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MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.*

He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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for more information

YOUTH MINISTRY

Ascension Catholic Life Teen

Sundays 6:45-8:30pm

Edge (Grades 7&8) Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Ascension Social Concerns: 259-5685

Religious Articles Gift Shop

Open after all weekend Masses

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30 pm

Sunday Masses

7:30 am

9:30 a.m.



Sign
Language

11:30 am

5:30 pm

(Contemporary Music)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am

Sat. 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:25

Wednesday: 5:00 pm

(or by appointment)

*As a good steward of the Lord's blessings, please remember to consider
your Parish Family or School Endowment in your Last Will and Testament.*

Welcome to the Ascension family,

Fr. John Bosco Maison, Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters of Ascension Catholic Parish,

I join you here at Ascension as your pastor with great excitement and anticipation I feel I have come full circle since arriving in the USA to begin my ministry as a priest. On arriving in the Diocese of Orlando in anticipation for my assignment at Epiphany Parish, I had the privilege to spend three months with your beloved pastor Fr. Eamon Tobin who carefully introduced me to American culture, people and the church operation. I owe him a great deal for his care and I love him as you do.

During my 12 years at Epiphany Parish my responsibilities grew as I went from parochial vicar to the pastor. I have not come this far as a pastor solely by myself, but with the help of many loving and caring members of the community and by supportive priests, deacons and staff. I hope and pray that you will support me as I begin ministry with the staff, deacons, priests, the church and the school and you, the members of this amazing community of Ascension Parish. God and Bishop John Noonan have sent me here to this thriving community and my prayer is that this community will continue to grow in Christian spirituality and Christian community.

Peace and prayers,
Fr. John Bosco



Welcome to the Ascension family, Mrs. Claudia Stokes, Principal!

February 26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have been keeping all of you in my prayers. Your parish and school communities have experienced significant loss these past few months and although our hearts still ache for the loss of Mrs. Brady and Father Tobin, we trust that through the Holy Spirit, God will provide and continue to guide your amazing community. The teachers and staff at Ascension Catholic School are doing a wonderful job in continuing Mrs. Brady's legacy of holding high expectations while forming the children in our rich faith tradition.

I personally want to thank Ms. Donna Violi for stepping in the past few months as Acting Principal. She has guided the school through a difficult time while assuming Mrs. Brady's duties along with the responsibilities she had as Assistant Principal. It was not Ms. Violi's intention to become the next principal and it is important that the school have a leader who will be in the position for the long term in order to continue its track record of outstanding success in Brevard County.

In a traditional transfer of leadership, the Pastor, having knowledge of his community, would work with the Office of Catholic Schools and appoint a search committee. There would be a national search which requires several months to complete, followed by a series of interviews before selecting the right candidate. The circumstances at Ascension are unique with a new pastor beginning March 1, 2021 and the need to find a new leader within the current school year.

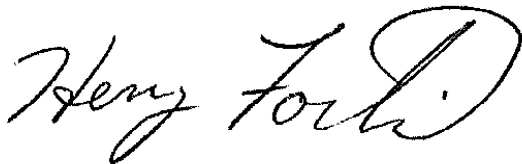
In conversation with the incoming Pastor, Rev. John Bosco Maison and others in the community, I would like to announce the appointment of Mrs. Claudia Stokes as Principal of Ascension Catholic School. Mrs. Stokes comes to Ascension with a rich background of service within the church. Mrs. Stokes came to the Diocese as a middle school teacher. She became Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School in Palm Bay in 2011. Mrs. Stokes taught in Broward and Dade County Public Schools. She also held the position of Director of Religious Education at St. Martha Catholic Church where she had taught in the Religious Education program for several years and was DRE at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera. She has been very active participating in the Bishop's Harmonizing Ministries Committee, NCEA Liturgy Committee, Mission Effectiveness Committee and is presently completing her Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership at Florida Southern College. Mrs. Stokes also served as the mentor to Mrs. Brady when Mrs. Brady was hired as Principal at Ascension.

Mrs. Stokes worked closely with Mrs. Brady as part of the Brevard Principal group. She has been a support and mentor to Ms. Donna Violi since Ms. Violi assumed her role as Acting Principal. Mrs. Stokes' background in parish work, religious education, and Catholic school leadership accompanied by her pastoral approach will allow Ascension Catholic School to continue moving forward as a beacon of light within Brevard County. Mrs. Stokes will begin her position on March 22, 2021. This appointment allows for Ms. Violi to focus on her responsibilities as Assistant Principal while working with Mrs. Stokes and helping her to understand the rich history of the Ascension community at the same time building a collaborative vision with the Pastor and community moving forward.

