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Catholic Community

March 24, 2024

Welcome

We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

Gym Masses

President: Fr. Jim Cassidy



Today we encounter Jesus as he enters Jerusalem to confront the oppressive powers that lead to his death. The Palm Sunday Passion will be dramatically

presented by 10 parishioner readers, our musicians and the SJA choir. Gospel singer, *Robert Robinson*, joins the choir for this *Wondrous Day of Our God*. Thank you *Tommy Barbarella, Anna Vagle*, and readers: *JP Fitzgibbons, Tina Moulder, Chris and Jack Sonnek, Sophie Emery, Jane Cavanaugh, Sean Barnard, Michael Manns, Raymond Lembrick and Peter Aitchison*. Blessed Holy Week!

Family Masses

Today we begin each Family Mass with an annual tradition - a short play, *Don't Be Afraid*, created during Lent by our families in partnership with In the Heart of the Beast artists. Using music, dance, masks, and puppets, we will tell the joyful and sorrowful story of Jesus' life and death. Don't miss the culmination of our family Lenten adventure. Come for the play; stay for Family Mass!



Pastor's 2 Cents From: Fr Jim DeBruycker

Holy Week begins today, the ritual re-enactment of the last days of Jesus Christ, as well as the source of our salvation. Day to day when we think about religion or being a Catholic its about rules, you can do this or you can't do this. Ethically and morally we are basically Jews, what sets us apart as Christians is our belief in who Jesus is, God incarnate who gave his life so that we may be forgiven and share in his divine life.

On Thursday, at the celebration of the Lord's supper we remember He did not want to leave us alone but gave to us his presence in the Eucharist and the establishment of the priesthood. We remember Jesus' commitment and command to be people of service with his washing of his disciples feet. Like the disciples at the last supper we end the service in a darkened Church and process as if to Gethsemane to the altar of repose where we watch with Jesus until his trial.

On Good Friday we remember the events around Jesus' trial and execution the ultimate offering. As Paul says, *Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phillipians 2)* We believe this ultimate obedience or as the Greeks would say kenosis or emptying of self became the vessel for the Holy Spirit to enter into the world to bring forth the resurrection To honor this sacrifice we do homage to the cross and remember his sacrifice in the stations of the cross.

Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil we celebrate the completion of Christ's salvation. Having emptied himself to bring His Holy Spirit into the world we begin with a large fire, a symbol of that holy fire coming into the world. We then bring that light into the church with the Easter candle and share it with the world. We then loudly proclaim Christ's victory over sin and death with the Exulted proclamation followed by the history of salvation throughout history culminating in the Easter Gospel story. We then welcome new members to faith through baptism and Confirmation, a personal celebration of death to sin, new birth in the water and the reception of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, culminating in the celebration of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday is a continuation of this story starting with the sunrise service remembering Christ's rising from the dead. Come join us for all our celebrations.

This Wednesday we celebrate a traditional Seder Passover meal, a remembrance of God's liberation of the Jewish people from tyranny. It is not a celebration of the state of Israel which some people have suggested. It is a remembrance of a common heritage we share with our Jewish brethren. Many Christian Churches started this remembrance to remind ourselves of this common heritage and to finally put to rest the disastrous anti-Semitism that almost destroyed the Jewish people. After mass last Sunday a young Jewish High Schooler, here on a religion class visit, thanked us for continuing our Seder in this difficult time.

Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:
5pm Saturday & 7:45am Sunday in the Church
9am & 11am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses at 9am & 11am Sunday in the Church



Scripture Readings:

Sun, March 24: Mk 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 15:1-39
Mon, March 25: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tue, March 26: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38
Wed, March 27: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thu, March 28: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Fri, March 29: Isa 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat, March 30: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Mark 16:1-7
Sun, March 31: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Gluten-free Communion is available upon request. Please see any of the Sunday sacristans in the gym before Mass.

