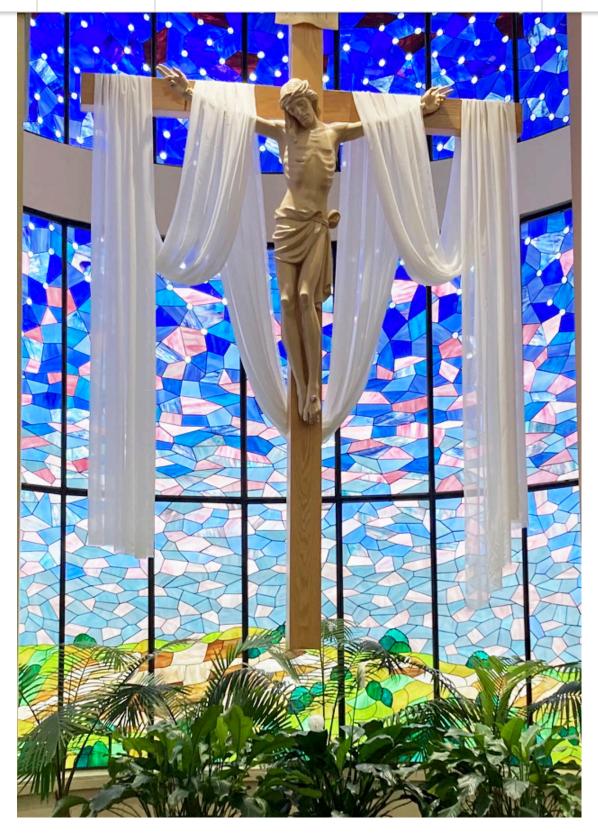
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**Parish News** 

April 19, 2024

#### **Parish Schedule**

#### **Mass Times**

Monday to Saturday: 9 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

Saturday: 5 pm, 7 pm (Spanish) Sunday: 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

#### **Confession Times**

Fridays: 9:30 am (after morning Mass)

Saturdays: 1 pm - 2 pm (Fr. Joe) / 2 pm - 3 pm (Fr. David)

6 pm - 6:45 pm (Spanish)

Confessions are also available by appointment (English only)

**April Mass Intentions** 

**May Mass Intentions** 

#### Contact us

Parish Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch break 1:00pm - 1:30pm) 403-251-3381 / info@holyspiritparish.net

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\*\* 403-510-9906

fr.david@holyspiritparish.net

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\*\* 403- 479-1019

jostomk@gmail.com

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Deacon Alex Martinez

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Please call Parish Office for inquiries.

### From the desk of Fr. David

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday.

The word Vocation means "a calling." The Call begins when we are baptized.

The Church recognizes 3 vocations:

- 1. The call to the Single Life
- 2. The call to Marriage
- 3. The call to Priesthood or Religious Life

A religious vocation is a call to a specific way of following Christ. This is the call to Priesthood or Religious Life (the calling to be a brother or sister in a religious congregation). The one who calls is always Christ. The response begins in the heart of the one called. The love of Christ is a calling love, an inviting love, a love that awaits a response.

In every person's heart, and especially in the heart of a young person, is the question "What am I going to do with my life?"

The temptation exists today, to feel that we are all self-sufficient to the point that

The Second Vatican Council highlights the Universal Call to Holiness. Every baptized person is called to Holiness in their state of life (single, married or religious). Within this Universal Call, Christ calls some to be priests who are to exercise a fatherly role. The source of this is the very Fatherhood of God.

The priest's role is irreplaceable. Without the priest there is no Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Our Lord gave 2 sacraments to the Church: The Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood.

Christ continues to call men who like the apostles, have left behind all other work to dedicate themselves totally to the celebration of the Sacraments and the Preaching of the Gospel. The priest is related to Christ in a unique way, by virtue of his sacramental consecration and anointing, and in the mission or ministry given to him by the Church.

We recall the words of Jesus, "The harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few." Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

"As we proclaim the power of the Lord of the Harvest, we have a right to expect that He will grant the prayers that He himself has commanded to be offered." - St. John Paul II 1987.

Fr. Did udus.

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin.

God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."