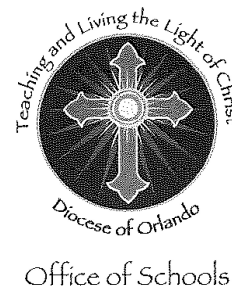
Mrs. Stokes will be attending all Masses at Ascension Catholic Church the weekend of March 6/7, 2021. Rev. John Bosco Maison will be introducing her to the community at that time. I hope that you will take this opportunity to greet Mrs. Stokes and welcome her to your vibrant community.

Again, I know these have been a challenging few months with many changes for staff and students. As the legacy of Fr. Tobin and Mrs. Brady will continue to live on in our hearts, we move forward in prayer for our new leaders, Fr. John Bosco Maison and Mrs. Claudia Stokes. I will continue to work with and pray for the Ascension Catholic community during this transition.

May God's peace rest in your hearts.



Henry Fortier
Secretary for Education/
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



Thank you Ms. Violi for all of your hard work.



Next Sunday's Readings
March 14, 2021 B

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21**

**What has helped you to come to believe
in God's unconditional love for you?**

Our Catholic Appeal Update

This year's assessment is \$432,489.

As of week 3 of this campaign, we have recorded total pledges of \$284,490.00 from 450 families, which represents 65.8% of our goal.

Thank you to all who have pledged.



Ascension Catholic School Mission Statement

Ascension Catholic School, founded by the Sisters of Mercy and rooted in the charism of compassion, is a community of Companions on the Journey. We strive to foster the growth of each unique child by living the Gospel values, achieving academic excellence, and serving our global family.



HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN NIGHTS

5:30-8:00pm (Mass included)

During COVID restrictions, things may change from week to week. Please see our website for additional details.

SUMMIT NIGHT

**Tuesday nights, 7:00-8:15pm,
in the Youth Room**

For the teenager who's craving something more and much deeper than our Sunday Life night.

Cara Giuliano—321-254-1595 ext. 3501
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www.lifeteen.ascensioncatholic.net

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

We are a Middle School Youth Ministry which helps middle schoolers unleash who they were created to be in Christ.

6:00-7:30pm Wednesdays.

During COVID restrictions, things may change from week to week.

Please see our website for additional details.

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HOLY HOUR

**Weekly Holy Hour every
Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm, in Church**
**There will also be an opportunity for
Reconciliation during that time.**

Lent Parish Penance Services

Monday, March 15th at 4 pm & 7 pm

You can also celebrate at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (Indialantic) on Tuesday March 16th at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Buescher Center, Room 411. Donations for the workbook is greatly appreciated.

Our upcoming topics/videos.....

Challenges of Grief	Getting Stuck
The Journey of Grief	Lessons of Grief
Grief and Your Relationships	Heaven
What Do I Live for Now?	Guilt and Anger

No one is expected to share what's going on in your life, you can just come to listen. The GS Team is looking forward to sharing the sessions with you as we also continue on the road to healing. Please contact us because due to COVID restrictions, space is limited.

Paul Kalinosky - 321-795-5642 or
PKalinosky@cfl.rr.com
Karen Mitchell - 321-752-3838 or
KarenLovesChuck@gmail.com

There will be NO meeting on March 15

Emotional Wellness Warriors

Are there times when you feel down, sad, or melancholy? Moods can fluctuate when we face some of life's toughest challenges like loss of a job, empty nest, chronic illness, aging family member, caregiving, loss of a loved one, or just the isolation of COVID. But when a depressed mood lingers, having the support of others can be part of an effective, uplifting strategy.

Join us the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30pm in the Ministry Building, Room 302. We welcome anyone wishing to join this ongoing group.

Please contact Jason Hoppenbrouwer, LCSW, at 321-698-9155, if you have questions or need additional information.



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Call or email today for your password: ldodson@ascensioncatholicsch.org or 254-1595 ext. 3067

Join us Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00pm - Come ZOOM with us or watch on YouTube

Parish website: <https://www.ascensioncatholic.net/> (click on Ascension Catholic Media)

—or Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACCMelbourne>

Prefer an afternoon? Come ZOOM with us...

Join Leigh Osgood-Barry on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm on ZOOM!