Enhanced Hearing Devices are available in the church and gym. They are located in the back of the church and the welcome center.

SignUpGenius for Eucharistic Ministers is available online. It is simple, user friendly and a reminder is sent 3 days before your scheduled volunteer day. FFI contact Marcia at mkurtz@stjoan.com.

Our Parish Center Hours (September - May) are:
Monday - Thursday, 9am - 8pm, Friday, 9am - 3pm,
Saturday, 9am - 12:30pm and Sunday, 8am - 12:30pm.

Looking Ahead...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Gym Masses (9 and 11am)

March 30: Fr. Jim DeBruycker. Easter Vigil, 7:30pm in the Gym

March 31: Easter Sunday.

7am Sunrise Mass in the Gym with Fr. Jim Cassidy

9am Mass in the Gym with Fr. Jim Cassidy

11am Mass in the Gym with Fr. Jim DeBruycker

9 and 11am Masses in the Church with Fr. Peter Nosbush

April 7: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

April 14: Fr. Jim Cassidy

April 21: Fr. Jim Cassidy. Earth Sunday: Our incredible celebration of creation in music, prayer, stunning images and readings.

April 28: Fr. Jim DeBruycker. We hear from SJA members (including one of our youth) who are committed to ending gun violence.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church

April 6: Fr. Peter Nosbush

April 13: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, April 1.

The 5pm Saturday Mass is Recorded and Available
on our YouTube Channel Sunday afternoon.



Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:

Anthony Abbrussezze, Colleen B, Dale B, Kathy B, Dennis Barta, Lynn Baskfield, Berninger family, Jean Besch-Patsch, Elaine Boehm, JC Brennan, Mary Brooks, Lorraine Bryant, Tom Burns, Faith C, Sheryl C, Mary & Peter Cermak, Conchitta, Kaitlyn Corey, Margo Cross, Culver family, Patty D, Dave Dease, Jim DeBruycker, Michelle Dehn, Mikhail Donovan, Mary Dooley, PJ DoyleDubert Family, Linda Duffy, Ron Dunlay, Keira E, Joe E, Pete Eichten, Henry F, Florence Fadell, Doug Forster, Sheila Frenzel, Gary, Jan Gettten, Joni Gorowsky, Regina Gower, Heidi Gregorich, Pat Greene, Carol H, Shirley & Floyd Hale, Connie Hay, Ann Halloran, Linda Hamilton, Jim Hanson, Pippa Hempe, Alicja Hill, Megan Hoffman, Jerry Huot, Kevin Illa, James Jaeger, Kathy Jansen, Tim Johnson family, Vicki Jones, Osten Juntti, Eric K, Harriet & Jim K, Maria Karpinski, Glen Kelley, Sage Kirscht, Melissa Klukken, Margot Knoll, Lois Koegl, Steve Kremer, Miles Kunkel, Abby L, Stephen Lauinger, Maddie LeMonds, Troy Lensegrav, William Lipkin, Cecelia M, Marie M, Pamela Mayfield, Dawn McClland, Mary Jane McConnell, Josie Meyer, Virginia Milbert, Cindy Miller, Tom Moore, Candy Mullen, Ted Muller, Mullen Family, Tim Muroso, Beth Murphy, Nate, Rita Nelson, Leo Nagel, Ken Nelson, Judith Nylander, Wanda & Johnny O, Glenn Olsen, Ann Olson, Dale Olson, Paul Olvera, Angela Onofre, Mike O'Rourke, Colette Ott, Bill P, Jan Pabst, Barb Palmer, Mary Parola, Galen Pearson, Mary Pirola, Adam Poole, Ada R, Ahlayia Rash, Ruth Reese, John Reichert, Carol Reiland, Rick Reininger, Ann Resemius, Jean Rieck, Myrna Rikke, J Runquist, Pat Russell, Mark Ryan, Diane S, Tom S, Mary Salley, Kay Samuels, Stephen Samuelson, Monica Sausen, Carter Schmidt, Peter Schmidt, Steve Schuster, Edna Scouille, MaryAnn & Dick Seekamp, Nate Shaw, Jeanie Shike, Linda Simon, Mark Solstad, Zachary Sonnek, David Spalding, Teddy Sparrman, Jim Spensley, Paul Strand, Doug Stehlke, Michael & Mary Ellen Sullivan, Sumnicht family, Marge Thurin, Glo Tonskemper, Angie Topka, Arturo Torres, Robert Utendorfer, Martha Utz, Dave Velasco, Marlee Walker, Katheryn Watkins, Susan Weatherly, Jenifer Weaver, Marlys Weber, Julie Wedscheid, Molly Welch, Marge & Todd Weller, Brian Wells, Kathleen Williams, Phil Wixsten, Morley Woodruff, John Wozniak, Emily Wyman, Jackie Young, Jerry Young, Jo Youngren, Nancy Zander, Colleen Zenk, Jerry Ziegler, Zubrzycki family

