

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MARCH 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

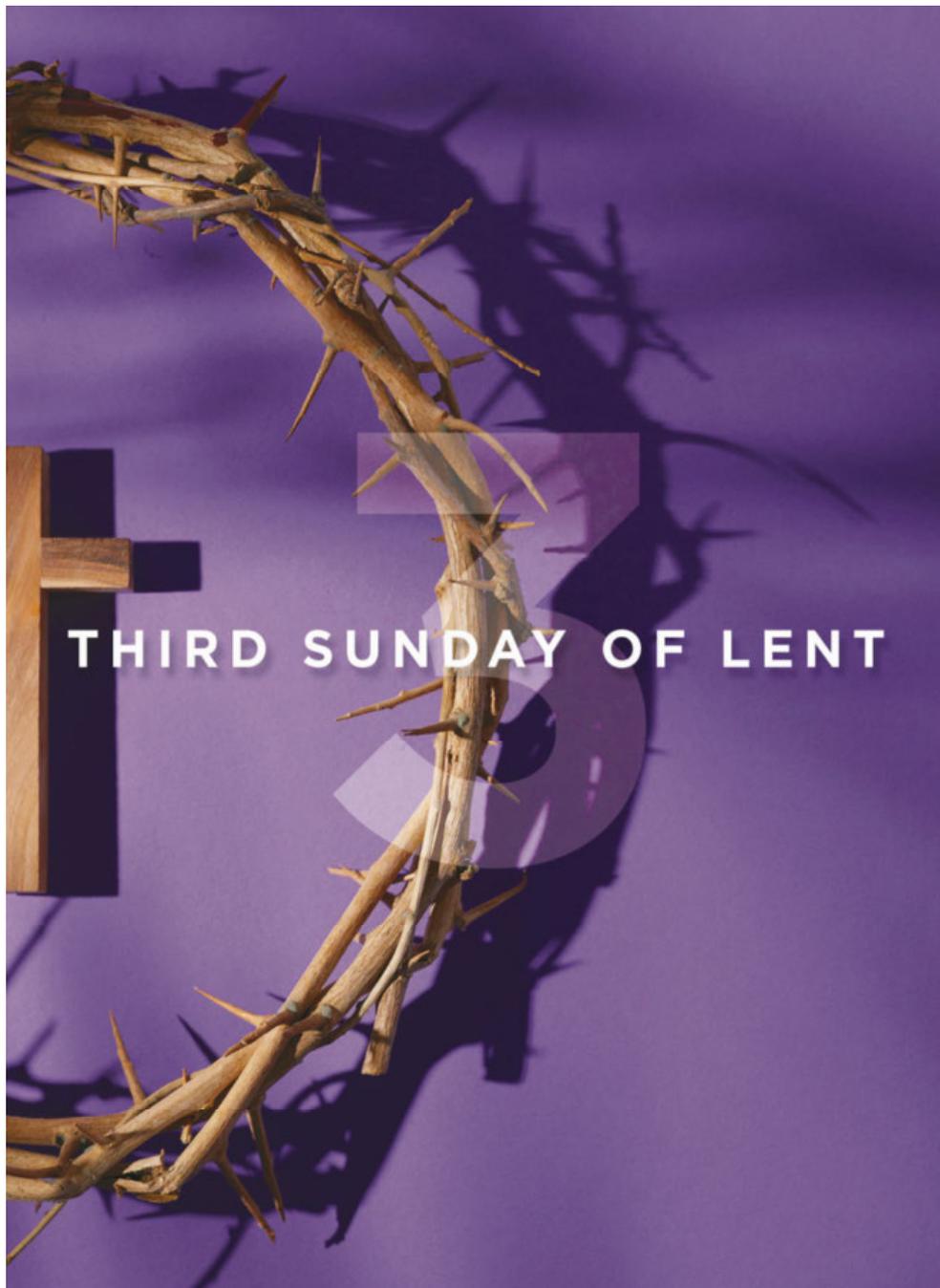
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## MISSION STATEMENT

