



ST. LAURENCE LIFE

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THE
MINISTRIES
THAT MAKE
US STRONG





Dear Parish Family,

What you'll see as you look through this booklet is that there are all kinds of things that we do together as a Church family. Our life together centers around a few themes: serving together, growing together, praying together, and simply having fun together. The Christian faith is supposed to be a "together" activity and this booklet is intended to showcase that very thing.

This St. Laurence life booklet is part of a larger effort to connect people more deeply to the Lord and to each other. It is a major priority of our Parish life to provide as many "on-ramps" as possible so that all of us connect with what God is doing among us. God has brought each of us here and given each of us unique gifts that this Parish family needs. Because we believe that, we want and need you to be involved as much as possible in the work we do as a Parish.

Please know a few things about our Parish:

1. The groups you see in this book are open to everyone.
2. There is never a bad time to join them. Can't join them right now because your plate is too full? You can join at any time.
3. The leaders' phone numbers and email addresses are printed here because they want you to contact them. We didn't have to twist anybody's arm. They are eager to welcome you.

We hope that there is something for everyone listed in this booklet and that you'll jump in. If you honestly look through this booklet and do not find what you are looking for, I hope you will reach out to me so that we can get that fixed. God bless you and by all means jump in and be part of the amazing work God is doing among us.

With Love,

Fr. Jordan, Rector

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Acolytes

Description: Carry the torches and cross during Church processions, assist during the Eucharist. Training sessions held periodically throughout the year. Children ages 10 and older.

How Often: Every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45am

Time Commitment: One or two Sundays a month

Contact: **Bob Fulton**
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and **Mike Mrasek**
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Altar Guild

Description: Preparation of the Lord's Table for His people.

Set Meetings: No

Duties: Care for the linens, polish, oil the candles and dress the Altar for services. Work in teams.

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per month

Contact: **Debbi Harris**
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Anglican Book Chat

Description: We read and discuss books on all aspects of Christian living and gather for fun, food, and fellowship. The fall 2017 book is Inwardly Digest, The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life, by Derek Olsen.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Once a month, usually 3rd Sunday of the month, from 4:00-5:15pm at Jeff and Cherie Bennett's house (2940 N. Kimball Ave., Southlake)

Time Commitment: 1-1/4 hours per month plus reading time

Contact: **Cherie Bennett**
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Bookstore

Description: A retail-type store in the Parish Hall that sells Bibles, hymnals, Book of Common Prayers, gift items and jewelry.

Set Meetings: No

How Often: Shifts of volunteers are needed 1 Sunday a month to run the store between the services.

Time Commitment: 9:15-10:30am on Sundays

Contact: **Kathryn Meisl**
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Boy Scout Troop 168

Description: An active, outdoor Troop led by Boy Scouts. Focus is on fun and adventure with every activity while incorporating teamwork and community service. For boys age 11 or 5th -12th grade.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Every Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm in Parish Hall.

Time Commitment: Troop meetings are 1½ hours a week plus campouts once a month.

Contact: **Hector Reyes, Scoutmaster**
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Canterbury Choir

Description: Our Children's Choir sings at various services throughout the year. For 2nd – 8th grades, or younger if they can read.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Rehearsal every Wed. 6:30-7:00pm during the school year.

Time Commitment: Wed. rehearsals plus one or two Sunday services a month.

Contact: **John Heimel, Organist**
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john.heimel@gmail.com

Children's Chapel

Description:	Children's worship service on Sunday mornings for children ages 3-8. Service includes age appropriate hymns, prayers and Gospel lesson for 30-45 minutes before the children re-join their families for communion.
How Often:	Every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45am
Duties:	Adult and youth volunteers lead and keep order during the service. Work in two-person teams with a Chapel Leader and a Chapel Assistant in each of the 8:30 and 10:45 services.
Time Commitment:	Approx. 15 min. during the week to prepare, then 1 hour one Sunday a month.
Contact:	Megan Mecca, Children's Minister 817-980-6850 meganlmecca@gmail.com

Choir (St. Laurence Chorale)

Description:	The Adult choir sings worship music from our hymnal and other sources during Church services.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Wed. at 7:15pm for rehearsal during the school year.
Time Commitment:	Wed. rehearsals and Mass on Sundays
Contact:	John Heibel, Organist 940-206-6056 john.heibel@gmail.com

Christian Formation

Description:	Christian Formation is a process for conversion and spiritual growth for all adults, whether you're seeking baptism, confirmation, reception or a deeper understanding of the faith. This class teaches the apostolic faith, equips you for ministry, and supports you as you establish a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
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Participants are accompanied on the journey by companions who have made the journey in previous years. Childcare is provided.