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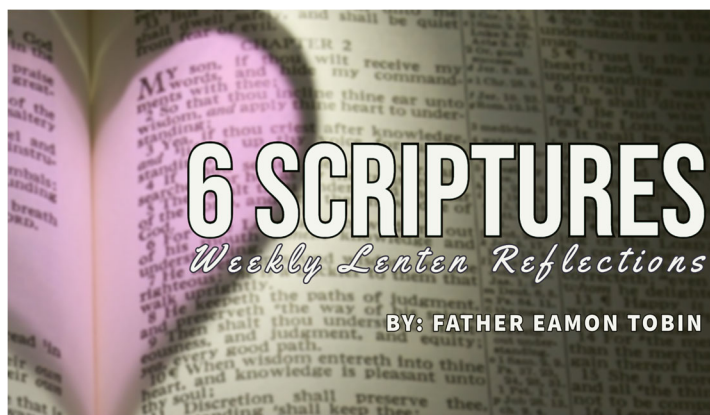


**Pray the Rosary
With Your Parish Family!**

Join Father Martin praying the Sorrowful Mysteries
of the Rosary with Ron and Crystal Rozwood and their children
on Sunday, March 7, at 7:00pm.

We will gather virtually, quiet ourselves, and pray the
Rosary to prepare for the busy-ness of the week ahead.

Join us by phone, computer or tablet via our parish website at <https://www.ascensioncatholic.net/>. Click on Ascension Catholic Media or Parish
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACCMelbourne>.



Join our entire parish and school committed to
reflecting on the Sunday Gospel for the 6 weeks of
Lent in honor of Father Eamon and Anita Brady.

Contact: ldodson@ascensioncatholicsch.org
or 321-254-1595 ext. 3067

**Small Christian Communities
Forming For Lent**

What's best for You?

Mornings? Afternoons? Evenings?

In person? ZOOM? Online?

Add SCC to your Lenten Observances:

Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels,

Listening to God speak to your heart

Bringing your needs to Eucharist

Becoming a better YOU!

It's not too late to join!

**Gospel and Father Eamon's Commentary for the
4th Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021**

Opening prayer: (Let us take a minute to consciously acknowledge that we are in the presence of God and ask him to help us to hear the Word he wants us to hear this week.)

God of our ancestors, we thank you for gathering us together in your name, we thank you for continuing to be patient with us when we fail to follow your ways. Help us during this Lenten journey to commit ourselves more fully to you. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Please visit the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031421-YearB.cfm>

to access this gospel reading.

(Let us listen with our hearts to what Jesus is saying to us.)

Commentary:

On their way through the desert, many of the Israelites are bitten by serpents and some of them die. At God's command, Moses makes a bronze serpent and mounts it on a pole. Whoever looks at the serpent is healed. Likewise, all who look to Christ with faith and repentance will be saved. Believing in Christ is a choice to live in the light. We can open our hearts to the light or we can reject the light. The choice is ours. Acceptance of the light will lead us to heaven. Rejection of the light will lead us to eternal damnation. In reality, God sends no one to hell. It is something we opt for by deliberately and consciously choosing to live our lives without God.

Questions:

1. What word or phrase spoke to you most in the Gospel?
2. What's happening in your life right now that that word or phrase touched you?
3. Name one thing today's Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed and act on?

Closing Prayer: "May God's Word grow strong in our hearts. Amen."

Father Eamon Tobin

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. Only two confirmed adorers are permitted each hour. No DROP-INS!

The Chapel is sanitized every day by Ascension staff. A Hepa filtration system is in place to help clean the air during the hours of adoration. **Masks are required** and must always be worn inside the Chapel. We ask that you follow the protocol so that we can all be safe.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Lyn Becker at

accadoration2950@gmail.com

or (561) 531-3173. You must have a completed COVID waiver on file, which can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/v2dn2mmk> or obtained from the Church Office.

HOURS IN NEED OF AN ADORER

Monday 12pm
Saturday 5pm

Other hours are available for single adorers. Please email Lyn Becker (see above) if you are interested in reserving an hour. Once confirmed, you will be given the new door code.

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Social Concerns & Food Pantry

Thank you for all the food donations!!!

Your generosity in support of Ascension Social Concerns and Food Pantry has been overwhelming this past year.

Due to Covid-19, our Annual "Loaves & Fishes Challenge" will be postponed till next year.

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



Pantry Needs: Jelly, Soups, Tuna, Pancake Mix, Condiments, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables.



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invites anyone of Irish ancestry who wishes to preserve their Irish heritage to join LAOH. We meet the third Wednesday of each month in the Buescher Center, Room 411, at 1:00pm.