Prayer Corner Requests: To keep prayer requests current, **names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks** and then removed. To **add** a name or to **renew** your request, please call Nancy Becker the Parish Center at 612.823.8205.

Parish Life

The St. Joan of Arc Choir will rehearse for Easter after the Holy Thursday Service. Rehearsal for Earth Sunday is on Thursday, April 11 & 18 at 7pm in the Welcome Center. Come and finish our 2023-24 season with a 'Joyful Noise!' FFI contact Anna Vagle at avagle@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext 235.

Holy Week at St. Joan of Arc. Join us for all of our meaningful services in this most beautiful time of the church year.

- **Seder Meal, March 27:** We will celebrate a traditional Seder in the gym at 6pm with ritual, music, dinner, and games. We will honor holy, Jewish symbols and learn how they connect to our Christian traditions. This is a fun and meaningful evening with special activities for children. RSVP required by Monday, March 25. Suggested donation: \$10/per person or \$25/per family.
- **Holy Thursday, March 28:** Our eucharistic celebration of the beloved community with ritual washing of feet, in in the gym at 7pm. Music from our SJA choir and instrumentalist, Richard Kriehn. The church is open for personal meditation that evening.
- **Good Friday, March 29:** At 3 & 7pm in the gym, join us for a contemporary reflection on the Stations of the Cross in readings, music & traditional veneration as we see the face of Christ in those who are oppressed & those who liberate through service.
- **Easter Vigil, March 30** at 7:30pm in the gym. We celebrate our movement from darkness into light and from grief and oppression to liberation and joy! We welcome RCIA and CIC candidates into the Church, and give thanks for the saints in our world.
- **Easter Sunday, March 31:** Alleluia, Jesus Lives! Joy abounds at SJA, with services in the gym at 7, 9, & 11am. Robert Robinson joins the SJA choir at the 9 & 11am gym masses and we walk in solidarity with our Sister Parish in Guatemala through the ritual Alfombra at the close of the 11am masses. Family Masses in the Church at 9 & 11am.



Cooking (and Eating!) with Friends: On Thursday, April 11, just after the conclusion of the holy season of Ramadan, members of the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project will visit Hospitality Hall and teach a cooking class (starting at 7pm) on making kleicha. These Iraqi cookies are a delicious combo of gently spiced dough and cardamom-infused date filling. Tea will also be served! RSVP to Julie Madden to attend and enjoy wonderful food and conversation.

Guts and Gratitude: A Widower's Cabaret: On Sunday, May 5, our speaker is performer Joseph St. James. Joseph helped his husband Paul stabilize and thrive with his mental illness, and then saw him killed by a neighbor whose own mental health crisis slipped through the cracks. Joseph created the Paul Pfeiffer Foundation to provide support and care to those experiencing severe mental health struggles. With some very talented friends, Joseph also created the wonderful "Widower's Cabaret", which we will host on Sunday, May 5 at 1:30pm in the church (no cost; free will offering will be collected).

