

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129

August 11, 2024

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” John 6:51



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### WELCOME

*To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished here—welcome to all!  
Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.*

#### SAINT MARY - SAINT CATHERINE

Our Mission is to make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to share their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

We are an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love.

Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship.

#### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Led by the Holy Spirit, the Parish Family of Saint Francis de Sales seeks to know and celebrate Jesus through Mass, Prayer, Sacrament and Service.

Saint Francis de Sales Church is the oldest consecrated church in New England, the oldest in the city of Boston in continuous service, and the fourth oldest in America, built in 1859, on the top of Bunker Hill. Saint Francis is known affectionately as the Firefighter's church - The statue of St. Florian, patron saint, is located in the bell yard next to the church.

## Mass Schedule

### Summer Schedule

Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 am Masses —

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
St. Catherine Chapel at St. Mary Church  
*Tuesday & Thursday Masses suspended*

Weekend Masses

Saturday

9 am St. Mary– St. Catherine

4 pm St. Francis de Sales

4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

Sunday

8 am St. Mary- St. Catherine

9:30 am St. Francis de Sales

11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine

6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

**Finance & Operations Manager**  
James Santosuosso

**Social Ministry Director**  
Thomas J. MacDonald

**Confirmation Director**  
Cynthia Markey

**Director of Music**  
John Anthony Volpe

**Administrative Assistant**  
Dianne Ludy

**Hispanic Ministry**  
Blanca Paz

## St Francis de Sales

**Pastoral Assistant**  
Joan C. Rae

**Music Director**  
Timothy Leahy

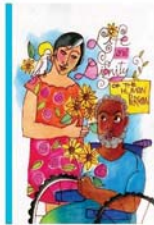
**Parish Nurse Ministry Director**  
Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

**Clergy in Residence**  
Fr. Jerome Gillespie  
Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.  
Fr. Mark Shimave

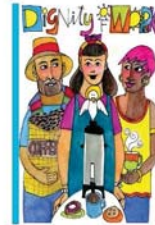
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Fr. Patrick Mpete, SMA,

**Email**  
[info@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

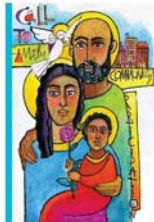
## the seven themes of CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING for children



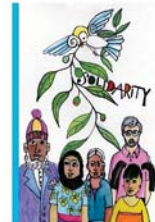
**1** God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.



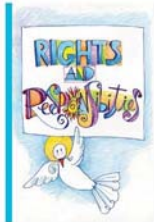
**5** Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.



**2** God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.



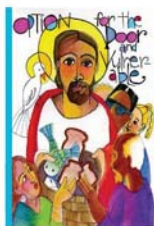
**6** God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.



**3** God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.



**7** The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.



**4** God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.



These themes are based on United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*.  
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**Saint Mary Church**  
55 Warren St.  
**Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel**  
Warren & Soley St.

—  
**St. Francis de Sales Church**  
313 Bunker Hill St.

**Charlestown Catholic Collaborative**  
**Parish Center**  
46 Winthrop St.  
617-242-4664

**Social Ministry Office**  
49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

**Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800

### Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street.  
St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.

## From our Pastor ...

### Something special is coming on Sept. 9



**Bring your hearts, bring your minds,  
bring your souls, bring yourselves,  
bring someone you love.**

### Catholic Appeal update

*St. Francis and St. Mary- St. Catherine have both hit  
over 100% of our Catholic Appeal assessments!*

The Appeal helps our parishes, Collaborative and our Archdiocese! Please give and help us build the ministries so many around us need. Go to [catholicappeal.com](http://catholicappeal.com) and answer the call!

*Please note that Fr. John  
will be out of town Aug. 4-9.*

### A New Member of the Family

This Sunday during the 11 am Mass at St. Mary's, Hannah Hagan will be brought into the fullness of the Catholic faith. Sr. Nancy, who has been so instrumental in Hannah's journey, will be with us to celebrate this very happy moment! Please keep her in your prayers as she celebrates this powerful moment!

### Stewardship

Let's look ahead to how we all can get involved in our Collaborative, at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary- St. Catherine. Take a look at some of the ministries that will benefit from your involvement in committees: Worship, Baptism Prep, Wedding, St. Francis Hall, Stewardship, Social, Spiritual, Family, Social Justice, and Adult Confirmation/RCIA. Please share your talents with us!

### Summertime

Summer is here but the needs remain- please consider online giving to help us pay our bills and plan for the future. Give us

a call or drop us a note and we'll walk you through the process. Thank you!