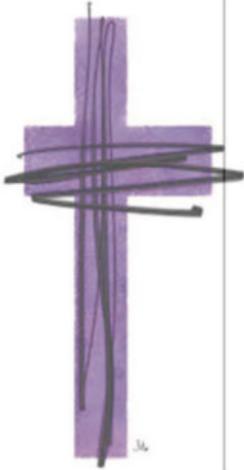
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



### MARCH 21 – MARCH 25

Monday 9:15 AM

**Irene Lundquist**

Requested by Mary Beaubien

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Amedeo Picano**

Requested by Caterina Mancini

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Beeler Family**

Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM

**Jerry Kasinec**

Requested by Stella Galea

## Readings for Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

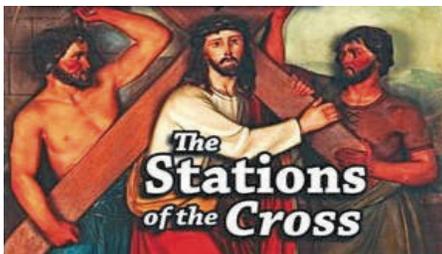
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◆ Tuna Helper

### FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

**5:00 PM March 26 Fr. Briffa**

For  
**Wilda McAskin**  
Requested by  
Bob & Diane Blankenship

**Lector**

Alice Sheehan

**8:30 AM March 27 Fr. Kris**

For  
**All Our  
Parishioners**

**Lector**

Rosa Russenberger

**10:15 AM March 27 Fr. Briffa**

For  
**Kryszak & McPhail Families**  
Requested by  
Tom & Arlene McPhail

**Lector**

Jeff Antoun

**12:00 PM March 27 Fr. Kris**

For  
**The Dombe & Palazzolo  
Families**  
Requested by Phyllis Dombe

**Lector**

Paul Radzilowski

### ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on [Online Giving](#) to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions.

If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets are located in the back of the church for your weekly donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. If you would like to make a donation, please return the envelope in the bulletin and place it in the collection basket located in the back of the church. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**If you would like to make a donation for Catholic Relief Services through Simple Give, you can do so now through April 3rd.**

**Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM**  
**All are welcome!**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### READING I

**Ex 3:1-8A, 13-15**

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Reading II

**1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

#### GOSPEL

**Lk 13:1-9**

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane. I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire. Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world. Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

## CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are still \$16,148.00 short of our goal of \$70,574.00. 215 members have donated thus far, but we still have a way to go. If you have not donated to CSA for 2021 and need a pledge card, please call the Parish Office as we have blank cards available.

Please Notice This



All donation checks not received by May 16th, will go into our CSA collection for 2022. Also, credit card payments must be received by May 28th in order to be applied to the 2021 CSA Campaign.

Please consider making a donation. Whatever you are able to donate would help.

Please note the new address on the return envelope is directed to Minnesota. Also, all checks should be payable to *The Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA*. If you choose to give on-line, go to <http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**ST. GERALD PARISH EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022**  
**6:15 PM TO MIDNIGHT**



Sign in: 6:15 PM  
Tournament begins: 7:00 PM  
Where: St. Gerald Social Hall

Our Mission: To bring together men and women from St. Gerald and other parishes and/or faiths to share Christian fellowship in the form of friendly, social Euchre Tournament.

The rules are designed to support the mission to create a friendly, socially interactive tournament. More information to come.

**LAUGH 4 HOPE**  
**04.01.22 | 7PM**  
Purchase tickets at [awpc.brushfire.com](http://awpc.brushfire.com) or call (248) 939.5900

**Friday, April 1** is the sixth annual comedy night fundraiser in support of Another Way Pregnancy Center! Make it a date night, bring your small group, or have the whole family join and enjoy clean comedy with Daren Streblov and support the life-saving work of AWPC! Go to [awpc.brushfire.com](http://awpc.brushfire.com) or call 248-939-5900 for tickets!