Concert Series Sunday, April 28: *Take it to the Limit* the Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious. Go to: stjoantickets.com, or the SJA website for the link. General Admission tickets are \$30, \$10 for students. Doors open at 6:15pm, concert starts at 7pm.

The SJA Concert Board is looking for an experienced marketing professional to contribute to marketing strategy and copywriting for the 2024-2025 season and beyond. Interested in applying your skills to support live music performances in our community? Contact Peter Donohue at padonohue@donohuenovakatlaw.com

Save the Date: Arm in Arm in Africa's popular summer fundraiser will return to Sociable Ciderwerks on Monday, July 15. Mark your calendar now as this 'must attend' event is expected to sell out quickly. Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks. Watch this space and our homepage at aiaia.org for details as they are finalized.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities needs *new and unused*, washcloths, socks, (including crew socks for kids & toddler socks), *unopened* feminine products, diapers, individual packages of wet wipes, travel size shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes as well as, unscented family size soap and toothpaste. Please place your donations in the collection hamper in the Parish Center. No more paper bags are needed at this time.

Easter Eggs for MLTC: When you are decorating your Easter Eggs this year, make some hard-boiled ones, decorate them, and bring them to the church vestibule on Easter Sunday. Mobile Loaves Twin Cities will deliver them. Share your Easter joy with our neighbors!



Food Shelf Donations Needed: We continue to accept non-perishable food items for Sabathani Community Center. Most needed items are cereal, water and sports drinks, laundry detergent, and toilet paper. Items can be dropped off in the bins in the Parish Center on Sundays, or Monday thru Friday, during regular hours. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

SJA Outreach Fund Update:

- Thanks to our amazing donors, we have just provided additional support to our Sustaining Partners (Risen Christ School, Arm in Arm in Africa, Sister Parish, Women Against Military Madness, and Mobile Loaves Twin Cities) totaling \$57,500.
- Justice Grant applications are due on May 1. If you volunteer or lead with a great non-profit, this is our opportunity to partner with you in your good work. The application is simple and straightforward. FFI/to apply, contact Julie Madden.

Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year.
Includes **Plate, Envelopes and Sustaining Member** payments.

Week of March 11, 2024 – March 17, 2024

Actual \$47,230 Budget \$45,200
Prior Year Actual \$37,180

Year to Date (July 1, 2023 – March 17, 2024)

Actual \$1,659,212 Budget \$1,757,150
Prior Year Actual \$1,660,316

We appreciate your continued generosity!

Pastoral Ministries

FFI on Pastoral Ministries contact JP Fitzgibbons at 612.823.8205 ext. 231.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, April 8 (note date change) at 6:30pm in the Geranium Room. All levels of knitters and/or crocheters are welcome!

Sewing Baptismal Garments: We are looking for people who can sew and would like to make very simple Baptism garments which will be given to children receiving the sacrament here at SJA. We also are looking for parishioners who would like to embroider these garments. FFI, contact JP at the Parish Center.

Grief Support: The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support holds weekly meetings that are free and open to the public, regardless of religious affiliation. The meetings provide a safe, understanding environment for grief education, comfort and recovery. Registration, 9:30am, speaker at 10am, small group discussions, 10:30 - 11:30am, led by experienced facilitators trained in: spouse or partner loss, family or friend loss, and child loss. Join us this Saturday, March 30, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 S Marquette Ave, Minneapolis. Free underground parking is available by entering on Alice Rainville Place. FFI call their office at 612.332.3421. Chris Lewis will speak on 'Grief and Depression'.

Mental Well-being is About Your Quality of Life: About 80% of us struggle with mental well-being at some point, whether we have a mental illness or not. There are many things we can do to lessen some of the burdens: cultivate connections that are important to you; connect with nature to reduce stress and improve attention; walk or play outside; sleep, exercise, and eat healthy. Good choices for overall health also matters for mental well-being. Our bodies and brains are connected which means our physical and mental well-being are also connected!

