



May 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am—4:00 pm

**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**

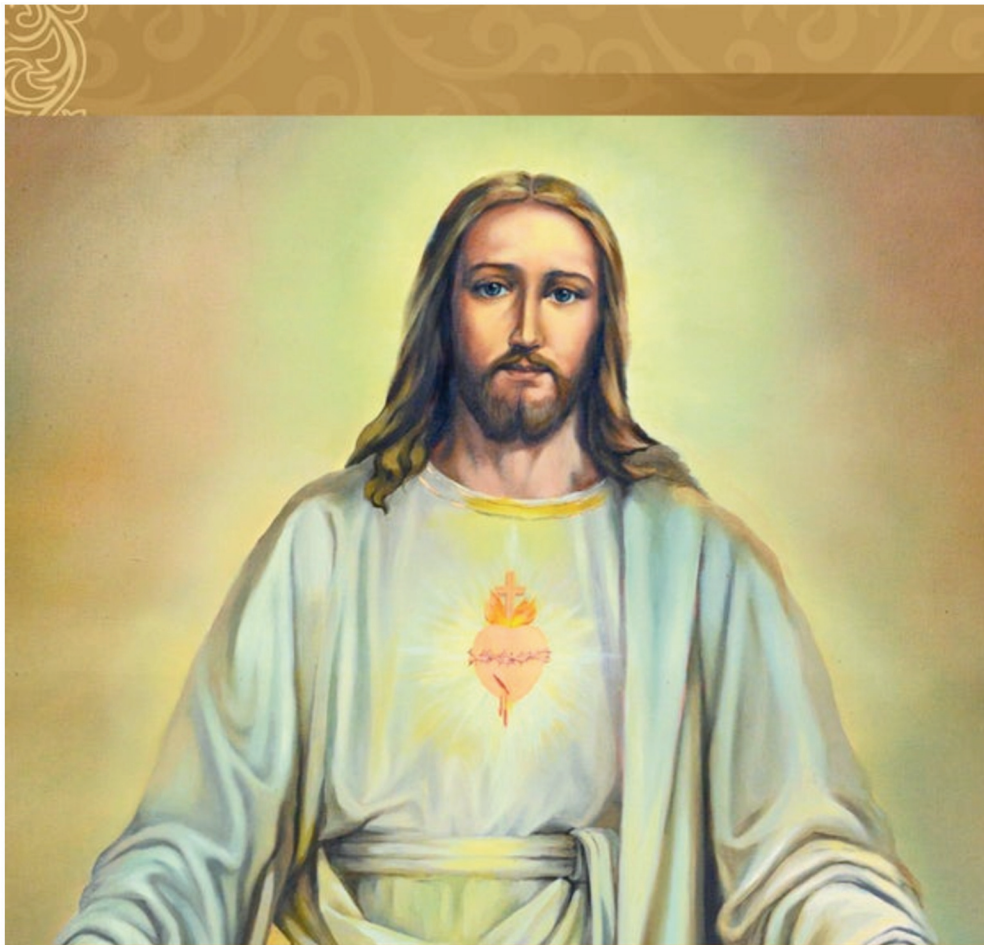
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m

**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.



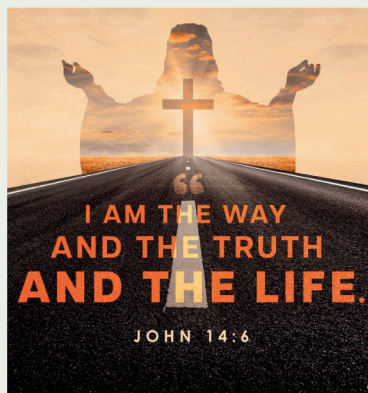
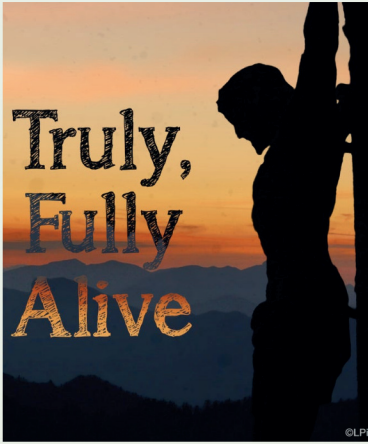
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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**May 4 - May 8**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Agazzi Family**  
 Requested by Agazzi Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**David Wojnar +**  
 Requested by Mellnick Family

