

*“O Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!”*

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2023

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

- 4:00 p.m. + Cesidio Pizzuti (The Pizzuti Family)
 6:00 p.m. For the Needs of our Parish Families
 10:00 p.m. + For the Living & Deceased Members
 of our Parish

Christmas Day Mass

- 10:30 a.m. + Ed Ferkany
 (Jeanne Ferkany)

Tuesday, December 26

- 6:30 a.m. + The Stanko & Stillian Families
 8:15 a.m. Residents & Staff at Heinzerling
 (Mike Butchko)

Wednesday, December 27

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Amy Jazwiec
 (Lauren Jazwiec)
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of St. Michael Clergy
 (The Smullen Family)

Thursday, December 28

- 6:30 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory
 8:15 a.m. + Kim Brosnan (Kevin & Lisa Barlage)

Friday, December 29

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Charel Bowman
 (Mike Butchko)
 8:15 a.m. + Kyle Ann Kowaleski (Kristy & Steve Wagner)

Saturday, December 30

- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Marcus Jazwiec
 (Lauren Jazwiec)
 4:00 p.m. + Claudia Pena (The O'Leary Family)

Sunday, December 31

- 8:30 a.m. + Cesidio Pizzuti (The Pizzuti Family)
 10:30 a.m. + Tom Kalinoski (The Kalinoski Family)
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of the Brown Family
 5:00 p.m. + For the Living & Deceased Members
 of our Parish

PARISH CALENDAR: DECEMBER

SUNDAY, December 24	11:30 a.m. Christmas Decorating (MH. C)	Thursday, December 28	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Monday, December 25	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas!	Friday, December 29	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Tuesday, December 26	Parish Office Closed	Saturday, December 30	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, December 27	6:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, December 31	No Activities

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

FROM THE PASTOR

AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND REDEEMER, we sing "Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!' " For it was the angels who first came to those who were humble and ready to receive and serve the newborn King – Christ the King who was born in poverty, and whose parents, Joseph and Mary, could find no room in the inn; Christ who was born in a manger made for feeding animals. God sent His Son, Jesus, to blaze the path of humbleness, love and peace in this world as the Good Shepherd and King who would lay down His life for our sake and for our salvation. Many ask, on this day in particular, why was it necessary for the Word of God to become flesh? The Child Jesus, conceived in Mary's womb, the fulfillment of all God's promises, was named "Jesus" which means "the Lord saves." And what would Jesus save us from? Matthew's Gospel makes this abundantly clear – "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). God sent His Son into the world because we needed a Savior who could reconcile us with God. Remember, it was our ancestors in the Old Testament who bore the image of God and yet disregarded God, who gave God inadequate attention, who mistreated each other, who institutionalized injustice, and who (conveniently or otherwise) misunderstood the laws and commands of God. Even though God spoke through the Prophets, our ancestors persisted in living their misguided ways. So Love and Truth personified – the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ – came into the world to save us from our all too human ways, and to follow the divine way – the light of Christ leading us and illuminating a path of salvation in a dark and sinful world. Throughout the ages, Christians have professed this salvific truth in the Nicene Creed: "For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." And so Christ, the light of the world, was among the children of God – His brothers and sisters – teaching right from wrong, teaching how to live one's life as children of God, and as brothers and sisters in Christ, to simply reflect love of God and love of neighbor in one's thoughts, words and actions. And yet our ancestors crucified Christ on the cross; Christ undertook this great sacrifice for our sake. Jesus, the eternal Word of Truth, Love and Light, became flesh for us so that He could offer His life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world through the shedding of His blood on the cross! The Word became flesh to show each of us the infinite love and tender mercy of God for us sinners. God raised his Son from the dead, so that we may share in His eternal life. God wants to fill our hearts with true and lasting joy as we show our gratitude for the greatest gift He could possibly give us – His beloved Son. Let us adore Him by embracing the way, the truth and the life of Christ, and "Be doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). Folks, the joy of Christmas is not just for one day or one season – it is an eternal joy experienced by those who listen to Him, humble ourselves before Him, embrace Him, and follow Him. May all of us experience this life of true joy, peace, happiness and contentment in Christ beginning today. Choice blessings to all for a Merry Christmas!

