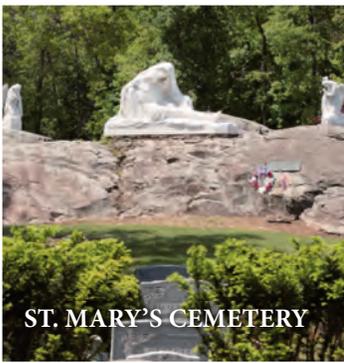
Regina Caeli (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

<p>SUNDAY April 19th</p> <p><i>DIVINE MERCY</i> <i>SUNDAY</i></p>	<p>4:00 PM (Vigil) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Yale Hicks Pro Populo NOT SCHEDULED Marlan & Katharine Allen Frs. Salako & Maccalli, S.M.A.</p>	<p>Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention</p>	<p>Rose Amrhein David & Ellen Allen David & Ellen Allen</p>
				
<p>MONDAY April 20th</p> <p><i>Easter Feria</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Ernest Nasif Jr.</p>	<p>Memorial Memorial</p>	<p> Cindy Fagrey</p>
<p>TUESDAY April 21st</p> <p><i>St. Anselm of Canterbury</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p>	<p>Neal Steinkrauss</p>	<p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Provencher Family</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY April 22nd</p> <p><i>SS. Soter & Caius</i></p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Francesca & Rina Martelli</p>	<p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Laura Harvey</p>
<p>THURSDAY April 23rd</p> <p><i>St. George</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Donato Visco Judge Joseph Nolan</p>	<p>Memorial Memorial</p>	<p>Marianne Lochiatto</p>
<p>FRIDAY April 24th</p> <p><i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Austin Maher Eliza Miller</p>	<p>Special Intention Special Intention</p>	<p>Provencher Family Stephen Miller</p>
<p>SATURDAY April 25th</p> <p><i>St. Mark the Evangelist</i> <i>The Major Litanies</i></p>	<p>9:00 AM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>All Souls (22) Stella Miller Julie Ramsdell Miller</p>	<p>Memorial Special Intention Special Intention</p>	<p>Donor Stephen Miller Stephen Miller</p>
<p>NOT SCHEDULED</p>				

“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

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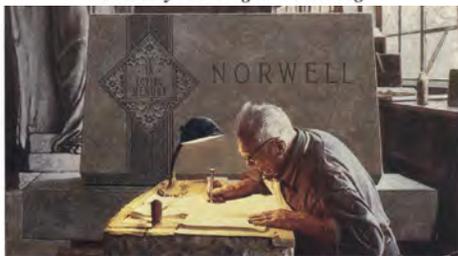
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