## St. Francis De Sales

The family we've sponsored presently living in Turkey, originally from Iran, will be arriving on May 8. We appreciate your support and look forward to your continued support.

Thank you to the amazing group of volunteers who are working together to





New dates for photo-shoot sessions available:

Friday April 26: From 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday April 27: From 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Appointments can be booked by email <u>debbieonysyk@hotmail.com</u> or by phone at 403-251-3381(parish office). You can also book your appointment this weekend after Masses.



This Pentecost we begin a year- long celebration of our 50th Year as a parish and we need **EVERYONE TO JOIN IN!** 

Preparation begins this weekend, and will continue with 3 important, on-going activities:

Put your family name on a flame to celebrate your history at Holy Spirit.
 It will become part of a colourful display at Pentecost and remain throughout the year. One flame per family please, whether a party of one or ten, we want to have room for everyone!

Pick up Postcards to send to some of the amazing people we've met at
Holy Spirit over the years. It's true people come and go in our lives, but
it's a kindness to remind them of how important they have been to each of
us and to the Parish.

The Flames and Postcards can be found at the Anniversary table in the Gathering Area. The Bishop will be celebrating Mass at 11am on May 19, Pentecost Sunday (we invite you to wear red) as we pray together in thanksgiving for the past 50 Years and for blessings in the next 50!

You are called. You matter. You belong.

### **Volunteers Needed!**



We are in need of volunteers to take care of our garden near Our Lady's Grotto.

For more information, please contact Paula Jarding at

maintenance@holyspiritparish.net

# **ROSARY SALE – April 20 - 21**



Totus Tuus Rosary Makers will be holding a special Rosary and Religious Articles Sale during the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and before and after all Masses on the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

All proceeds go towards sending rosaries to the missions.

Thank you in advance for your support!



In person sales with credit/debit machine available:

April 20 - after 5 pm Mass April 21 - after 9 am and 11 am Masses May 11 - after 5 pm Mass

### Online purchase is an active program. It is available anytime!

<u>Instructions to purchase grocery cards online</u>

# First Communion Celebration April 27



On Saturday April 27, we will have 50 kids receiving the Sacrament of First Communion during the 5pm Mass and another 30 kids will receive the Sacrament during the 7pm Mass (Spanish). It's a significant moment in their faith journey, let's pray it is filled with joy, reverence, and a deep sense of the sacredness of the occasion.

**Overnight Eucharistic Adoration** 



"The Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."
(St. John Paul II)

# Holy Spirit's Next Overnight Eucharistic Adoration is: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm to 8 am Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> with Benediction at 7:45 am.

\*\* The Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 am.

#### 1st Friday of the Month 4 Mysteries of the Rosary:

On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm the 4 mysteries of the rosary will be prayed in the Chapel (after Benediction)

#### **Eucharistic Adoration Regular Hours:**

Monday to Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Benediction at 3:45 p.m.

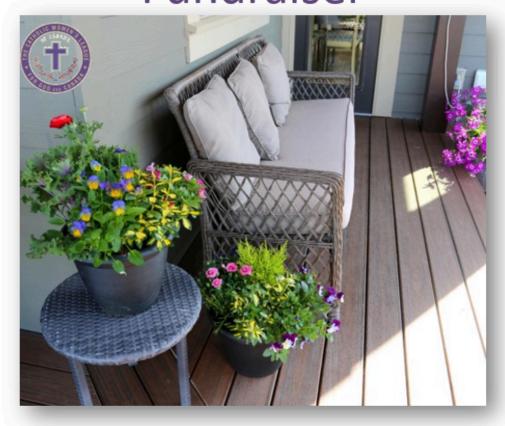
<u>Daily Recitation of the Rosary + Divine Mercy Chaplet</u> <u>at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel</u>

For more information, please contact Pauline Jensen at: fjensen@shaw.ca



On behalf of the Calgary Pro-Life Association, Holy Spirit CWL will be selling roses after all masses on May 11 & 12 (while supply lasts). Buy a rose for Mom and support Calgary Pro-Life's Respect for Life Educational programs. **Cost per rose is \$5.** 