### Look up. Look ahead.

- **Saturday, Aug. 10 @ Harvest on Vine**  
*10 am food distribution @ 49 Vine St.*
- **Sunday, Aug. 11 @ St. Mary's**  
*11 am Mass- Rite of Christian Initiation*
- **Thursday, Aug. 15- Assumption of Mary**  
***Holy Day of Obligation!***  
***9 am @ St. Mary's, 6 pm @ St. Francis***
- **Thursday, Aug. 25- Catholic TV Mass @ 9:30 am**
- **Monday, Sept. 9 @ St. Catherine's Chapel**  
***at 7 pm- Symbolon begins***

### When my heart finds Christmas...

On Friday, Nov. 22, we're going to New York City to see incredible **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular**, starring the Rockettes! We'll leave by motor-coach at **7 am**, attend the **2 pm** show, and have a few hours to take in the Big Apple- we'll be back by midnight! Tickets are **\$225** per person, reservations with a **\$100** deposit. 16 available for each parish- maximum of 4 tickets per family. Call Dianne at 617-242-4664- any questions? See Fr. John!



### Children's Programs We need you!

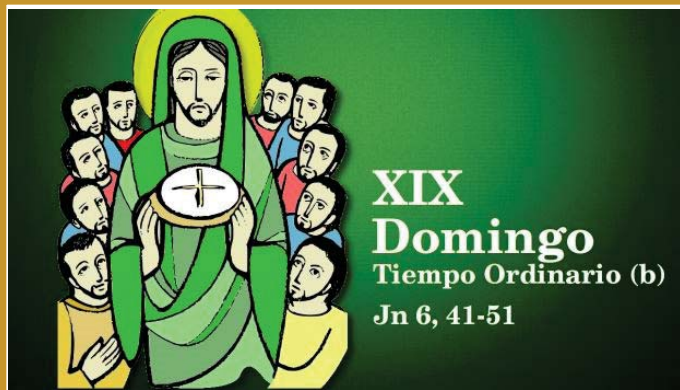
We are all called by our baptismal promises to share the precious gift our Catholic faith with the children in our families, parishes, Collaborative and world.

Our Lord expects nothing less- we can do this well. We need your faith, hope, patience and love for our Faith Formation Program!

**We need a coordinator for grades K-4 and teachers.**

Can you help us, starting in October?

If you can, please see Fr. John!



## ATRAÍDOS POR EL PADRE HACIA JESÚS

Según el relato de Juan, Jesús repite cada vez de manera más abierta que viene de Dios para ofrecer a todos un alimento que da vida eterna. La gente no puede seguir escuchando algo tan escandaloso sin reaccionar. Conocen a sus padres. ¿Cómo puede decir que viene de Dios? A nadie nos puede sorprender su reacción. ¿Es razonable creer en Jesucristo? ¿Cómo podemos creer que en ese hombre concreto, nacido poco antes de morir Herodes el Grande, y conocido por su actividad profética en la Galilea de los años treinta, se ha encarnado el

Misterio insondable de Dios.

Jesús no responde a sus objeciones. Va directamente a la raíz de su incredulidad: "No sigáis murmurando". Es un error resistirse a la novedad radical de su persona obstinándose en pensar que ya saben todo acerca de su verdadera identidad. Les indicará el camino que pueden seguir. Jesús presupone que nadie puede creer en él si no se siente atraído por su persona. Es cierto. Tal vez, desde nuestra cultura, lo entendemos hoy mejor. No nos resulta fácil creer en doctrinas o ideologías. La fe y la confianza se despiertan en nosotros cuando nos sentimos atraídos por alguien que nos hace bien y nos ayuda a vivir.

Pero Jesús les advierte de algo muy importante: "Nadie puede aceptarme si el Padre, que me ha enviado, no se lo concede". La atracción hacia Jesús la produce Dios mismo. El Padre que lo ha enviado al mundo despierta nuestro corazón para que nos acerquemos a Jesús con gozo y confianza, superando dudas y resistencias. Por eso hemos de escuchar la voz de Dios en nuestro corazón y dejarnos conducir por él hacia Jesús. Dejarnos enseñar dócilmente por ese Padre, Creador de la vida y Amigo del ser humano: "Todo el que escucha al Padre y recibe su enseñanza me acepta a mí".

La afirmación de Jesús resulta revolucionaria para aquellos judíos. La tradición bíblica decía que el ser humano escucha en su corazón la llamada de Dios a cumplir fielmente la Ley. El profeta Jeremías había proclamado así la promesa de Dios: "Yo pondré mi Ley dentro de vosotros y la escribiré en vuestro corazón".

Las palabras de Jesús nos invitan a vivir una experiencia diferente. La conciencia no es solo el lugar recóndito y privilegiado en el que podemos escuchar la Ley de Dios. Si en lo íntimo de nuestro ser, nos sentimos atraídos por lo bueno, lo hermoso, lo noble, lo que hace bien al ser humano, lo que construye un mundo mejor, fácilmente nos sentiremos invitados por Dios a sintonizar con Jesús.

