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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November 7, 2021

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Most teachers recognize it by the second week of classes. Good coaches can spot it by the second practice. Most managers pick up on it in the first week of work - the serious student, and those who are half-hearted about learning; the dedicated athlete, and those who just want to be on the team; the loyal worker, and those who only want a paycheck. Half-heartedness is fast becoming a plague. It makes for a terrible waste of talent, dead-end careers, boredom, loss of morale and zest for life. Half-hearted people disappoint, even annoy us.

This was a particular problem for Jesus. He cautioned his followers that God prefers us hot or cold, and He wasn't "wild" about lukewarm responses. 'Entering the kingdom required full-hearted conversion to a new way of life. There would be no compromise between God and worldly treasures. In the reading from 1 Kings, the prophet Elijah asks a poor widow for some of her food. Even though she's at the point of starving to death, she gives it to him. In the gospel, we see another poor widow giving her last penny to the temple treasury, "her whole living." Jesus commented on it with admiration, not for the money donated, but for her attitude of love and generosity. These are full-hearted people, giving of all they had.

Happiness goes hand-in-hand with full heartedness. If we want to be happy, "Give it all you've got." Half-hearted, wishy-washy efforts in anything we do rob us of energy and effectiveness. Halfway measures are often worse than if no measures are taken in the first place.

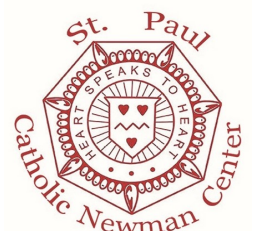
This applies especially to the way we live. If we love life, we should expect to live it to the fullest. If we love people, we should love them completely, as they are, not for this quality or that. If relatives and friends mean a lot to us, we should cherish them as treasures and work to deepen our relationships. If we have a job to do and it's worth doing, give it all the passion you've got!

Peace and love,

Deacon John

Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of November 7-14

Fresno State Campus Meeting

Fresno State students— We will be meeting on Monday, November 8 in the library room 2138, located on the second floor. We will be preparing for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Join us from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Clovis Community College Mass

On Tuesday, November 9 at noon, we will celebrate Mass on campus in AC2-178. This Mass is open to students, staff, and faculty. Please join us.

Adoremus (Let Us Adore)

Looking for a moment of inner healing with the Lord? Join us for a night of adoration and reconciliation on Friday, November 12 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Chapel. Social afterwards in the Cafeteria. Truly an event you don't want to miss!

Hikes with Mary

Come, pray, learn, and walk with our Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, November 13 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Join other young adults as we go to Sky Harbor trail for a time of reflection with the saints on Mary. For more information, please scan the QR code down below to RSVP.



Wednesday Student Nights

Calling all college students! Join us Wednesday Student Nights beginning at 6:00pm. Students gather for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. This is a great way for young people to take a break from their busy lives and to be with others. Dinner is provided!

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

November 7	6:30pm - Confessions	7pm - Young Adult Mass
November 14	6:30pm - Adoration	7pm - Young Adult Mass

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Picture of the Week!



Newman students playing intramural soccer at Fresno State.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 7

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

7:30am	Mass for Cara Zamanianpour	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for David Aguirre	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Alfred Mendoza	Chapel
5:00pm	Bilingual Mass (Mass for Susan Kuhn)	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Confessions)	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

Monday, November 8

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

8:00am	Mass for Carol Perez	Chapel
12:30pm	Wolf Funeral	Chapel
6:00pm	Grief Support	Community Room
6:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

Tuesday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:00am	Mass	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
12:00pm	Christian Meditation	Community Room
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH and Chapel

Wednesday, November 10

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

8:00am	Mass for Marcina Leyva and Ron Olivera	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:30pm	PAIN	Cafeteria
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	Community Room

Thursday, November 11

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Office Closed — Veterans' Day

4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	Ignation Spirituality	CNH Patio
6:00pm	Mass	Chapel

Friday, November 12

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

8:00am	Mass	Chapel
6:30pm	Adoremus	Chapel

Saturday, November 13

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

Football Parking - New Mexico v. CSUF 4:00pm

8:00am	Hikes with Mary	Sky Harbor Trail
8:00am	Men's Saturday Coffee Group	Cafeteria Patio
5:00pm	Mass for Amando Salazar	Chapel

Sunday, November 14

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

7:30am	Mass for Juan Avalos	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
10:00am	HS Confirmation Class	CNH 101-103
11:30am	Mass for Rick Sanchez	Chapel
2:00pm	Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)	
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Adoration)	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

October Contributions

2020		2021	
Oct. 4	\$13,443.50	Oct. 3	\$18,483.17
Oct. 11 ACH	\$17,515.50	Oct. 10 ACH	\$25,503.80
Oct. 18 ACH	\$9,210.00	Oct. 17 ACH	\$20,562.35
Oct. 25	\$8,568.00	Oct. 24	\$9,997.54
		Oct. 31	\$20,142.73
Oct. Total	\$48,737.00	Oct. Total	\$94,689.59

*This amount includes one time gifts for the *Heart Speaks to Heart* program. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: November 13 is World Kindness Day. We know our society has become less caring and more indifferent over the years. Your challenge this week is to perform a random act of kindness sometime between now and Saturday. Don't plan it ahead of time. Just keep alert for the right opportunity to show kindness. If you are open to it, the Holy Spirit will let you know when the time is right to show extra kindness to someone who really needs it. (By the way, this doesn't mean you shouldn't be kind all of the time—because you should!!!)

