

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 27-28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Our Lady of the Desert



January 28th 1 Cor 7:32-35

Paul speaks today out of the conviction that the Second Coming of the Lord will happen very soon. Knowing that we all must prepare our lives for that saving event, Paul counsels against marriage. He does not mean to imply that marriage is bad; in fact, Paul held marriage in great esteem. He simply realizes that when one is married, one is called to make their spouse happy. Since Jesus is expected real soon, Paul sees this as an unnecessary distraction to the preparation of our own souls. Nothing should come ahead of our own drawing closer to Christ.

January 29th 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13

David's son Absalom has tricked the citizens of Israel into declaring him king. When David hears of this, he flees, rather than defending himself against the son whom he loves. A man from the area sees David fleeing and curses him, calling him a murderer. Again, David, in his humility, will not allow his men to punish the curser. David feels that if God sent him to curse, then God's will be done. This humility of the king is truly praiseworthy. We don't always have to seek revenge when we are hurt!

January 30th 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3

Absalom was earlier described as a man with thick and long hair. This becomes his downfall. As he rides his mule under a tree branch, his bushy hair gets caught in the branch and the mule moves on without him! He is left hanging by his hair. Joab, one of David's warriors sees him and kills him, thus stopping the conspiracy to take over the kingdom. When David hears that this son who was trying to betray and kill him is himself now dead, he breaks down in tears, not for the traitor, but for the son whom he loved. Again, David is seen as the humble and gentle king.

January 31st 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

David shows a lack of trust in God today. He sends out servants to count the number of men of warrior age in his kingdom. He regrets this act, for he should have simply trusted that God would provide. In punishment, a three-day pestilence hits the land. Many people die. David, again in all humility cries out to the Lord. He says he is the one who sinned, the others should not be punished for his sin. Again, David puts others ahead of himself!

February 1st 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

In today's reading, David, who had been king for 40 years, dies. Before he does, he counsels his son Solomon to be faithful to the commands of the Lord God. If he is faithful, he will be blessed. If unfaithful, he will find trouble. Solomon takes the throne as the new king. As his kingship unfolds, we will see both predictions of David come true. We too must always put God's ways first in our lives.

February 2nd Heb 2:14-18

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, so we have a special reading. The author of Hebrews speaks of the salvation won by Jesus, one who was flesh and blood, one of us. He points out that through his suffering, Jesus has the understanding needed to help us in our times of suffering. Jesus gets us because he is one of us!



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February 3rd 1 Kgs 3:4-13

Solomon starts out his kingship with a bang! God asks him to ask for anything and he will receive it. Instead of thinking only of himself, he thinks of his people. He asks for an understanding heart to judge the people and a true knowledge of right from wrong. Solomon is showing himself to be a man like his father, a man who is intent on doing God's will. Because of this, his kingship will start off with great success and fame! Doing the will of God leads to happiness in life.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Upcoming Funeral

Funerals will be held in the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel

Tony Ivagnilio -January 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Ed Kenyon -February 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Arizona Income Tax Credits

Donations to CTSO (The Catholic Tuition Support Organization) should be used as tax credits on your Arizona State income tax. If you owe, for example, \$1000 to the State you can redirect that \$1000 to a child whose sponsors are registered [members of the Our Lady of the Desert Church and who attend a catholic school in the diocese of Tucson.](#) This will not cost you a dollar. It is a tax credit, not a tax deduction. This year the maximum deduction is \$2,609 for couples and \$1,307 for singles. You do not have to wait until April 15 so that you know how much money you owe to the state. You may estimate the amount based on last year's return. If you donate too much, you merely roll it over for next year's tax. But do not do this several years in a row so that you build up a big balance. If you donate now, then CTSO will send you a letter that you or your accountant can use to fill in the correct amounts on your 2022 Arizona tax forms 323 and 348. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church. For forms or more information contact Terry Bahill, 742-5469 Email: terry@sie.arizona.edu or Bernie Chuinard 245.2485 Email: berniechuinard@hotmail.com

**Our Lady of the Desert
Catholic Church
Parish Mission Schedule**

Led by Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

March 3,4,5, 2024

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3rd at 3:30 p.m.