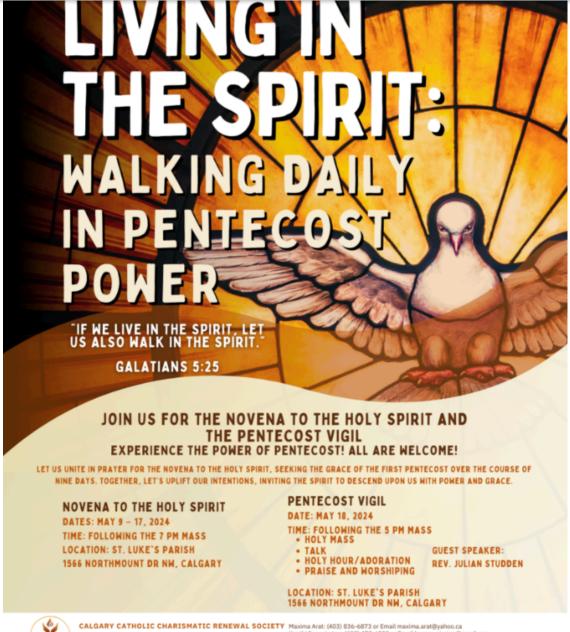
# Fundraiser



Spring is in the air and CWL is pleased to offer you our Spring Plant Fundraiser again, featuring high quality bedding plants, hanging baskets, planters, herbs and veggie plants grown in a Southern Alberta greenhouse. They are available for purchase online at Growing Smiles until May 10, with pickup on May 25 at Holy Spirit Parish.

Not only will your purchase be supporting a local greenhouse, it also helps CWL to continue supporting local and global initiatives, such as Homes for Heroes, Chalice and scholarships. Thank you for your purchase and support.

To order click on <a href="https://holyspiritcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home">https://holyspiritcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home</a>



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"If we live in the Spirit, Let us also walk in the Spirit" Galatians 5:25

Let us unite in prayer for the Novena to the Holy Spirit, seeking the grace of the first Pentecost over the course of nine days. Together, let's uplift our intentions, inviting the Spirit to descend upon us with power and grace.

Novena to the Holy Spirit and Pentecost Vigil will follow the 7pm Mass at St. Luke's Parish - 1566 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary.

Experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit during our special Novena. As we gather in prayer, reflection, and devotion, we invite the Spirit to enter our hearts and renew our lives.

Register by email <a href="mailto:ccrsevents@gmail.com">ccrsevents@gmail.com</a> or contact:

- Maxima Arat (403) 836-6873
- Joyce Simoes (587) 700-5172
- Rina D'Souza (403) 508-2537
- Kanthi Seneviratne (403) 478-6952
- Nduka Bethuel (403) 605-5006
- Deacon Alex Martinez-Lievano (587) 894-5314

**Beware of Scam** 



**Please be vigilant:** Our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious do not request gift cards or cash through emails or texts. If you receive such requests, they are highly likely to be a scam. Protect yourself by ignoring these messages, and do not respond. For the safety of our community, report any suspicious activities to the parish office. Your awareness and action can help prevent these scams from spreading.

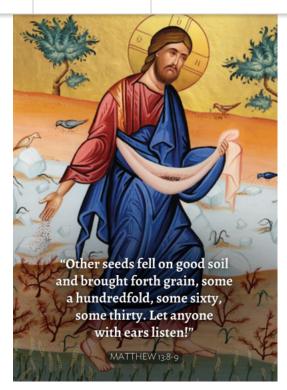
44th Annual Hike for Life



Join a team



This Sunday, World Day of Vocations or "Good Shepherd Sunday," we heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The Diocese of Calgary also asks for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. You can donate online at <a href="mailto:catholicyyc.ca/give">catholicyyc.ca/give</a> or through our parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.



#### VOCATIONS

God our Father,
Your Son Jesus Christ
continues to sow the seeds
of Your Kingdom in the hearts of Your
people. Bless us with the courage and
docility of your Spirit, that we may all
become missionary disciples to spread
His Gospel message. We pray for those
called to serve You with even greater
intimacy as Priests and Consecrated
persons in our Diocese of Calgary, that
they may be fruitful witnesses of Your
love and zeal for souls.