Set Meetings:

Yes

How Often:

Sunday evenings Sept. 10-April 29 with appropriate breaks throughout the year, 6:00-7:45pm in Parish Hall

Time Commitment:

1-3/4 hours a week

Contact:

Ed Roach

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Christmas is for Children

Description:

Arrange for St. Laurence families to sponsor one or more local children in need and purchase Christmas gifts for them. Gifts are collected at a special breakfast for St. Laurence families when St. Nicholas comes and teaches our children about his legacy of giving.

Set Meetings:

No

Duties:

Help get sign-ups after services on Sundays in November, assist with gift collection and delivery of gifts to Christmas is for Children distribution center.

Time Commitment:

One or more Sundays in November for sponsor sign-ups. Breakfast is Sat, Dec. 2.

Contact:

Gift Donations

Kim Cooley

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St. Nicholas Breakfast

Sarah Oliver

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Christmas Pageant

Description:	Stage a Christmas pageant on Dec. 17 with our Pre-K -5 th grade children.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Assist with casting, costume preparation, and monitoring of young children.
Time Commitment:	2-3 rehearsals of approx. 2 hours each + performance
Contact:	Megan Mecca, Children's Minister 817-980-6850 meganlmecca@gmail.com

Coffee Hour After 8:30am Service

Description:	Volunteers sign up online to bring a snack or two for coffee hour following the early Sunday service.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Cook or purchase food items to be dropped off before coffee hour.
Time Commitment:	As frequently as you wish.
Contact:	Gail Lindley 817-944-3553 gailyt@verizon.net

Daughters of the King

Description:	An international order of women who take a vow of spiritual discipline of daily intercessory prayer, service and evangelism.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	First Tuesday of each month at Carolyn Cole's house (103 Ascot Dr., Southlake)
Duties:	Pray for those on prayer list, make hospital visits or visit those in need.
Time Commitment:	1-2 hours a week plus visits as necessary
Contact:	Carolyn Cole 817-488-1589 colecara@yahoo.com

Dinners For 8

Description:	Small groups gather for dinner to socialize and get to know each other better.
Set Meetings:	Each group decides
How Often:	Ideally every month or two
Duties:	Plan a shared meal at someone's home where everyone brings something. Meal can also be at a restaurant.
Time Commitment:	2-3 hours whenever the group meets
Contact:	Lisa Mills 817-368-5781 lisamariemills1@mac.com

Divorce Care

Description:	A Christ centered seminar and support group for members of our Church and community who are facing or recovering from separation and divorce. Childcare is provided.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Twice a month on Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Sept. 10-March 25.
Time Commitment:	3 hours a month
Contact:	Dave Wallace 817-703-7591 dwallace@alignedcom.com
	and Erin Wallace 682-216-9975 erinw@alignedcom.com

Feed Our Kids

Description:	Prepare, provide and serve lunch July 2-6 (not July 4) to Grapevine kids in need.
Set Meetings:	No
How Often:	One week
Duties:	Donate food, prepare meals at St. Laurence, serve on-site at our assigned apartment complex in Grapevine, play with kids, clean up.

Time Commitment: 2-4 hours per day during the week of serving
Contact: **Amy Bechner**
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Flower Guild

Description: Work with Altar Guild to decorate the Church with additional arrangements and other décor for High Holy Days and special occasions (Christmas, Maundy Thursday/Easter, St. Laurence Day, Thanksgiving, etc.). Also assists with flowers for funeral receptions and occasional other events.

Set Meetings: No
Duties: Help arrange fresh flowers or decorate the Church typically on Saturdays, but includes Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 hours per event.