“God’s plan of salvation and our
response to God’s Word of Love”

Monday, March 4th at 3:30 p.m.

“Who is Jesus for Us?”

Tuesday, March 5th at 3:30 p.m.

“Sin, Reconciliation and Healing”

**Return!
Renew!
Rejoice!**

MISSION PRAYER

Lord, shape us into a community of faith.
Nourish us by Your Word and Sacraments,
that we may grow into the image of Jesus.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
and the blessings of our Parish Mission,
heal us that we, in turn, may
heal the wounded.

Form us to be instruments of love, justice,
and peace in our world;
Give us courage to take up our crosses
and follow your son, Jesus;
and then send us out to proclaim
Your wonderful works.

AMEN



1/20/24: Peaceful, and joyful March for Life. Perfectly organized by our bishops Weisenburger diocese. Thank you! Participation of a thousand pro-Life Christians of different denominations. Our very much appreciated police did a great job ordering security, safety, and traffic. THANKS!

Our **Baby-Bottle-Drive** ends this weekend

Many needing mothers will be grateful for your generosity and your prayerful support. Thank you! **Returning the bottles:** Please put them inside the **white container** of the main exit of our chapel. If you forgot to bring them back this weekend, please bring them to the RRC's office.

ALL the money goes to the



Checks payable to: "Knights of Columbus - Council 15704"

First Friday Adoration

Come let us adore Him!

February 2, 2024, 5-8 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 8 pm. Please contact the office@desertrenewal.org

Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.



In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.