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS... Please join me in thanking all who cleaned and decorated our parish church and church grounds so beautifully for Christmas, our choir for their added work and preparation, our various ministers, lectors and servers, and all who dedicated their time and God-given talents to making this Christmas a truly joyous day of celebration for you and for everyone joining us at Saint Michael. Special thanks as well to all who supported this year's efforts to help the needy through our Saint Vincent de Paul; Cranks Creek, Kentucky Youth Ministry Mission; our Knights of Columbus effort to get supplies to our service men and women; and many other individual corporal works of mercy.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS CHRISTMAS... We sometimes forget that there are many who are away from family and friends during Christmas – our service men and women who may be stationed anywhere around the world or deployed to areas of combat and conflict; our firefighters, EMTs and police officers who work shifts to keep us safe; hospitals cannot close simply because it is a holiday, and so doctors, nurses and hospital and nursing facility staffs are tending to the medical and other needs of patients (who also cannot be home at Christmas); there are utility crews making sure that our electricity is generated and maintained sufficiently for our Christmas decorations, natural gas workers making sure our houses are warm and stay that way, water companies make sure that this basic necessity of life is flowing, and phone companies are keeping everything in working order so that people can call and wish others a "Merry Christmas." Hotel and restaurant staffs are working to keep visitors comfortable and fed during their Christmas visits; transportation workers keep everything moving so that we have what we need in our stores; airport, airline, rail, bus and taxi employees are always on the job, as are newspaper, television and radio staffs. There are many other people doing all kinds of work around the clock who may not be home at Christmas at the time they want, or at all. There are many people in the world separated by war and conflict, refugees who have fled war, civil unrest, poverty and more and who are striving to find the peace of Christ this Christmas – they especially need our prayers. Bottom line, for one reason or another, not all family members and friends can be together at Christmas as we would like and as they certainly would like, and so we pray that wherever they are, whatever they are doing, may they enjoy the blessings that this Christmas Day – the birth of Christ – offers to each and every one of us.

PLEASE NOTE THAT JANUARY 1 IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2024 as this day falls on a Monday. Therefore, our Mass schedule next Sunday for the Feast of the Holy Family and following is:

Saturday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

– Fr. Mike Lumpe



Christmas Season

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The Deeper Meaning of Christmas

by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.

In the days of Caesar Augustus, an era of peace was established in the Mediterranean world after centuries of strife. But this peace was forged by the proud ambition of emperors and the edge of their armies' swords.

Upon this stage appears a baby acclaimed as king by eastern dignitaries. Neither Caesar nor Herod will brook any rivals. So brutal hordes are sent to slay Him at birth, though He himself comes without armies. The thugs are thwarted, but only for a season. For the royal child is laid in a manger, and the wood of that manger foreshadows the wood of the cross.

Caesar and Herod were bound to misunderstand Him. They climbed their way to the top, stepping on all who stood in their way. He emptied himself and plunged to the bottom, from the glory of heaven to the squalor of a stable. Pharaohs and Caesars strained towards immortality. Yet He who was Immortal by nature embraced mortality. The great ones of the world took every opportunity to exalt themselves. In the very act of being born, He humbled himself.

You would think that He would have chosen Rome or Athens as the place of his appearance. But He selects an obscure desert town in a dusty provincial outpost. Even in this humble spot, not even a seedy inn would make room for Him. So they had recourse to a cave, welcomed only by the animals. Isaiah said it well: "an ox knows its owner, and an ass its master's manger; but Israel does not know, my people has not understood" (Isaiah 1:2).

Everything was in fulfillment of Scripture. He was born in Bethlehem, a town whose name means "house of bread." His crib was a manger, a feeding trough. But they did not understand that He was the Bread of Life. He was wrapped, like Solomon, in swaddling clothes (Wisdom 7:4-5), but they did not recognize him as the new King and embodiment of divine wisdom.

The only people who recognize Him are shepherds, the humblest in society, and Magi, the wisest. But most Israelites, like us, were neither very humble nor very wise, so they missed it. They especially missed this—that one of the birthday gifts was incense, used in the worship of gods. He was not only king, wise man, messiah, and savior—he was God incarnate.