Wednesday **NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Carmel Galea +**  
 Requested by Stella Galea

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Jim Bergin +**  
 Requested by Smith Family

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Offertory Snapshot as of 4/5/26

Actual Offertory	\$ 12,923.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 350,153.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 339,840.00

 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 May 10, 2026

5:00 PM	May 9	Fr. Kris
For <b>All of Our Parishioners</b>	LECTOR	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	May 10	Fr. Kris
For <b>Jesusa Villarreal +</b> Requested by John & Diana Parizon	LECTOR	Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	May 10	Fr. Kris
For <b>Patrick Hespem +</b> Requested by Bonacchi Family	LECTOR	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	May 10	Fr. Wolfe
For <b>Ken Hagen +</b> Requested by Stella Galea	LECTOR	Ken Galica

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The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following all weekday Masses at St. Gerald



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Debbie Dafoe**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Reading 1

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading 2

1 Peter 2:4-9

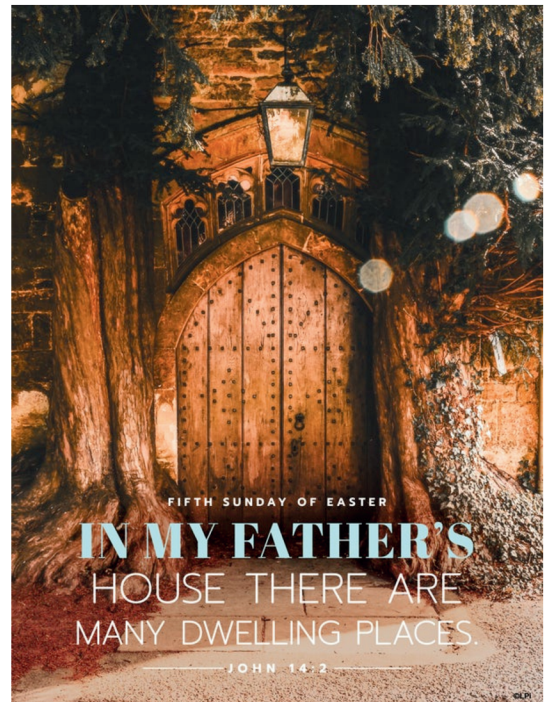
Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### Alleluia

### Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



# HAPPY MAY!

Each week in May, **St. Gerald Evangelization Team** has selected various articles and prayers to honor Mary.

The Catholic Church has designated **May as the Month of Mary**, a time dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through special devotions, including the May Crowning of her statue. This tradition began in the 13th century, celebrating Mary as the mother of Jesus and a spiritual mother to all.  
Key Aspects of the Month of Mary:



**Significance:** May is seen as a time when nature is in bloom, symbolizing new life, mirroring how Mary brought new life to the world through Jesus.

**Devotions:** Common practices include daily recitation of the rosary, creating home altars, and processions.

**May Crowning:**

A devotion where a statue of Mary is crowned with flowers to represent her beauty and virtue.

**Origins:** The custom became firmly established by the 1700s, helping to christianize spring celebrations.

**Purpose:** It is a time for the faithful to express love and gratitude to Mary, seeking her intercession for peace and personal needs.

**Liturgical Timing:** The month often coincides with the Easter season, allowing for reflection on Mary's role in the Resurrection and Pentecost.



## Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday May 9th eight young students from St. Gerald will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament will be conferred by  
Bishop Jeffrey Monforton  
at **St. Priscilla Church** at 10:00 am

Please pray for each of these students as they move forward in becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

**The students from our parish are:**

**Natalie Elayna Ast ~ St. Mary**

**Maggie Mary Austin ~ St. Ann**

**Jaylah Ivana Calderon ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta**

**Annabelle Kalaj ~ St. Anne**

**Francis Patrick Kowalski ~ St. Benedict**

**Brianne Amelia Leight ~ St. Francis**

**Sofia Grace Rekucki ~ St. Patrick**

**Brayden Joseph Sattler ~ St. Hermann of Reichenau**

Please pray for them, their sponsors and their families as they build a foundation of faith in their lives and community.



## Registration is open for Summer 2026 Vacation Bible School

It will be held at St. Aidan  
June 15-19  
from 9am-noon

Register at: <https://www.saintaidanlivonia.org/vbs.html> or contact  
their Formation Office at 734-425-9333 or  
[formation@saintaidanlivonia.org](mailto:formation@saintaidanlivonia.org)

Volunteers are free to attend and may also register at the above link.

## Faith Formation

We have concluded Faith Formation classes for the 2025-26 school year.

Thank you to our amazing and dedicated volunteer catechists:

Rosa Russenberger, Paige Alexander, Isabelle Gerhart, Rachel D'Angelo, Keith Kelly, Mark Cieslak, Gerryanna Luscri and Peggy Oleszkowicz, all of our substitute teachers (Angela Luscri, Liz Vallespire, Carol Ferguson, Jerry Weigold, David Brennan, Tim Alexander, Liana Mauti), and classroom assistants Ngozi and Laurel.

Many more thanks to all of those who support in various ways behind the scenes!

Find registration for 2026-27 Faith Formation classes on our website ([stgeraldparish.org/ministries/faith-formation/](http://stgeraldparish.org/ministries/faith-formation/) or scan the QR code to go directly to the form), in the classroom hallway information center, or contact Emily Long [faithformation.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com).





Catholic Services Appeal

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2026 CSA Campaign has started! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2026 CSA target of \$56,498.00, which is our parish share of support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, we live out our Gospel message theme, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21). This is a call to each of us to show love, care, and compassion for others.

We received a refund from CSA 2025 for approximately \$11,000.00. Those funds from 2025 will be used for general maintenance for St. Gerald.

In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate \$300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach our goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, we get 100% refund for everything over our goal but any shortfall would be paid from St. Gerald's bank account. There are various ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a One-Time Donation, pledge a gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments. Whatever you decide, the campaign for CSA 2026 will be completed by December 31, 2026.

You may give your donation on-line or by check. See below for a few general instructions.

Instructions for On-line Giving:

- You can donate at any time by going to www.GiveCSA.org
• Click on - Give to CSA 2026
• Scroll down to Make a Gift to CSA
• Choose One-Time Donation or Pledge
• Choose your Parish from drop down arrow - St. Gerald Parish, Farmington (341)
• Fill out amount and our Name, address, etc.
• Return your card to St. Gerald with a note indicating you gave on-line

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA. Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May. Starting in June any cards not picked up will be mailed with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. If you are not a member and would like to donate, we are able to provide you with a card for pledging.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your most generous support you can give to our parish. We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

- Tuna Helper
Boxed potatoes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Dish soap
Laundry soap
Large cereal boxes
Canned Green beans or Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel
Canned Corn
Cookies
Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups
Jelly/Jam
Saltines



Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.

St. Gerald Catholic Church  
 Invites you to attend:  
**Mary, The Mother of God  
 in Sacred Scripture**

Instructor Esam Naoum  
 Eight-sessions:  
 April 10-June 5  
 (no class May 15)

Fridays 10:30am -12:00 pm  
 in the Social Hall



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026**

**ST. GERALD'S FAMILY & FRIENDS  
 PARISH PICNIC FROM 1:00 - 4:00 PM**



**JOIN US FOR MASS AND STAY FOR  
 FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Would you like to volunteer and share your ideas?  
 We'd like to hear from you!