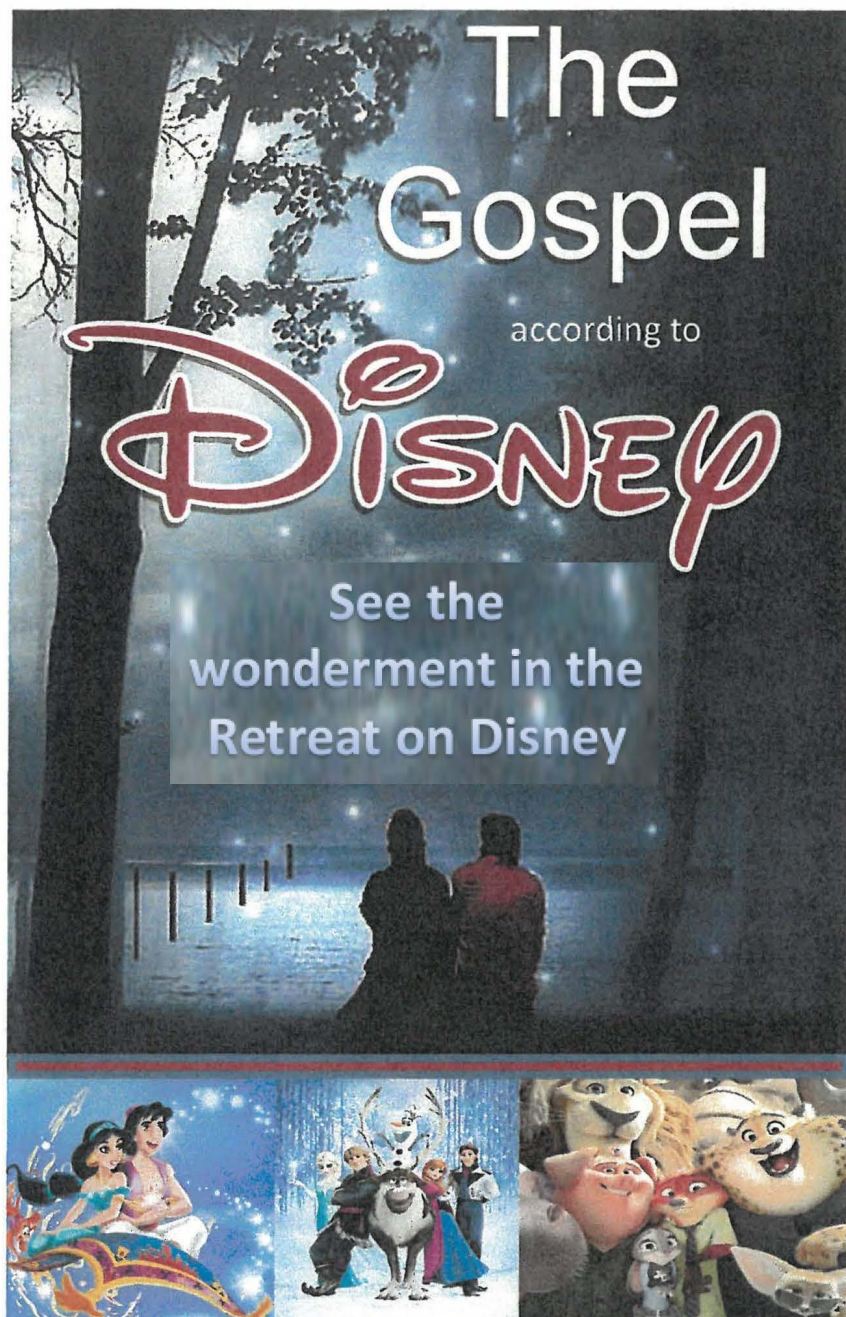


As you are planning your summer with your family,
join over 18,000 men in Arizona
who are putting God at the center of their family,
becoming better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers...
Become a better Catholic gentlemen.

Join Us
Become a Knight of Columbus

We are having a *Knights of Columbus* Recruitment Drive at Our Lady of the Desert Feb 3rd & 4th after all the Masses. If you have any questions about the *Knights of Columbus*, or you want to join us, see me after Mass, **RAY OBRAL, Recruitment Chairman**. Or you can contact me at **520-403-5003** or rjobral@comcast.net. As an incentive, if you join us during this Drive, **WE WILL WAIVE YOUR FIRST-YEARS DUES, \$35.00!**





The Gospel

according to

Disney

See the
wonderment in the
Retreat on Disney

Redemptorist Renewal Center

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd,
Tucson, Arizona 85743**

**REV. CHARLIE WEHRLEY,
Retreat Director**

In this follow-up to **The Good News according to Disney**, we will continue to examine the moral and life-changing truths that are found in the canon of Walt Disney movies. Many of these truths are taken directly from Scripture and many of them contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with the ups and downs of 21st Century life.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment. So many of us have lost the freshness that comes from being amazed by the simple beauties of life. We've lost our sense of play and the creative imaginations that spurred us to discover the mysteries of life as children.

In **The Gospel According to Disney** we will explore some of the life-giving messages that are hidden below the entertainment surface of Disney films like Frozen, Aladdin and Zootopia.

This retreat begins at 9 am includes lunch and ends at 3 pm.

Cost is \$55

This retreat is NOT intended for children, but teens may attend with an adult/parent.

February 17, 2024

Call 520-744-3400
For reservations.



Please remember in your prayers

OURSICK

*Please pray for those in our community who are struggling
with various illnesses.*

*If you would like to be added to our sick list, please call the
office. 520.744.3400*

*The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings
prays for those on the sick list.*

Our Sick List January 2024

Peter Castillo	Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R.
Tim McDonald	Jerry Linton
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey
Linda Peterson	Scarborough
Michael Dunlap	Joanna Crawford
Joan Fogue	Lee Morrison
Joe Fernando	Stan Wood
Rachel Flint	June Wood
Bob Garcia	Emily Hernandez
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	Larry Cobble
	Kurt Cummings

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DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Carol Boerner (9/23)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Art Davenport (4/23)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Fogue (10/23)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)
Joan Jones (11/23)
Mary Johnson (1/24)
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau (11/23)
Edward Kenyon (1/24)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
Scott Milligan (11/23)
Linda Obenauf (11/23)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Dan Sullivan (11/23)
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)
Dennis Terrill (2/23)
Larry Waller (4/23)
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, January 26

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

**** Dave Forgue (d)**

Saturday, January 27

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Brittany Dumoulin (d)**

Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Dave Forgue (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Robert McNeil (d)**

Monday, January 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Dave Forgue (d)**

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Our Lady of the Desert Redemptorist Priests**

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Denny Mallory**

Thursday, February 1

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Edward A Thom (d)**

Friday, February 2

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

****Louise M. Thom (d)**

Saturday, February 3

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Charlie Wherley

****Edda Jean Leffelman (d)**

Sunday, February 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Matthew Scott McFerran (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Sergio Garcia Jr. (d)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grief Group-Loss of a Spouse

Meeting on January 28, 2024 in the front office conference room starting at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at Jwls1@earthlink.net.