May Your Holy Spirit inspire our families and parish communities to nurture the seeds of vocation planted in the hearts of our young people and surround them with loving support and prayers as they answer Your call, We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



children between the ages of 0-5.

Kids learn to make the sign of the cross, praying the responses, offer prayers of petition and lead the Our Father. We have time for quiet prayer and story for the children. Fellowship follows in one of the meeting rooms. This ministry has been part of Holy Spirit Parish for the past 30 years. If you are at home Thursday mornings looking after little ones, you may want to grow in your faith through this ministry.

For more information, please call the parish office at 403-251-3381.

# **Miscarriage Care Ministries**



The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of

practices, and fellowship.

 When: Friday, May 24, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave, SW, Calgary)

Register online here or email Monica at monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5521.

# **Cancelled**

# Elizabeth House's Beach Carnival & Dodgeball Tournament



We are truly sorry to inform you of the cancellation of the Elizabeth House Beach Carnival and Dodgeball Tournament. Our excitement for the event was

that align more closely with what our supporters find meaningful and engaging.

The goal was to raise funds for a vital need - a van to support Elizabeth House clients, particularly mothers and their babies. Despite this setback, the need for your support remains critical. For ways to help, please <u>visit our website</u> or contact us. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

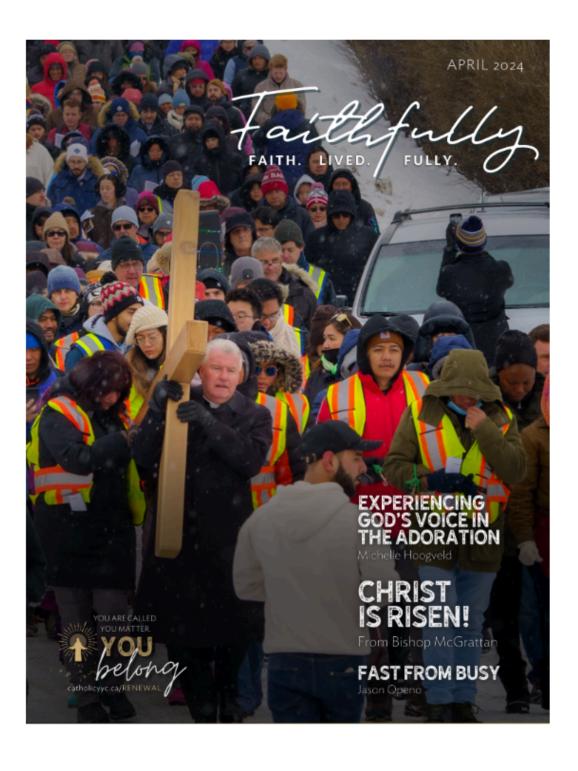
# **Impact Report 2023**



We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and

- Impact Report 2023 (PDF)
- online at <u>catholicyyc.ca/2023impactreport</u>

# Faithfully April 2024 Edition





If you notice any maintenance issue that requires attention like an uneven kneeler, or a sink that drips, take a picture and send a description of the problem to <a href="maintenance@holyspiritparish.net">maintenance@holyspiritparish.net</a>

# **Knights of Columbus - Fr. Joe Toole Council**



Membership is open to practicing Catholic men aged 18 years or older. We serve our community under our pillars of: Charity, Unity & Fraternity. Inquire to: **Grand Knight Paul Gerritsen** 403-607- 2075 **Membership Director Rob Oswald** 403- 650-3638.

<u>Instructions to purchase grocery cards</u> <u>here</u>



"The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministries and service."

We welcome all Catholic women 18 years and older to share their gifts and make a difference.

For more information contact Brenda Kellington (President)

403-836-5256



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Saturday 9:30 am - 4 pm

# Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of the month, from Saturday 8:00 PM to Sunday 8:00 AM.

Next Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be May 4 from 8pm to May 5 at 8am.

Eucharistic adoration is spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration we open ourselves to His graces, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

Please consider spending time with Our Lord, we do need adorers, especially for week days.