Prayers:

- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
Doreen M. Kawaguchi, Suzanne Swanson, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, John Robles, Jessica H., Olivia King, Kathleen Kennedy, Anthony DeBenedetto, Eric Amador, Deacon Alan Shearer and family, Abigail Love, Olivia Arriaga, Ron Dodds, Donna Lang, Mark Lang, Deacon Ed Valdez and Family, Gary Payne, Willie Jacques, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Tom Lucas, Kristal Lowe Limon, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

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Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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Heart Speaks to Heart Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card! We invite all faithful parishioners to renew their annual commitment and return a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! So far we have only received 28% of our cards.

You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at csufnewman.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 14.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. We are grateful for your support!

Advent Volunteers

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help us put two Advent Wreaths together and prepare the banners for Advent. If you enjoy doing liturgical things for our parish family and would like to help, please call Linda Smith at 229-6231. Thank You.

Veterans' Day

Our office will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday. We will still have Mass and Confessions that evening.

San Joaquin Memorial

Our online application to apply for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. You can apply by visiting our website: <https://sjmhs.org/apply-to-sjm>. We will also have an open house on November 17 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Bianca Blanchette, Director of Admissions at (559) 268-9251 Ext. 139 or bblanchette@sjmhs.org.

Right to Life Dinner

Right to Life of Central California cordially invites you to join them for their 33rd Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction on December 3, 2021 at the Fresno Convention Center. Please call the office at 229-2229 or visit them online at RTLCC.org for tickets.

Faith, Family & Friends 2021-22

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's religious education program for EVERYONE of all ages. It offers faith formation for children, individual adults, couples, and families. Members of our parish become better acquainted and become better-educated Catholics and lifelong learners of the faith.

Parents bring their children to the Cardinal Newman Hall for check-in and then proceed to the Chapel for the Adult session. The Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation portion of FF&F is held in the Chapel and is facilitated by John Prandini, M.A. The program, *Untold Blessings: Three Paths To Holiness*, presents Bishop Robert Barron's three intriguing approaches to holiness which are full of untold blessings: 1) Finding The Center; 2) Realizing That You Are A Sinner; and 3) Recognizing That Your Life Is Not About You. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Adult sessions for FF&F will be held on the following dates: November 9, 16, 30 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

To register online, please go to our website by clicking this link: www.csufnewman.com. You will find registration forms for Families (Adults with children) and another for Adults (without children).

Family Life Ministries

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings (except the first week of the month) from 8:30am to 9:15am after the 8:00am morning Mass in the Library to read, reflect upon, and discuss the scripture readings and homily from the previous Sunday Mass. *The first week of the month the group will meet on Monday from 8:30am to 9:15am after Mass. For information contact John Prandini, Director of Ministries at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

The Grief Support offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings are on Monday evenings and will meet until Monday, November 22. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. The series will end with an Evening of Remembrance in the Chapel on November 29. No pre-registration is needed, just register when you arrive. For more information contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation will begin meeting weekly on Tuesday, November 9 at noon in the Community Room for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford.

For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

From Fr. Byron

"It is in giving that we receive," says St. Francis of Assisi. And it is true! The art of giving makes us artists, artists in holiness, fulfillment and meaning in life. But, why is that? I think we all have been on both sides of the spectrum: there are times when we have given, and there are times when we have received. And the art of giving is not only about monetary or material things, it goes beyond, in fact, it is the beginning. Giving kindness, empathic listening or even forgiveness makes the world better and liberates us from all things that don't let us soar in life. There is a wonderful quote from Pope Francis on his 2021 message on World's Day of the Poor that has touched me:

"The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). This is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good. Behind it, we can glimpse the ancient biblical command: "If one of your brothers and sisters... is in need, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand to them in their need. Instead, you shall open your hand to them and freely lend them enough to meet their need... When you give to them, give freely and not with ill will; for the Lord, your God, will bless you for this in all your works and undertakings. For the needy will never be lacking in the land..." (Deut 15:7-8, 10-11). In a similar vein, the Apostle Paul urged the Christians of his communities to come to the aid of the poor of the first community of Jerusalem and to do so "without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). It is not a question of easing our conscience by giving alms, but of opposing the culture of indifference and injustice we have created with regard to the poor."