## August 11 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elijah was ready to give up, "This is enough O Lord. Take my life...", but God would hear none of it: "Get up and eat..." Our Gospel gives us the beautiful Bread of Life discourse, in which Jesus reminds us again that He is the Bread of Life and that "...whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Do you hear some hints of last week's Gospel? When we are tempted to give up or stop trying to imitate Jesus, due of frustration, or discouragement, or the disapproval of others, remember that Jesus is here in the community and most importantly in the Eucharist, each week, waiting to feed us with himself, the Bread of Life. As God did with Elijah, He also invites us to "Get up and eat!"

**RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** is a program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about and perhaps become a member of the Catholic faith.

For more information, call Fr. John at 617-242-4664 or email him at [jsheridan8699@gmail.com](mailto:jsheridan8699@gmail.com).

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15<sup>th</sup>

## What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



## What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.



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- **THE ASSUMPTION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
- Masses: 9:00 am—St. Mary and 6:00 pm at St. Francis

*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes. If you're new to Francis de Sales or St. Mary—St. Catherine of Siena Parish, please visit our website for events and resources.*

*Please register online at: [charlestowncatholic.org](http://charlestowncatholic.org)*

# Welcome

Log onto our website at

**Charlestown  
Catholic.org!**

Find bulletins and Mass times for both parishes and view the latest recorded Sunday Mass.

We have music, news from Harvest on Vine, pictures, and more.

You may donate to the Parishes or its various ministries by selecting the Donate tab.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR  
BOXES AT THE BACK  
OF THE CHURCH!

**Thank you!**



*Hungry Sunday  
this week!*

*Thank you!*

*We are grateful  
to you!*

## Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

*The 11 am Sunday Mass is live on our Website and Facebook page*

Saturday, August 10

9 am

4 pm

4 pm

Sunday, August 11

8 am + Felix & Rosela Clemena

9:30 am

11 am + Celia, Bill & Ed Hafey

6 pm

Monday, August 12

8 am

Wednesday, August 14

8 am

*Please take note that the Tuesday & Thursday morning Masses are suspended for the summer and the 6 pm Mass will be at St Catherine of Siena Chapel through Labor Day.*

Thursday, August 15 –Holy Day of obligation

The Assumption

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Friday, August 16

8 am

Saturday, August 17

9 am

4 pm

4 pm + Madge & John Desmond

Sunday, August 18

8 am

9:30 am

11 am + David Latta, Jr. & Meaghan Brady

6 pm + James M. Rowsey, Sr.

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*If you are planning a Wedding, or a Baptism, if you are interested in becoming Catholic or have not yet received Confirmation, if you are homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments, interested in the choir, Religious Education, or becoming a volunteer in a ministry...*

*Contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664 or email*

[info@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at 3:15 pm on Saturdays before Mass at both Parishes.*

*If you would like to pray the rosary with us on Saturday mornings -*

*Please email Donna at:*

[donna.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)



August 3 & 4

St. Mary-  
St. Catherine Parishioners  
gave \$ 4,030.21  
to the Weekly Collection



Saint Francis de Sales  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for

Richard E. O'Brien, Sr.



August 3 & 4  
St. Francis  
Parishioners gave  
\$ 2,425.00  
to the Weekly Collection  
And \$ 713.00 to the Capital  
Improvement Collection

*St. MC Attendance*

*August 3/4*

4 pm	61
8 am	42
11 am	111
6 pm	54
Total	268



**BANNS OF  
MARRIAGE**

**II. Brian Spencer**

**&**

**Stephanie Fagan**

*St. F Attendance*

*August 3/4*

4:00 pm	91
9:30 am	53
Total	144

St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Aug 15 Assumption

Aug 18 Monthly



*Requiescat in  
Pace*

*Steven Fitzpatrick*

St. Francis de Sales  
**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Aug 15 Assumption

August 18 Parish Deficit

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



*Please see page 8 for announcement and the Cardinal's statement*



## Cardinal's Message to the Archdiocese of Boston

Dear Friends,

On Monday, August 5, 2024 the Holy Father announced that he has named the Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D. as the tenth bishop and seventh archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Archbishop-elect Henning is currently the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

On behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Boston, including our priests, religious, deacons, and laity we welcome Archbishop-elect Richard Henning. We extend our deep gratitude to the Holy Father for this appointment demonstrating his ongoing pastoral care for the people of the Archdiocese. I look forward to our people and the wider community getting to know our new Archbishop-elect in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. He ministers with the heart of a pastor with a sincere commitment to serving Christ and the Church.

Archbishop-elect Henning will be installed as Archbishop of Boston on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA. Additional details to follow.

Archbishop-elect Henning has asked us to share his initial comments with you on his appointment:

"I am grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for his confidence in me and for his conferral of this new mission as Archbishop of Boston. I receive this appointment relying upon divine Providence, aware that this is the Lord's Church and that I am no more than an unworthy servant.