How could Jews have believed this? God is infinite, invulnerable, and omnipotent. What is more vulnerable, fragile, and helpless than an infant? Can the Eternal be born in time? Can the Divine Word be a child at the breast, incapable of speech? Can a mere teenage girl be the Mother of God?

It was just as hard for the pagans to believe it. For their philosophers had taught that God is spirit and the body is a prison. Salvation means liberation from the confines of the physical body. So the idea that a divine Savior would embrace human flesh just did not compute.

Love sometimes does strange things. It takes great risks and goes to extreme lengths that many would call foolish. On that first Christmas day, God's foolishness was wiser than men, and his weakness was stronger than men. It took them all by surprise.

But this, of course, was part of God's strategy. The element of surprise is critical in warfare. And Christmas was an act of warfare. In fact it was D-Day, the day of deliverance. The preparation had taken centuries, but now it was time for the Conqueror to land on enemy occupied territory. He came in humility, and would finish the conquest thirty years later by the greatest act of humility the world had ever seen.

"Peace on Earth, Good will towards men." True peace can never be forged by steel, but only by love. It is the humble babe in the manger, not Caesar in his chariot, who is the real Prince of peace.

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"The Night Before Christmas"

BY SISTER ST. THOMAS, B.N.D. DE N

A more spiritual version of the famous Christmas story

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;
Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild,
While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;*

*The children were nestled, each snug in their beds,
The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;
When even the innkeeper sent them away,
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;*

*He thought of the caves in the side of the hills,
Let's go there said Mary, it's silent and still;
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;*

*And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay,
Our Savior was born on that first Christmas Day!
The Father was watching in heaven above,
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love;*

*More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;
Rejoicing and eager as each heard his name;
Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel;*

*Now fly to the Earth, where My poor people live,
Announce the glad tiding My Son comes to give;
The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night,
And saw in the heavens and unearthly light;*

*The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,
It's Christmas they said, the Savior is here!
They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,
Till Mary invited them in to adore;*

*He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet,
Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!
He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;*

*Then softly they left Him, The Babe in the hay,
And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day;
Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will!*





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The Twelve Days of Christmas: the Hidden Meaning Behind the Lyrics

By Fr. William Saunders

I had heard that the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written to help teach children catechism. Do you know anything about it?

Beginning with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England in 1558, the Roman Catholic Church and any practice of the faith was strictly forbidden. Some of the various penal laws against Catholicism included the following: The Mass was outlawed. Priests were expelled from the realm, and threatened with the charge of high treason with the punishment of being hung, drawn, and quartered for returning and offering Mass. Any Catholic harboring a priest in the home or allowing him to offer Mass was subject to the same penalty. Catholic citizens were not allowed to vote, to hold property, to be witnesses in court, or to have weapons. Anyone who did not attend Protestant services was fined and imprisoned for repeated offenses. All Catholic schools were closed and instruction in the faith was forbidden. Anyone appointed to a civil office had to take an oath denouncing the Pope and the belief in transubstantiation, thereby in effect preventing any Catholic from such positions. These laws remained in effect until April, 1829 when King George IV reluctantly signed the Emancipation Bill, granting political and religious freedom to Catholics. However, to this day the King or Queen of the United Kingdom cannot be a Roman Catholic.

Please note that these same penal laws were enforced in Virginia until the time of the Revolutionary War. Also, the intensity of enforcement of these laws depended upon the particular reign: for example, during the time of the Commonwealth under Oliver Cromwell (1642-60), the Puritan Parliament even outlawed the celebration of Christmas.

Therefore, the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was written in England using seemingly secular images or symbols to help catechize children in the faith. The "true love" mentioned in each stanza does not refer to an earthly suitor, but to Almighty God. The "me" to whom the gifts are presented refers to any baptized Catholic. The purpose of the repetition is not only for the sake of pedagogy, but also emphasizes God's continual renewal of His gifts to mankind.