Contact  
 Gerryanna Luscri at

248-476-7677 ext. 204 or [ServeGodsgp@gmail.com](mailto:ServeGodsgp@gmail.com)

**LIFESPAN's Annual  
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 Father's Day  
 Weekend



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**James Bergin**

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**April 17, 2026**

**Eternal Rest Grant Onto, Jim, O Lord,  
 and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, the Archdiocese of Detroit has entered into a process of Archdiocesan Restructuring. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates with you —what has been accomplished so far, and what lies ahead.

We began this process in November by reflecting on the reasons restructuring is necessary. Declining Mass attendance across the archdiocese, fewer priests available for active ministry, financial strains caused in part by lower offertory contributions, and demographic shifts have all impacted our ability to sustain the care and maintenance of more than 200 church buildings.

In January, over 170 priests from across the archdiocese gathered for several days of prayer, discernment, and strategic discussion to develop the first round of restructuring models. Each model includes potential groupings of parishes within a particular geographic area. These groupings—called pastorates—may consist of one or more canonical parishes, or they may include parishes that merge into one parish while maintaining one or more church buildings.

This spring, every parish will host two listening sessions where the first draft of pastorate models will be presented. Our parish listening sessions are scheduled for **Monday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the social hall of St. Gerald**. You may RSVP for one of these sessions at **[restructuring.aod.org](https://restructuring.aod.org)**. These sessions will give you the opportunity to review the models developed by our priests and to share your feedback on the proposed pastorates. After feedback is gathered from every parish, many of the models may be revised. Ultimately, Archbishop Weisenburger will prayerfully discern the refined models before determining the future structure of the Archdiocese, which will take effect beginning in July 2027.

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit will undergo some degree of change as a result of this process. As you consider these changes, I encourage you to view them as opportunities to re-envision how we minister to the people we serve. Given the upcoming structural shifts and the decreasing number of priests assigned to each pastorate, many parishes will experience adjustments to their Mass schedules. In some cases, this will mean a reduction in the number of Masses offered at a particular location. These changes will help ensure that priests have adequate time to travel between sites and remain available and present to their parish communities.

Changes in Mass times, while challenging, will also present opportunities to welcome new faces, strengthen ministries, and collaborate more intentionally within our pastorate. Parish staff members may see shifts in responsibilities as new teams are formed, but they will also gain opportunities to work together in creative and innovative ways across parish boundaries.

I know that the thought of change can be difficult, especially when it touches our spiritual homes, our priests, and the community members we hold dear. Yet I want to assure you that through every change and challenge, God is with us. He is inviting us to lay down our own desires and fears so that we can receive new and hopeful opportunities to renew the Church here in southeastern Michigan. Let us come to these sessions not ready to fight, argue, or insist that we are exempt from change. Instead, let us come with docility to the Holy Spirit—with open hearts and open hands—ready to receive what the Lord desires to give, ready to serve in whatever ways we are called, and always entrusting this important work to the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Krzysztof Nowak*

**Parish Listening Sessions—Coming Soon!**

The next step in the Archdiocesan Restructuring process is for every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit to host two parish listening sessions. At these sessions, we will review potential models and provide feedback. Our parish listening sessions will be:

- **Monday      June 1    from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- **Wednesday    June 3    from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Please be sure to register here  
**[restructuring.aod.org](http://restructuring.aod.org)**  
or  
use the QR code below.



If you need assistance registering, please call the parish office 248-477-7470.

A LOOK AHEAD...  
Special Events

2-3	Saturday & Sunday	CSA card distribution
9	Saturday	Confirmation (at St. Priscilla Church)
10	Sunday	Mothers Day
17	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday
21	Thursday	Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass



**Thursday  
May 7, 2026**

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Office Hours**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Closed Friday.

**STAFF**  
Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor . . . . . x203

Kathy Smith, Secretary . . . . . x212  
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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**Worship Ministry** . . . . . x 202  
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Gerryanna Luscri . . . . .  
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Tom Kruger                              Luke 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!

**OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA; aka "Becoming Catholic"): Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Contact Emily Long or submit a Becoming Catholic Information Form (found on our website or in the classroom hallway information center).

**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 parish office at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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