### In Our Thoughts And Prayers . . .

Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Geraldine Nolan  
Anna D'Orazio Ida Picano Karen Bayer Pat Sockow  
Joan Goniea Patricia Hayes Marie Josette Bolivar

## ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Season is fast approaching and as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, parishioners will have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Simply fill out the form below! Place your form in an envelope marked "Easter Memorial" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, April 5th

The names of those remembered will be listed in our bulletin on Easter Sunday weekend.

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please legibly print name of deceased)*

REMEMBERED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Your name)*

YOUR PHONE NUMBER:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)*



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OFFERING HELP WITH EASTER DINNER



If you are in need of some help for your Easter Dinner, please call the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul at 248-476-7677, ext. 220. Leave your name and phone number and a Vincentian will contact you. Please note that your request will be confidential. Please call by April 3, 2022.



**Bundle Days**  
**The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here the weekend of May 7 and 8 for your donations! Time for some Spring cleaning!**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP



The Knights of Columbus will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this year for post-secondary education. Applicants must either be a child of a registered parishioner of St. Gerald Parish, or a child or grandchild of a current (in good standing) Knight or deceased Knight. Applications can be obtained from the Parish Office Monday through Thursday. Full details can be found on the Council's page of the St. Gerald website by clicking on the 'Scholarship' button under the Knights tab. There is also a link on the page where you can download a blank application. All applications must be received by midnight April 30, 2022. The two winners will be announced and notified in July.

# The CHOSEN



**Tuesday Evenings at St. Gerald in the Church at 6:30 PM**

March 22, 2022	“Shabbat” & “Jesus Loves the Little Children”
March 29, 2022	“The Rock on Which it is Built”
April 05, 2022	“The Wedding Gift”
April 19, 2022	“Indescribable Compassion”
April 26, 2022	“Invitation”
May 03, 2022	“I Am He”

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course. ©LPi

# Activities Within our Community

**ST. FABIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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## WIDOWED FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 24 and April 14 and 28 at 9: 00 AM. Men only breakfast at Steve’s Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Enjoy friendly conversation on many topics. Call Dick 313-534-0399.
- Tuesday, March 22 and April 12, late morning movie at the Phoenix Laurel Park Theater, 17310 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. Check out some of the new movies then enjoy a nice lunch! Call Elaine for both 734-717-0303.
- Tuesday, March 29, 9:30 AM. Breakfast at Rebecca’s Family Restaurant, 134 N. Center St., Northville in historic downtown Northville. Call Gloria at 734-459-7995.



### DIVINE MERCY FOR TROUBLED TIMES

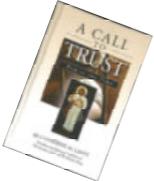
*Thursday,  
 March 31, 2022  
 7:00PM*

Catherine Lanni, is a Catholic speaker, author, and the foundress of The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy and the Women of Jesus’ Merciful Passion in Clinton Township. The center was designated as an Archdiocesan shrine by Archbishop Allen Vigneron on March 26, 2021.



Catherine will speak about Divine Mercy in today’s world as well as her experience and the power of Jesus’ Divine Mercy and Love. Her story is amazing and one you will not want to miss!

Light refreshments will be served.  
 Catherine will also be available for book signing. Free will donations accepted.



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!

## ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
 (Parish Office closed from 12:00 pm—12:30 pm for lunch)

### STAFF

#### Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant ..... x 212  
 Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

#### All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

- Christian Services**
- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
 Cell: 313-205-8633  
 Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com
- St. Vincent de Paul** ..... x 220
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- Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
 Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com
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 Norma Battel  
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- Youth Ministry**
- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
 Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

**Maintenance**  
 Tom Kruger

**Accountant**  
 Kim Smith

## SACRAMENTS

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
 Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

**Sacrament of the Sick:**  
 Please call the office.

**Baptism:**  
 Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:**  
 St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

**Registration of new members:**  
 Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

**RCIA:** Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

### WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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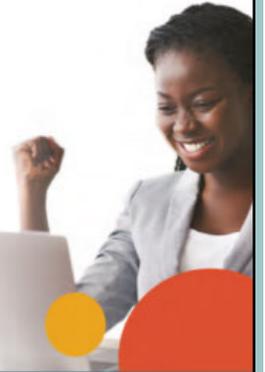
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