So, let us become artists! Artists in the art of giving!

Saintly Quote

"If God created shadows it was to better emphasize the light." — Pope John XXIII

Have a Laugh

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray, "Take only one. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Football Parking

Football Parking Church parking on Saturday, November 13 will only be available in the east parking lot and north parking lot (as space permits).

Newman Updates

Bible Diaries

On November 21 our Campus Ministry will be selling Bible Diaries after all Masses. We would like to ask you a big favor - Would you sponsor a Bible Diary for one of our college students? You can either buy a Bible Diary for yourself and / or a college student. This can be a life-giving gift: the gift of the Word of God. The cost is \$10 for each Bible.

The Bible Diary is a book that contains all readings for all Masses of 2022 along with daily reflection, prayers, notes, saints, etc.

If you would like to sponsor a Bible Diary, please bring a pen so that you can write a dedication to the student. Please talk to Edgar or Fr. Byron for more information. May God bless you for your generous heart.

Religious and Clergy Appreciation Day

Sister Kathleen along with our deacons and priests will be attending a prayer service and meal this Wednesday, November 10 at St. Mary's in Visalia. Please keep our religious and clergy in your prayers so that they can continue serving the community.

Confessions

Confessions take place on Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:45pm in the Chapel except on November 26 because of Thanksgiving.

Adult Confirmation

We have about 30 young adults attending Confirmation classes on Monday evenings. Please keep these wonderful women and men who are serious about and proactive about their faith in your prayers. Please pray also for our team: Deacon Bill, Edgar and Frs. Paul and Byron.

Did You Know?

Our Campus Ministry keeps growing! We will celebrate our second Mass at Clovis Community College this Wednesday. We started hosting Fresno State Catholic students by meeting last Monday. Also, we host a radio show on an AM radio station on Thursdays! Thanks for praying and supporting our ministries and thanks to Edgar and Fr. Byron for their hard work. Thank you also for your support on the second collection last week. You make it possible!

"And God saw it was Good!" – Genesis 1:31

Laudato Si' Platform

The Church around the world will launch the Laudato Si' Platform next week, November 14. We will have a special announcement and will hand you a pamphlet to be your companion through 2022. Please take it home next week. We hope and pray that little by little we can do our part in being good stewards of the common home God has entrusted into our care.



GIVING TREE HISTORY

With the encouragement and support of Fr. Sergio P. Negro, our founding pastor, your Social Outreach Services (SOS) committee initiated our annual Christmas Giving Tree project in 1990. As we do today, parishioners were asked to take and return an Angel from our Giving Tree with their gift. This year marks the 31st year of our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Giving Tree!

In the early years of our annual Christmas giving project, we each filled and returned boxes with food and toys. The halls and foyer of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center overflowed with gift boxes filled with food. These were distributed to families in parishes where there was great need.

Technology has allowed us to move from giving boxes and bags of food to gift cards. Not only has this saved many backs from having to lift and transport heavy boxes of food, it allows families to do their own shopping to prepare a Christmas meal in keeping with their own cultural traditions.

While we have added to our list, we have continuously supported several of the parishes included in the first year. This year we will continue to provide cards to the following eight communities: **Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Mary Claret and Stone Soup.**

We invite you to take one or more Angels from our Giving Tree. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by families throughout the greater Fresno area. Return the Angel(s) by placing them in the designated basket at the front desk. **We request that you write the amount of the gift card(s) on the Angel or gift envelope.**

The Angel Tree will be up on November 13. We ask that you return the Angel(s) with the gift cards attached no later than noon on Sunday, December 12.

12TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES & KSEE 24

Turkey Drive

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021



We need your help to collect 2,000 turkeys and \$50,000 needed to support those in the greatest of need this holiday season!

This year's need will be great due to the financial devastation that COVID-19 continues to cause for so many local families.

Just drop off your turkey at the KSEE 24 studios on November 23rd anytime between 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. or please consider becoming a Turkey Drive Sponsor! All those individuals or businesses that contribute \$500 or more will receive special recognition on KSEE24 the day of the Turkey Drive.

Turkeys and holiday meal boxes will be distributed the following day on Wednesday, November 24th at Catholic Charities at 149 N. Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701. Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. on a first come, first served basis and will continue while supplies last.



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Seedlings of Hope

Fall 2021 Plantings - 9am

November 6, 7, 13 & 14

The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund along with its partners, Southern California Edison, American Forests, Intermountain Nursery, Mulholland Citrus and Tioga Sequoia will be presenting forester-led demonstrations and seedling plantings on November 6, 7, 13 & 14, at 9am.