Mental Health Connect (MHC) helps individuals access community-based mental health resources for free. Contact an MHC navigator at 612.642.1220 or at navigator@mhconnect.org.

Did You Know? Research has found that practicing gratitude daily can decrease anxiety and depression, as well as reduce chronic pain and the risk of disease.

Peace and Justice

FFI on Peace & Justice programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext. 228 or jmadden@stjoan.com.

Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Our ISAIAS Core Team, our chapter of Health Care for All MN, our Housing Ministry, and our EcoSpirits are leading the charge - in partnership with coalitions across the state - for legislation that impacts housing and homelessness, access to health care and childcare, a future of clean energy, and MN Voting Rights. Contact Julie Madden to join these efforts.

Imagine Palm Sunday: Today we hear the story of two processions



marching into Jerusalem. One is a display of all the might and muscle of the Roman Empire, designed to elicit awe and fear. The other is a ragtag celebration with Jesus and his followers and palm fronds waving, and it elicits joy. The world was turned upside down by a prophet of love that conquers death. Today we give thanks for the SJA ministries of justice and peace, who courageously witness to the world Jesus embodied, in which all of creation is cared for, respected, and loved. The Holy Spirit is alive in all of you. Alleluia!

We Need You Now to Help Us Change the Story: There is a frightening narrative at work, demonizing and dehumanizing immigrants in our communities. We need you to contact your legislators now and tell a different story:

- Our country is economically and culturally stronger, thanks to the presence of immigrants.
- Contrary to the screed we are currently hearing, immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than native-born citizens.
- We need comprehensive immigration reform that keeps families together, respects the dignity of work, and provides a reasonable path to citizenship.
- Every person, regardless of their immigration status, is deserving of dignity.

We embrace the teachings of Jesus, urging us to liberate the oppressed and to offer welcome to those who have been excluded. Stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors and together we will change the narrative. Contact Julie Madden if you'd like to join our SJA Welcome the Stranger ministry to accompany and advocate with asylees, refugees, and migrants.



Peace in the Middle East: We mourn the Israeli hostages still held in Gaza. We mourn the tens of thousands killed and starving in Gaza. We pray and call for a ceasefire and for immediate delivery of humanitarian aid, and we pray for a just peace. As Americans, we have a powerful role in helping to end this tragedy. Go to Churches for Middle East Peace (www.cmep.org) for advocacy and actions.

Initiatives Bubbling in SJA Peace and Justice: Contact Julie Madden for info on any of these opportunities:

- A new chapter of Christians Against Christian Nationalism is forming in Minnesota. Connect now to help protect and enhance democracy and human rights!
- Local faith communities, including SJA, are building interfaith relationships with CTUL, a worker-led local movement for economic justice and the rights of workers. Respecting the dignity of work is a central tenet of Catholic Social Teaching, and we are excited to live out this mission together.
- Our Antiracism Outreach Team is getting down and dirty in the Sankofa Community Garden again! Located just a few blocks from SJA, this partnership with St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal Church has yielded fresh produce for neighbors and for the Sabathani Neighborhood Food Shelf - and provides great opportunities to meet new friends. Please join us this season!

Faith Formation and Adult Learning

We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.

Baptisms Celebrated at SJA in February: Connor Hansen
Harper Hansen, Camille Pattee, Eloise Remme-Ong



Baptism: To have your child baptized at St. Joan's you must be a registered member and participate in a 90-minute Baptism preparation class. FFI and to register call JP at the Parish Center.

Grade School/Family Mass: FFI (Grades K-5) contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229. Family Mass contact Gabrielle Dane at gdane@stjoan.com.

Registration for 2023/24, K-5, Elementary Ed Classes: Go to <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/families-children> and click on the registration form.