Homebound Ministry

Do you have a loved one, a neighbor or friend that is currently Homebound, in a Care Center or in the Hospital? Do you think that person would like a visit from a Homebound Eucharist Minister? Our Lady of the Desert has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the office 520-744-3400.

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of the month, from 5:00-6:00pm). We'd love to see you in person or on Zoom. Please contact Diana Davenport at diana@davenport.net (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net) for a Zoom link.

Weekly Rosary Prayer

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come join us.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church starting at 9:00 a.m.

Scripture Prayer Group

meets via zoom each Tuesday. For more details email John Davenport at: john@davenport.net, or call 440.478.1203.

THIS AND THAT

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be a place where the contemplative spirit of the human person may be discovered, fed and nourished. It is a place, an oasis in the Sonoran Desert, where individuals encounter God and "feel the burn" of the Holy Spirit.

Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**This weeks Flowers were donated
In Memory of
Tony Ivagnilio**

To sponsor flowers in memory of or in celebration. Please contact the office at 520-744-3400

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collection January 15-22, 2024 \$ 3,597.00

If you have requested additional envelopes, they will be available the following week in the box on the table by the side door in church.

For your convenience, know that you may come during office hours to personally offer your stewardship, mail it in, or use the following link and specify your donation. Click here:

<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>

Bookstore Hours



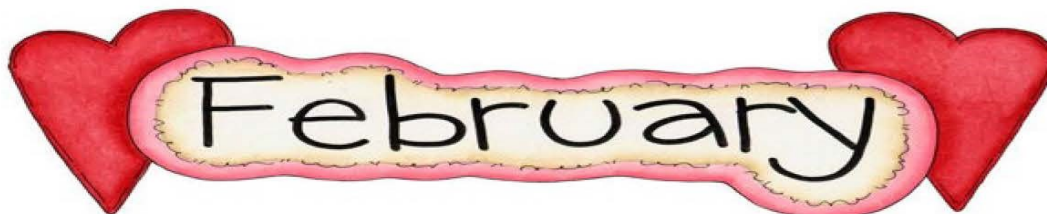
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Book Store Hours - Bookstore open after all weekend Masses

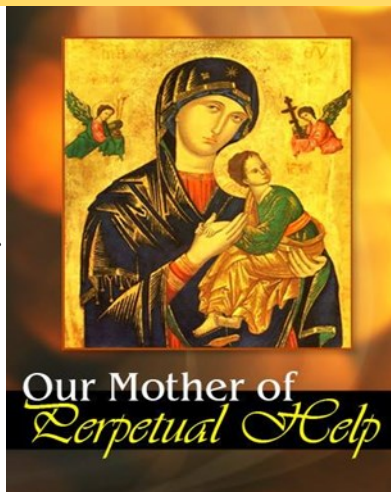
HAPPY Valentine

Share the Blessings All Year Thru

Friday, February 2 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 3 rd / 4 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 5 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 6 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 8 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 10 th / 11 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 12 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 15 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 16 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 17 th / 18 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 19 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 20 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 22 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 23 rd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 24 th /25 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 29 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help adapted to be prayed in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial.

Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus. Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk.

Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly. Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen



The *Act of Spiritual Communion*, by St. Alphonsus Liguori, may be a source of comfort at this time when we are separated from one another, but connected as the Body of Christ. Pray this prayer when you are not able to receive the Eucharist.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you into my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself entirely to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. For this I pray. Amen.

Source: *Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament*
by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Dear Padre,

***Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the
teachings of Christ.***

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Mal 3:1–4	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
Mk 5:1–20	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 Mk 1:29–39



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative?
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And
then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”***

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