Schedule of Events:

9:00 am Registration

9:30-10:00 Welcome & Planting Demonstration: Juli Stewart, Meghan Breniman, John Mount

10-10:30 Hands on planting practice at the Shaver Ranch site

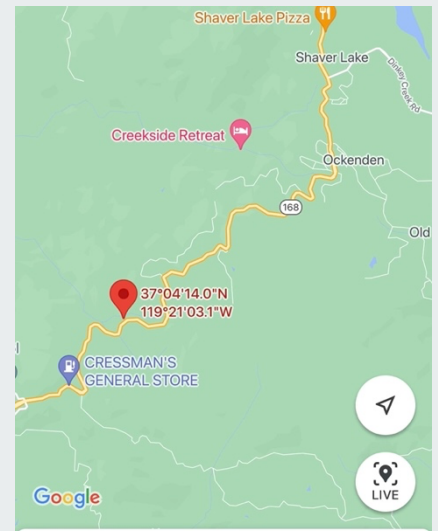
10:30 Head out to individual property sites to help plant more than 10,000 Seedlings of Hope!

**Please wear closed toe shoes and bring work gloves, a bottle of water and a bagged lunch. We will have breakfast burritos or other treats available at the Shaver Ranch Site.

For questions or to rsvp for one (or more!) of the workdays, please contact CSRF Ambassador Allyson at allyson@sierrafoothill.org

Applications for Fall 2021 Seedlings of Hope can be found at <https://museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/seedlings-of-hope/>

Seedlings of Hope is made possible in part by a grant from Southern California Edison and by generous donations to the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund.



Take 168 to Shaver Ranch (approximately 1.2 miles above Cressman's store on the north side of the road...) Look for Central Sierra Resiliency Fund signs.



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Praise or Critique?

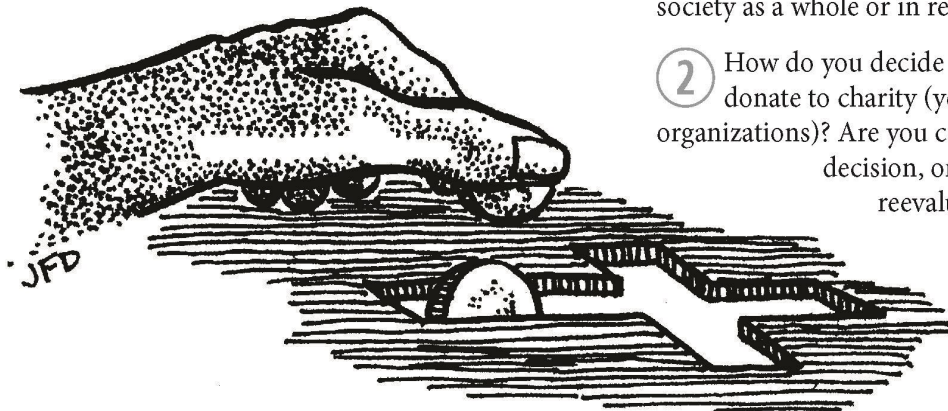
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 1 Kings 17:10-16 - Elijah and the widow
- ▶ Hebrew 9:24-28 - The sacrifice of Jesus
- ▶ Mark 12:38-44 - Hypocrisy of the scribes and the widow's mite

Widows were easy to overlook in Jesus' time. Because women were mostly viewed as the property of their fathers until their marriages, when they were "transferred" to their husbands, becoming a widow put women on the vulnerable fringe of society. Without any formal education or way to make a living for themselves, they fell into poverty. Unfortunately, it was easy for others to take advantage of them because of their lack of education and status. At first it may seem as if Elijah was taking advantage of the foreign widow who was near starvation in the first reading, but in the end, he rewards her generosity so that she and her son survive the drought and famine in her land.

Is it a surprise then that Jesus praises the poor widow in the Temple—just like his Father who shows special concern for the widows, orphans, and strangers of the Old Testament—while critiquing the scribes and the rich? Like the widow in the first reading, this woman contributed "all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mk. 12:44) to the temple treasury (think "parish offertory basket").

We may read Jesus' comment two ways. He may have been praising the widow's generosity because she offered all that she had to God. Or he may have been using his comment as a criticism of



the abusive tax laws that the wealthy imposed on the poor. Jews in his day owed triple taxes: to Rome (the occupying country), Herod (the Judean king) and the Jewish Temple (for its upkeep and the financial support of the priests). What the rich people contributed to the temple treasury left them plenty to live on comfortably. What the widow was required to give cost her the equivalent of her rent and groceries. Jesus saw and understood this systemic injustice and called it out for what it is.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What systemic injustices between rich and poor do you see still playing out today—in society as a whole or in religious institutions?
- 2 How do you decide how much money to donate to charity (your church and other organizations)? Are you comfortable with your decision, or are you being invited to reevaluate it?

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