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and **Sharon Thomas**
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Gainesville State School – Youth Prison Ministry

Description: Provide hope and the Good News of salvation to imprisoned male youth age 14-18.

Set Meetings: Yes
How Often: Every 3rd Sunday of the month in Gainesville, TX
Duties: Help with monthly birthday parties at prison.
Time Commitment: Five hours every 3rd Sunday

Contact: **Carl Lapiska**
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God Squad - Youth Group for 4th-5th Graders

Description:	A monthly meeting for our 4th and 5th grade youth with fun games, snacks and fellowship.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	One Sunday per month, 5:00-6:00pm in the youth room.
Duties:	Volunteers are needed to assist with activities.
Time Commitment:	One hour per month
Contact	Megan Mecca, Children's Minister 817-980-6850 meganlmecca@gmail.com

Golf Cart Shuttle Ministry

Description:	A team of adults who drive the golf cart and safely shuttle parishioners between the back parking lot and the Church.
Set Meetings:	No
How Often:	2 shifts are needed each Sunday, 8:15-10:15am and 10:15-12:15pm. Volunteers are needed for 1 shift, 1 or 2 Sundays a month.
Duties:	Drive the golf cart, look for people needing assistance.
Time Commitment:	2 hours, 1 or 2 Sundays a month.
Contact:	Jeff Butler 972-979-6811 jeff.butler@capitalone.com

Greeters

Description:	Program to identify and welcome visitors.
Set Meetings:	Yes, occasional meetings to train
How Often:	Every Sunday for 8:30 and 10:45am services
Duties:	Meet visitors outside Narthex, welcome them, complete visitor card
Time Commitment:	15 minutes before and after mass, 1 or 2 Sundays a quarter

Contact: **John Geertsema**
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and **Mark Jameson**
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Holiday Food Drives

Description: Program to provide food donations to GRACE for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meal distribution.

Set Meetings: No

Duties: Facilitate the collection of food donations from the Parish and the purchase of food items with money donated by the Parish. All items to be delivered to GRACE.

Time Commitment: Approx. 8-10 hours for each food drive

Contact: **Elizabeth Curtiss**
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Home Study Groups

Description: Small groups of parishioners meet in homes to pray, study and discuss the Bible. Fall session to start up soon.

Set Meetings: Yes. Times/days will vary by group

How Often: Once a week with breaks between studies.

Time Commitment: 1 hour a week during studies. No homework.

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and **Greg Jones**
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Hospitality Committee

Description:	Parishioners provide meals to families who have had babies, are struggling with illness, hospitalization, death, etc. Also put on funeral receptions.
Set Meetings:	No
How Often:	As needed
Contact:	Joan Miller 817-291-6349 rjoanm333@sbcglobal.net

Junior High Youth Group

Description:	For 6 th -8 th grade to share in fellowship, fun and learning; also participate in many other activities like Fall Rally, Bishop's Ball and mission trip.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Wed. 5:00-6:00pm in Youth Room during the school year.
Duties:	Volunteers are needed to assist with misc. activities.
Time Commitment:	1 hour a week
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Minister 817-235-1809 katielapenna@gmail.com

Men's Bingo Night at Union Gospel Mission

Description:	Fellowship and bingo with the resident men at Union Gospel Mission in Ft. Worth.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	3rd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at UGM
Time Commitment:	2-3 hours a month
Contact:	Swift Lindley 817-913-5000 swifthomes@verizon.net

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study and Sometimes Breakfast

Description:	Men of the Way come together in the practice of Acts 2:42. Not a formal study class, our focus is on reading and trying to fathom the upcoming Sunday lessons to glorify the Lord (and avoid being pew potatoes). Then sometimes there is breakfast. Brothers of all ages are joyfully welcomed.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Friday from 6:30-7:30am in Parish Hall. Stay if you can, leave when you must.
Time Commitment:	1 hour a week
Contact:	Bill Wolfe 817-368-4200 bill@billwolfe.net

Pew Torch Team

Description:	Men that put the torches on the pews for special services.
Set Meetings:	No
Time Commitment:	Less than 1 hour per event
Contact:	Joe Hodges 469-785-1438 joseph.hodges@charter.com