You can sign up using the sheets provided in the chapel or send an email to Pauline Jensen at <a href="mailto:fjensen@shaw.ca">fjensen@shaw.ca</a>



On Zoom: Totus Tuus continues praying the Rosary daily at 10 am followed by The Divine Mercy Chaplet. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltesi totustuus@shaw.ca

**Rosary in the Church:** We gather to pray the Rosary in the Chapel, everyone is welcome.

- Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary every evening at 6:00 pm

Four Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed every first Friday of the month at 4 pm in the Chapel.

**Monday Prayer Group:** One hour of prayer every Monday evening in the Chapel beginning at 7:15 pm. Our hour encompasses the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact Jeanne 403-281-3432.

**Prayer requests:** The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to <a href="mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca">totustuus@shaw.ca</a>.

# **Resources for Children**

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find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!

- Kid's Bulletin this Sunday
- Colouring Page this Sunday
- Sunday Connection this Sunday (Gr. 1-8)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi (Catholic TV)

harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Pray with us as for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. <u>Come and pray before the Lord | catholicyyca.ca/40hours.</u> The next 4 dates:

- o St. Cecilia's, Calgary Fri, Apr 26 at 6 am to Sat, Apr 27 at 10 pm
- St. Gerard's, Calgary Tue, Apr 30 at 6 am to Wed, May 1 at 10 pm
- St. Anthony's, Calgary Fri, May 3 at 3 pm to Sun, May 5 at 7 am
- St. James', Okotoks Fri, May 24 at 4:30 pm to Sun, May 26 at 8:30 am.

### Women's Conference "Worthy and Made New"

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled: "Worthy and Made New" on **May 3-4, 2024** at St. Michael's, Calgary with speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. Register at <a href="https://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com">www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com</a>

#### • ABLAZE - Youth Ministry

All youth Grades 9 to 12 throughout the diocese are welcome to joint ABLAZE Youth Ministry Formation - FacetoFace Ministries. When: **Friday, Apr. 26 from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary -** <u>More info</u>

#### New Catholics: A Day with the Sisters

For new Catholics: Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy in a welcome home retreat!

Partake in sacraments, time to reflect, and time to share. When: **Sat, Apr. 27 from**10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Twp. Rd. 262, Calgary). More info at <a href="https://www.sistersofdivinemercy.org">www.sistersofdivinemercy.org</a>

#### Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21, 2024), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Vocations**. There will be a special collection for the work of vocations, in supporting the education and formation of seminarians and permanent diaconate program in our Diocese. To donate online, visit <a href="mailto:catholicyyc.ca/donatevocations">catholicyyc.ca/donatevocations</a>

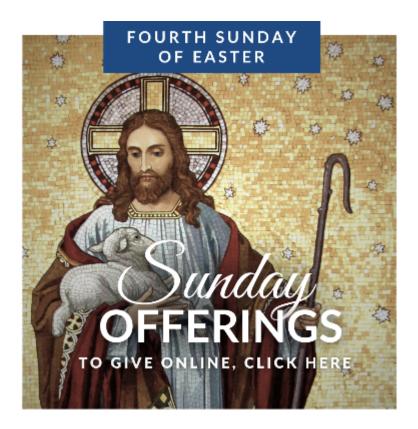
#### GrACE Summit 2024: Courage to Lead

We are fortunate to have publicly funded Catholic education, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that our faith-based education thrives. As Catholics, whether we are Educators, Trustees, Parents, Students, Clergy, or Parishioners, we are called to honor the transformative impact of Catholic education on individuals within our community and society. We invite you to attend the GrACE Summit - for all

8:15 am to 2 pm, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall (2707 34 St NW, Edmonton). Please click here to Register.

Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver
 | Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from August 6-21, 2024 hosted
 by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for
 young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience
 into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach
 to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and
 accommodation included. For details and registration,

visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.



Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. We are accepting debit/credit cards and online donations. If you are interested in this way of helping, please contact the Parish Office or <u>click here to register</u>.

To make a one-time donation click here

# donations@holyspiritparish.net

Please include name, address, and where you would like the funds to go in the transfer message. This account is registered for Auto deposit, there is no need for a security question. Please note this is being offered as an option for one-time donation, it is not intended to take the place of regular weekly/ monthly donations.

# **Catholic Links**

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# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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