Any questions, please call Eileen Chandler at 321-259-3841 or Doris Cassario at 772-538-4782. efc1555@aol.com



Knitting With Faith

A group of Ascension Catholic knitters and crocheters meet in **Wickham Park Pavilion #4** at 9:00am on Thursday mornings.

We provide knitted and crocheted prayer shawls for anyone in need of comfort during a crisis, illness, or any trying time, especially in this time of isolation. If you feel lonely, need comfort and support or something to hold onto, let us know. We lovingly knit or crochet prayers into every row of the shawls for your comfort and wellbeing. The shawls are blessed by the priest before distribution.

If you or someone you love is in need of a prayer shawl for any reason, please call Carol at 330-806-8928 or Linda at 315-729-3478 and arrangements will be made to get a shawl to you.

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Monsignor Martin B. Power Council 14573

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Grand Knight Rob Light @ 321-626-9641
Deputy Grand Knight Eddy Merlet @ 954-882-3687
Membership Director John Miller @ 321-794-6620



Ladies Auxiliary K of C

We invite all ladies of the parish, to join us. Our mission is to support the Knights in Council #14573.

For membership information, please contact
Ginny Reeder at 978-460-1972
Kris Webster at 321-914-7813



BREVARD LAPS FOR LIFE

This event is a walk-a-thon fundraiser designed to raise money to fund ultrasound equipment used by Pro Life Counseling Centers.

**Saturday, March 13, 2021
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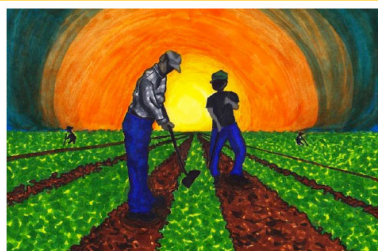


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DONATE LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS TO HELP MIGRANT WORKERS OF FELLSMERE

Collection runs through Holy Thursday

Please place all shirts in the receptacle located outside the church each Sunday. Email marissa.spies@gmail.com with any questions.



Knights of Columbus 40 CANS FOR LENT Program

The Knights of Columbus Martin B. Power Council 14573 is challenging all parishioners to join them in their 40 CANS FOR LENT Annual Food Drive. The plan is simple: purchase and donate one can of food per day for the 40 days during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday, February 17, and ending Good Friday, April 2. Donations can be brought in all at once or weekly. Put the cans in the baskets already designated for food collection. Our goal is to increase the donations given to our food pantry while living the Gospel value of feeding the hungry.

To accept this challenge, please text or email Be Duong (321-704-6407 / beduo@yahoo.com) or Doug Blair (321-412-2191 dougblair54@gmail.com).

Our goal this year is 10,000 cans. That goal can only be reached with your help. Please make this one of your Lenten sacrifices. Thank you.



DAILY BREAD

Lent is not for giving up, it is for giving. Giving a few hours of your time and love for those in need is a perfect way to show your Christian love. Please consider volunteering with our Ascension team.

The Daily Bread is our local Soup Kitchen, helping the homeless and those in need. It is located in Melbourne, at 815 Fee Ave. Our volunteer hours currently are 10:30am–2:30pm. Daily Bread continues to follow the CDC Covid-19 protocols. Masks are required.

Ascension volunteers are well known for their caring and giving spirit. We are looking forward to hearing from you! Our volunteer days: 2nd Monday, 2nd Thursday, 2nd Saturday, 4th Tuesday and 5th Friday of each month. Please contact the following team leaders if you have questions, and/or able to volunteer:

Thurs March 11: Ann Reynolds at 336-912-2668

Sat, March 13: Joan Johnson at 321-779-1894

or jsj1102@aol.com

Tues, March 23: Ginny Crews at 407-376-5984 or

gincrews12@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Current plans are for Altar Servers to resume serving at Mass starting on Palm Sunday weekend (March 27/28). It has been about a year since we have used you, and we know that many changes have occurred in that time. Some have moved or have no further interest in serving. So please let me know what you wish to do. Email me at conley257@aol.com or call (321) 255-2392 to let me know if you do wish to serve or if you wish to be removed from the schedule. Thank you for your help in resuming Altar Server Ministry in the parish.