Raising Tweens & Teens

Description:	A group dedicated to supporting one another and exploring topics related to tweens (10-12 year olds) and teens in order to raise great young adults in the Anglican tradition. For anyone interested in joining the discussion.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Usually once a month, from 12:15-1:15pm on Sundays in the Parish Hall
Time Commitment:	1 hour per month

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Retreat Planning

Description: Plan and help put on one or more Parish retreats, choosing from: Pre-Lent Retreat, Women's Lenten Retreat, Fall Retreat and the Advent Retreat.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Scheduled as needed prior to each retreat

Time Commitment: Approx. 4-5 hours of planning prior to each retreat plus time at the retreat.

Contact: **Cherie Bennett**
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School of Sacred Arts (Icon Class)

Description: Study and pray through the art of iconography. Cost is one time charge of \$145 for materials and \$35 for each session.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Weekly

Time Commitment: 10:00am-5:00pm every Monday. Students may come and work as their schedule allows.

Contact: **Jane Ladik**
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Senior High Youth Group

Description:	For 9 th -12 th grade to share in fellowship, fun and learning; also participate in many other activities like Fall Rally, Bishop's Ball and mission trip.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Sunday night during the school year, 6:00-7:30pm in Youth Room
Duties:	Volunteers are needed to be guest speakers and assist with other activities.
Time Commitment:	1½ hours a week
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Minister 817-235-1809 katielapenna@gmail.com

Society of Our Lady of Walsingham

Description:	The St. Laurence cell of the Society is dedicated to worship, prayer, and support of events that promote a greater understanding of our Anglican tradition, the unity of all Christians, and the deepening of faith in the Incarnation of Our Lord. It also provides opportunity for pilgrimage to the Shrine in England and education on the Anglican tradition of devotion to Mary.
Set Meetings:	No set meetings; attendance at Mass is requested on certain feast days.
How Often:	The Annunciation of Our Lord (March 25), the Assumption of Our Lady (August 15), the remembrance of the translation of the image of Our Lady of Walsingham to the present Shrine in 1931 (October 15)
Time Commitment:	3 hours per year plus private devotional time. Members of the Society are asked to say the Angelus each day.
Contact:	Cherie Bennett 682-554-7453 cricket.pal@gmail.com

Softball Team

Description: Men's softball team that plays in Grapevine Church League.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 28 weeks of play per year on Tuesday evenings.

Time Commitment: Games last 1-1½ hours

Contact: **Terry Stevens**
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Sunday School (Children and Youth)

Description: Teach Sunday School classes, put on related programs or provide support.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Every Sunday between services from Sept-May

Duties: Serve as teachers, substitutes or coordinate programs.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours a week for teachers

Contact: **Megan Mecca, Children's Minister**
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and **Katie LaPenna, Youth Minister**
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St. Larry's Burnt Offerings BBQ Team

Description: Provide barbecued meat for the Church

Set Meetings: St. Laurence Day and occasional other events

Duties: Help and learn to barbecue

Time Commitment: Whatever time you can give

Contact: **Ken Stone**
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St. Laurence Men

Description: St. Laurence Men of all ages that are expanding their relationships in fellowship, growing in faith together and serving the community. Activities will vary from a Steak night at Lake Grapevine to a football watching party to a retreat at Camp Crucis to handing out Thanksgiving food baskets at GRACE.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 1st Thursday of the month. Come at 6:30pm for dinner, then 7:00-8:00 for the meeting.

Time Commitment: An hour or two a month

Contact: **Mark Edson**
817-793-3382
markwedson@gmail.com

and **Andrew Marshall**
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St. Laurence Women

Description: A social group for all women of St. Laurence to share their time, treasures and talents to further the efforts of our Church and missions.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 2nd Thurs. evening of the month during school year, 7:00-8:00pm

Time Commitment: 1 hour a month

Contact: **Trudy Baade**
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and **Meredith Liewehr**
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Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Description: Ongoing, year round Bible Study led by Fr. Jordan that studies various books of the Bible. Great fellowship and Bible Study combined. Currently studying 1 Samuel.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Every Tuesday 10:00-11:00am in Parish Hall

Time Commitment: 1 hour a week

Contact: **Fr. Jordan**
817-917-5855
frjohnjordan@gmail.com

Union Gospel Mission on Good Friday

Description: Participants provide and serve the noonday meal to the homeless of Ft. Worth on Good Friday at UGM.