First Communion Extravaganza, Sunday, April 14, 4:30 - 6:30pm.



All candidates receiving this sacrament are invited with their families to explore and learn about the beauty of the Eucharist. Children will 'meet' Moses, dine with Jesus and learn how our celebration evolved. The evening ends with a communal meal, reflecting our gathering together as the Body of Christ!

SJA Children's Choir: The choir has begun its spring season, but you can still join! The choir, directed by Seth Boyd, is open to all in grades 2 - 7. The Choir has eight performances:

- April 21, 9 & 11am, Earth Sunday Gym Masses
 - April 27, 10am, First Communion Mass
 - May 4, 10am, First Communion Mass
 - May 12, 9 & 11am, Mother's Day at the Family Masses
 - May 19, 9 & 11am, Children & Youth Sunday Gym Masses
- Make new friends. Learn about music. Give back to your church family. Be a voice of springtime. Join the SJA Children's Choir! FFI or to sign up, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

Youth Ministry: FFI (Grades 6 - 12) contact Chris Sonnek at 612.823.8205 ext. 241 or csonnek@stjoan.com.

Registration for 2023/24 Youth Ministry Programming Grades 6-12: Go to <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/youth-ministry>. Any questions about Youth Ministry/ (Grades 6 - 12) contact Chris Sonnek at csonnek@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext. 241.

Reminder: Sister Parish/Alfombra Service Group: The Alfombra build day is Saturday March 30, 9:30am - 1:30pm.

10-12th Grade World Religions: Youth and Parents, RSVP for field trips on April 10 and May 4. Call or email Chris.

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday - no Youth Programming

Adult Learning: FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or cmanns@stjoan.com.

2nd Monday Dialogues with SAGES: Please join us on Monday, April 8 at 7 pm (*note time change*) in Hospitality Hall. Parishioner Ron Jankowski, MD, will speak on *Factors and Obstacles to Longevity and Dementia Avoidance*. Coffee and cookies provided. If you can't attend in person, contact Cynthia Bailey Manns for the Zoom link.

Last Tuesday Seminar: *The Importance of Rituals*, March 26 at 4pm via Zoom. For the link, contact Mark at gasscann@bitstream.net.

Men's Spring Retreat: *Managing Stress: A Huge Challenge Today*, led by Mike Halley, Ron Joki and Mark Scannell. Join us Saturday, April 20, 9am - 1pm. A \$20 fee will include lunch. To register call the Parish Center, 612.823.8205. We look forward to having you with us to support each other in dealing with our stresses.

Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 10, 6 - 8pm, in the Welcome Center. All are welcome to join us for a social half hour followed by our speaker Emily Strasser, author of *Half-Life of a Secret: Reckoning with a Hidden History*, about her grandfather's secret work developing the first atomic bomb, and the far-reaching ramifications of his work on her family, the community of Oak Ridge, our nation, and the world. Please come whether or not you've read the book.

Centering Prayer: Join us Sundays in the Parish Center, 10:15 to 10:45am for in person meditation. FFI: centeringprayer@stjoan.com.

Men's Spirituality, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. We gather to give support to one another's souls to live a more congruent and less divided life. FFI contact Gabe at gabriel@skellyfamily.org.

More Parish Life

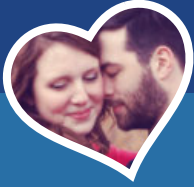
Alfombra Volunteers Needed: On Holy Saturday (March 30), starting at 9:30am, you are invited to help create the Alfombra on the plaza outside the gym. This is a carpet of colored sawdust that has been designed by the youth of our parish, in solidarity with our Sister



Parish in Guatemala, where the Alfombra in Guatemala, where the Alfombra is a centuries-old tradition. Just show up; no experience is necessary and lunch is provided. We will process through the Alfombra on Easter Morning!

Parking: Please be considerate of our neighbors and their property. Do not block driveways or park in their "on-street" handicapped areas. Thank You!

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