The partridge in a pear tree is Christ. In nature, a mother partridge will feign injury to lure predators away from her defenseless nestlings. In the same way, our Lord protects us, vulnerable human beings, from Satan. The pear tree symbolizes the salvation of mankind, just as the apple tree symbolizes Adam and Eve's Fall from Grace.

Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments. Also, Jewish couples of modest income offered two turtle doves instead of the customary lamb as a sacrifice to God when they presented their newborn child in the Temple. Interestingly, our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph offered a sacrifice of two turtle doves for the presentation of our Lord (cf. Luke 2:22-24).

Known for their beauty and rarity, the three French hens signify both the gifts of the Magi (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), and the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

The four calling birds are associated with both the four evangelists and their gospels' Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; and the four major prophets' Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Five golden rings has a two-fold significance. A ring, or a circle, has no beginning or end but is continuous. Thereby, the ring reminds us of both God's eternity, His permanent, faithful, and continuous love for us and the

circle of faith God's love for us, our love for Him, and our love for our neighbors. The number five also signifies the first five books of the Old Testament the Pentateuch or Torah (the books of law for the Jewish people).

The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creative work recounted in Genesis.

However, in Judaism, *seven* was a number of perfection. The seven swans a-swimming continues the Genesis theme, reminding us that God's plan included not just the six days of creating but also the seventh day of rest; we in turn must not forget to make Sunday a holy day by worshipping God at Mass, spending time with our loved ones, and relaxing. Moreover, the seven swans a-swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven corporal works of mercy, the seven spiritual works of mercy, and the seven deadly sins.

The eight maids a-milking signifies the eight beatitudes and, at that time in our Church, the eight times during the year prescribed for the faithful to receive Holy Communion.

The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit and the nine choirs of angels.

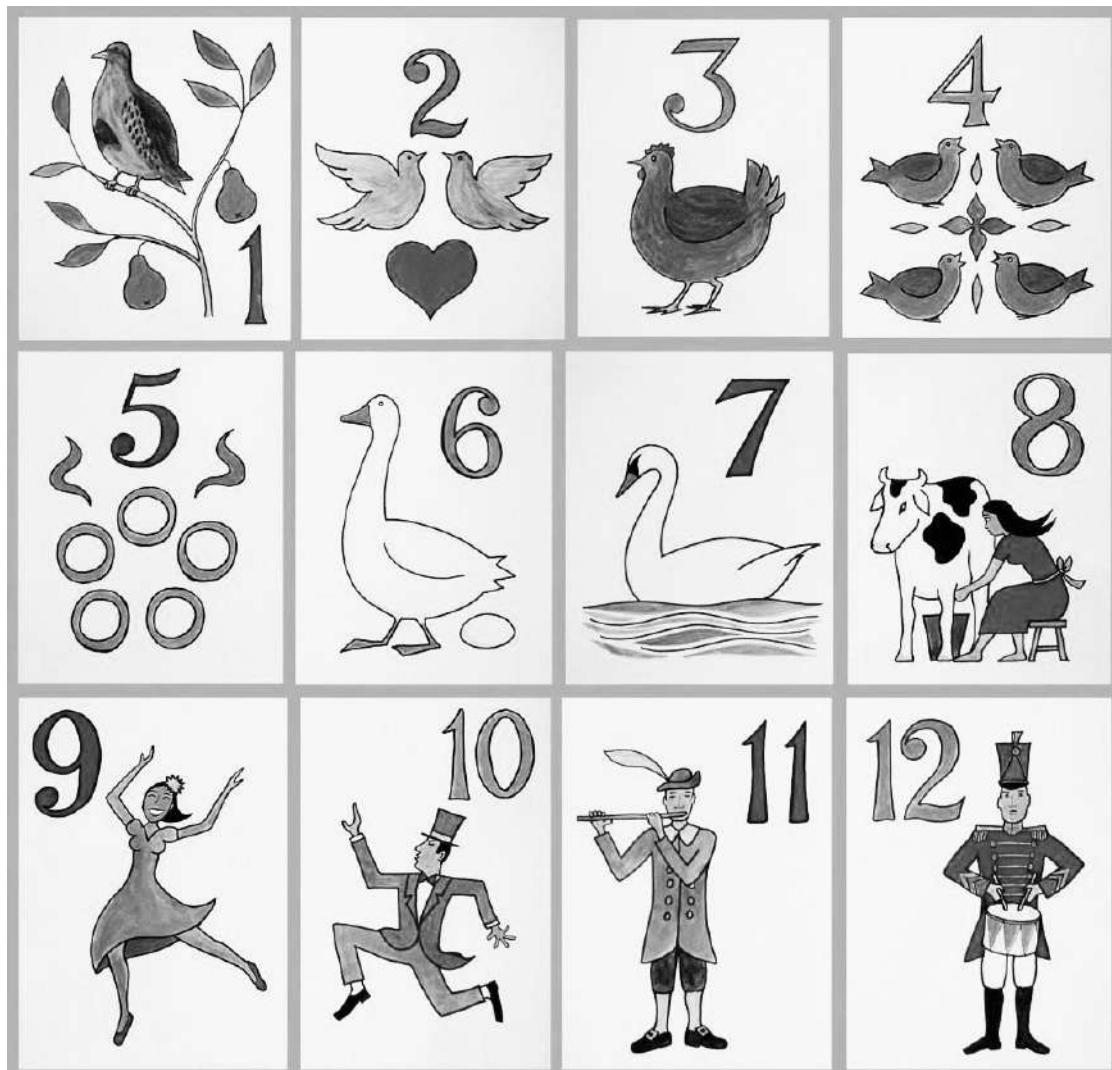
The Ten Commandments are represented by the ten lords a-leaping.

Eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful apostles at the time of the resurrection and ascension. (Remember that Judas, one of the Twelve, betrayed our Lord and committed suicide.)

Finally, the number *twelve* for the Jewish people represented completion and fullness. Therefore, the twelve drummers drumming are the twelve minor prophets, the twelve precepts of the Apostles Creed (still the structure of the first part of the Catechism), the twelve apostles (particularly the original 11 plus St. Matthias who replaced Judas), and the twelve tribes of Israel.

As we celebrate Christmas, we should keep in mind the significance of this carol. Actually, I used to find the repetition and lengthiness somewhat irritating until I learned of its historical and religious significance. A good practice would be for parents to teach the carol in light of the history of persecution and the catechesis presented.

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2023 Christmas Flowers

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Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Loving Memory of the Saint Charles Preparatory School Class of 1978
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for every one of our parishioners
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, and the staff at The Villas at Saint Therese and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Loving Memory of the deceased clergy, parish and parish school staffs, and parishioners where I have served: Saint Matthew the Apostle, Christ the King, Saint Catharine of Siena, Saint Joseph Cathedral, Saint Michael the Archangel
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for, Sr. Mary Regina, O.P., and the Teachers, Religious Sisters, Teacher Aides and Staff of our Parish School
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for our Parish Staff
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for our parish and parish school volunteers, Knights of Columbus, Saint Vincent de Paul, Men's and Women's Faith groups, Live Wires, Eucharist Adorers, Youth Ministry, Scouts, Athletics, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee Members, School Board Members, and every parish committee, council and board member
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of the men and women preparing to become fully-initiated Members of the Roman Catholic Church at Easter
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for our Parish Festival Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs, and all Festival volunteers, sponsors and donors
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for those who prepare the Wednesday evening meals for the priests prior to the Weekly Holy Hour
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor and Thanksgiving for those who keep our Church clean, prepare the altar linens, server cassocks and surplices, and all that is necessary for the sacred liturgies, and all who tend our gardens to keep our property neat and inviting
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for our parish and parish school benefactors
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Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for all those who make it possible to provide you with our extensive parish bulletin – our advertisers, and Dee Printing
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for all who are working this Christmas in hospitals and care facilities, our servicemen and women, our police, fire, EMTs and all first-responders (especially who serve us from the City of Worthington and Perry Township), utility workers, hospitality workers, transportation workers, and so many others...
Fr. Michael Lumpe	In Honor of and Thanksgiving for (and with apologies to) anyone that I may have missed who make Saint Michael the wonderful parish that it is!
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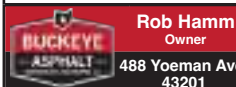
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