I would also like to express my gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley who has served the Church of Boston for many faithful and joyful years.

Greetings to the clergy and faithful of Boston. I ask your prayers that I may cling to the Lord's Holy Cross, honor His mother, imitate His saints, and love you as His people and His ministers."

Certainly, I have much left to express to you all about my gratitude for my 21 years as your shepherd. I will reserve those words for a time closer to the end of my assignment as your Archbishop. Today is a day of celebration and prayer as we welcome the Holy Father's assignment of Archbishop-elect Henning to the Archdiocese. I ask that you pray for him as he begins to plan for this transition. In the meantime, please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Cardinal Seán

Cardinal Seán Archbishop-elect statement in Spanish:

"Le agradezco a Su Santidad el Papa Francisco su confianza en mí y por haberme confiado esta nueva misión como arzobispo de Boston. Recibo este nombramiento confiando en la divina Providencia, consciente de que ésta es la Iglesia del Señor y de que no soy más que un servidor indigno. También me gustaría expresar mi gratitud a Su Eminencia el Cardenal Seán O'Malley, quien ha servido a la Iglesia de Boston durante muchos años con fidelidad y alegría. Saludos al clero y fieles de Boston. Les pido oraciones para poder aferrarme a la Santa Cruz del Señor, honrar a su madre, imitar a sus santos y amarles como a su pueblo y a sus ministros."

Te adoramos y te alabamos, oh Cristo, porque por tu Santa Cruz redimiste al mundo.

Archbishop-elect statement in Portuguese

"Estou grato a Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco pela confiança que depositou em mim e por ter-me confiado esta missão como Arcebispo de Boston. Recebo esta nomeação confiando na Providência divina, consciente de que esta é a Igreja do Senhor e que não sou mais do que um servo indigno. Gostaria também de expressar a minha gratidão a Sua Eminência o Cardeal Sean O'Malley, que serviu a Igreja de Boston durante muitos anos fiéis e alegres. Saudações ao clero e aos fiéis de Boston. Peço-vos orações para que me possa agarrar à Santa Cruz do Senhor, honrar a Sua mãe, imitar o Seus santos e amar-vos como Seu povo e Seus ministros." Saudações ao clero e aos fiéis de Boston. Peço-vos orações para que me possa agarrar à Santa Cruz do Senhor, honrar a Sua mãe, imitar o Seus santos e amar-vos como Seu povo e Seus ministros." Nós Te adoramos e Te louvamos, Ó Cristo, pois pela tua Santa Cruz remistes o mundo.





# REGISTER TO VOTE!

## State Primaries Registration Deadlines **SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

### REGISTER TO VOTE

- Mail postmarked by 8/24/2024
- In-Person by 5 p.m.
- Online by 11:59 p.m.

Learn more at [boston.gov/vote](https://boston.gov/vote)

CITY of **BOSTON**



Elections

### Parish Councils

- Collaborative Finance Council
- Collaborative Pastoral Council
- Stewardship Committee

### Liturgical Ministries

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Worship Committee

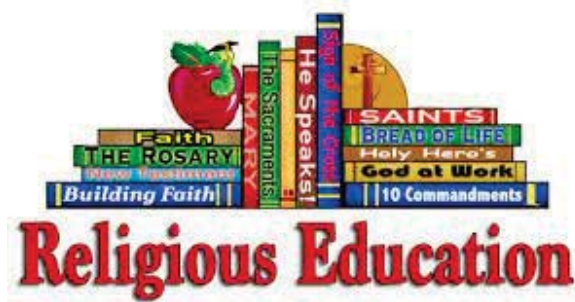
### Faith Formation

- Adult Confirmation/RCIA
- Baptism Prep
- Confirmation
- Religious Ed K - 8
- Spiritual Committee
- Wedding Committee

### Social Ministries

- Family Ministry
- Social Ministry
- Social Justice Committee
- St. Francis Hall Committee

*Could you share some time  
and help us do His work?  
If so, please reach out to  
Fr. John.  
Please share your talents  
with us!*



## Registration for Religious Education for 2024-25 is on our website!

At this time, we are planning a similar program for the 2024-25 school year as we had this past year. Classes will be held every other Tuesday afternoon at 4pm.

Confirmation classes will follow the same structure, with classes and calls on Sunday evenings.

Youth Group (grades 5-7) will also continue once per month on a Sunday evening.



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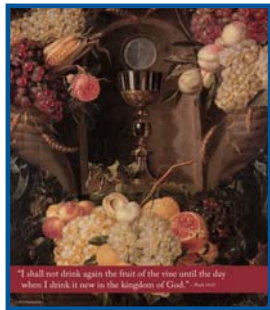
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