- Frank Conley, Scheduler



Wedding Anniversaries

Jack & Betsy Corcoran	48 years	Mar 10
Raymond & JoAnn Carrasco	41 years	Mar 7
Michael & Laurel LeBlanc	38 years	Mar 7
Dr. Raymon Hernandez & Dr. Maria Claudia	30 years	Mar 9
Renato & Anna Castillo	29 years	Mar 12
David & Shelly Wackley	27 years	Mar 12
Jose & Lilliam Mejia	24 years	Mar 8
Paul & Allison Fenech	22 years	Mar 9
Michael & Lori Savage	20 years	Mar 11
Everett & Ticiana Dean	15 years	Mar 11
Derrick & Cristina Cantees	14 years	Mar 10
Devin & Rina Lamoureux	4 years	Mar 10



Greg Grasso, Betty Elko, Claire Grasso, Mia Moore, Carmelia Navarretta, Peggy McKelvey, CVNS, Rose Struzinski, John Kelly, Jim Eisenmann, Laurie Chatman, Terri Sills, Richard Furstenburg, Amanda Oudwa, Robert Hinnant, Mary Ellen Ritter, Maureen Kurtz, Theo Reaves, Shirley Mattai, John DeStefon, Thomas Horan, Bill Porzio, Wayne Fogel, Anthony Tynes, John Hemel, Joan Cantwell, Tim Durkin, Art Coridine, Leslie Selage, Werner Schulz, Justine Miller, AJ Johnson, Marion Sampieri, Ron St. Clair, Frank Cavaliere, Rose Cavaliere, Traci Wood, John Brower, Fr. Mike DiRenzo, Arlene Ditta, Betty Stroup, Tom Lantry, Marie Odorizzi, Eugene Parsons, Charles Janus, Anthony Moss, Ashley Davis, James Webb, Bettina Mondo, Cindy Glasenapp, Ann Reynolds, Terry Tsark, Irene Holquist, John Matteucci, Jr., Adrienne Matteucci, Marlie Reynolds

Please pray for those in the nursing homes.

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel here & overseas

Joseph Marci, Robert Crowl, Bryan Calenda, David Barlow, Dylan Traver, Marty Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Bryan Satterwhite, John Kinsora, Josh Grier, Robert Grover, Rory O'Connor, Alex Ritner, Kyle Mimbs, Kristin Agresta, Andrew Nemethy, Lance Freeberg, Theresa Mavity, Matthew Hammond, Daniel Amulong, Dr. Jerry Higman, Margaret-Anne Sytxma, Matt Maurer, Daniel Sosa, Ray Romano, Matthew Cavalcante, Chad Bloomstine, Logan Solio, Nick Owens, Nicholas Jon DeDominici, Benjamin Frederick DeDominici, Reece Sampieri, Andrew Conklin, Sebastian Marzano, Nico Del Pozo, Dominique Hogan

ROSARY-MAKING MINISTRY

Rosary Ministry meets on Sundays, 1:00-3:00pm

Buescher Center, Rm. 410

Next meeting: **March 14**

If interested, contact Michi Davis at
242-8092 or michidavis@cfl.rr.com.



Mass Intentions For The Week



**Week beginning Monday, March 8, 2021
and ending Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Mon. 7:30 am	† James Thorstad Sr.
	† Eleanor Amicucci
Tues. 7:30am	Special Intentions for Klaas & Amanda Hinderdael & Baby Hinderdael
Wed. 7:30am	† Cathy Huro
	† Frances Zavesky
Wed. 8:30pm	† Anita Brady
	† Alex Wentzel
Thur. 7:30am	† Catherine Hurd
	† Lucy Mieckowski
Fri. 7:30am	† Fr. Joe Walsh
	† Robert Gessler
Sat. 9:00am	† Carmo D'Cruz
	† Thomas Stankos
Sat. 4:30 pm	People of the Parish
	† Barbara Katana
Sun. 7:30am	† John A Miller Jr.
	† Dan Campana
9:30am	† Neil Ladtkow
	† Prudence Mabry
11:30am	† John Jay Stover
	† Michael Rivera
5:30pm	† Thomas Victorino
	† Joseph Curcio



HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS— THANK YOU!!!

The ACCW would like to Thank You for the generous outpouring of "Hugs!" We were able to raise \$1,100 to support the homeless in our community. Our Ascension Parish truly lives our mission of Mercy and Love!

We APPRECIATE your continued support!



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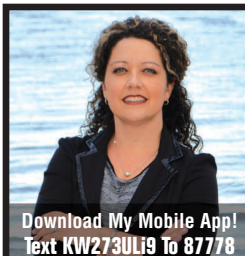
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