Set Meetings: No

Duties: Donate food items and serve on site.

Time Commitment: There are generally two shifts of about 2½ hours each, but you can work the entire time (approx. 8:30am-1:00pm).

Contact: **Trudy Baade**
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Ushers

Description: Usher for services and other events.

Set Meetings: No

Duties: Greet, hand out bulletins and pass collection plate

Time Commitment: Approx. 1 service per month

Contact: **Kelly DeWitt**
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Vacation Bible School

Description:	A weeklong religious education program including Bible stories, skits, movie, songs and crafts for elementary children in the summer.
Set Meetings:	Planning meetings begin in the spring.
How Often:	Varies depending upon job.
Duties:	Many different jobs are available to allow for a variety of talents and available time.
Time Commitment:	Varies depending upon job.
Contact:	Megan Mecca, Children's Minister 817-980-6850 meganlmecca@gmail.com

Wedding Guild

Description:	Help with the many aspects of putting on a wedding.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Be extra hands to assist. Plan to be on your feet a lot.
Time Commitment:	Approx. 6 hours/wedding
Contact:	Patty Christensen 817-271-8718 pattychristensentex@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Dinner

Description:	Provide for simple dinner on Wed nights during school year. Gives Jr. High Youth Group and everyone a chance for a meal prior to Mass.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Set up, serve and clean up. Dinner is from 6:00-6:30pm.
Time Commitment:	1-1½ hours per Wed. Sign up for dates that work for you.
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Minister 817-235-1809 katielapenna@gmail.com

"Youngish" Adult Social Group (With Childcare)

Description:	A social group for young adults in the 30-40 year old range, with or without kids. Childcare is available.
Set Meetings:	No
How Often:	Periodically throughout the year
Time Commitment:	Varies per event
Contact:	Ashli Sambaluk 409-893-0376 ashlisambaluk@gmail.com

"Young" Adult Social Group

Description:	A young adult ministry for twenty-something individuals or couples without kids. Are you fresh out of college and still living with your parents? Do your evenings consist of ramen noodles, boxed wine, and solitude? Are you proud of your Netflix binging skills, and do you regularly check SnapChat throughout the day? Then do we have a group for you! We are looking to provide both a social and spiritual community for young adults at St. Laurence and beyond.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	We will try to meet around twice a month to hang out at local restaurants and coffee shops when most people are available.
Time Commitment:	Varies per event
Contact:	Deacon Cooper Morelock 325-998-1856 cwmorelock@gmail.com

Young Men's Outdoor Group

Description: This extension of our Youth Group is a semi-annual weekend activity designed specifically for Jr. and Sr. High boys and adult male mentors to explore God's great outdoors. Guy-friendly activities include backpacking, canoeing, hiking, and spelunking. A trip to Tyler State Park is scheduled for Nov. 17-19.

Set Meetings: No

Contact: **Jay Halpin**
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XYZ Group (eXtra Years with Zest)

Description: A fellowship of parishioners 55+ years old (or anyone of any age who wants to join!). Their mission is to become acquainted with each other and enjoy a meal together, usually at a local restaurant.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Once a month

Time Commitment: 2 hours once a month

Contact: **Ruth Kennedy**
817-739-1896

Parish Events

2017

Oktoberfest	Sept. 30
Imani Choir Performance	Oct. 15
Trunk or Treat	Oct. 29
St. Nicholas Breakfast	Dec. 2
Christmas Pageant	Dec. 17

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Annual Parish Meeting	Jan. 28
Feb. Social Event	Feb. 10
Easter Brunch	April 1
Ascension Eve Bonfire	May 9
Mother's Day	May 13
Father's Day Man Feast	June 17
St. Laurence Day Picnic	Aug. 12

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