

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

*St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.*

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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

March 26, 2017

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>03/26</b>	Joseph Intrieri	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>03/27</b>	Rose Brooks NO MASS	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>03/28</b>	Molly Kelly	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>03/29</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>03/30</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>03/31</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>04/01</b>	Katherine Strawbridge	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm</b>

**FOR THIS WE PRAY**

**Parishioners**

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Anoa Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Mark Rogers, Mary Ellen Graham, Mary Ann Delaplaine, Lynne Horoschak.

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***Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.***

**PASTORAL CARE**

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	2,494.50
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	5,744.50
Tithe	287.20

**Today's Readings**

First Reading: I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm: Psalm 23  
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel: John 9:1-41

**Readings for Next Week**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm: Psalm 130  
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN**

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

**THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS**

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

**PARISH OUTREACH**

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

**RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

**RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT**

*To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 26 -April 1, 2017

### FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30pm every Friday in Lent  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Fridays noon-3pm.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Join the Lenten Challenge this year with CLOW based on Jesus' teachings for each of the 40 days of Lent. After Easter, children with most challenges completed will receive a small prize.

### RCIA CANDIDATES

Please pray for John Burrell, Paige Chapin, Chris Chavez, Michael Garcia, Miki Sekiguchi, and Michael Taylor.

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 20-45)

Come to have a pizza celebration in the Hospitality Center on **Sunday, April 9th**. We want to listen as you talk about your faith and vision for the Church and St. Vincent's.

### LECTORS

Welcome to our newly-trained lectors: Lapo Miles, David Koppisch and son Daniel, Fran Olivieri, Jeanna Murat, Joe & Carroll Clay, and Trinique Stalling! A reminder to all lectors who will be reading the Passion on Palm Sunday or Good Friday: You must attend our practice on **Saturday, April 1** from 1:30 to 3:30 PM, starting in the rectory. For questions and more info, contact Mary Laver: mlaver14@comcast.net 610-324-9388.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER WORKSHOP

Both new and already assigned Eucharistic Ministers for Mass and visiting the sick are invited to share the importance of these ministries and practical implementation on **Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm and again on Saturday, April 8 at 2pm**.

### LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

### SENIORS MINISTRY

We meet in the Hospitality Center on Wednesdays at 11:00am.

### HOSPITALITY

Please join us for hospitality provided by the community after the 9am Mass in the Hospitality center. Sign up on the bulletin board by the side entrance. Volunteers buy donuts, OJ and milk and are reimbursed. All other items are provided in the Center's cabinet. Please arrive early to make coffee prior to Mass. Items sell for fifty cents. Questions? Call Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

The series, "Come, Explore, Grow in Your Relationship With God" will be on Saturdays: **April 1, 8, 22, 29 from 2-4pm**. Some of the focus will be on Spiritual Direction, a contemplative practice of accompanying another on his/her spiritual journey. For more information, see [kathycleaver.com](http://kathycleaver.com) or [sdiworld.org](http://sdiworld.org).

### JOB TRAINING FOR PRISONERS

Par-Recycle Works is located at 342 E. Walnut La. 19144 267-335-5455. Warehouse Hours of Operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 5:00. You can drop off electronics during these hours or bring them to the rectory kitchen. We pick up at St. Vincent's every Monday. Questions? Contact Laura Ford: [laura@par-recycleworks.org](mailto:laura@par-recycleworks.org) or check website [Par-recycleworks.org](http://Par-recycleworks.org) or on You Tube: [Par-recycleworks.org](http://Par-recycleworks.org).

### CELEBRATING TOGETHER FOR ONE MASS AT 10AM

Many have suggested that we come together for a joint celebration more often. At Pastoral Council, these five Sundays were suggested. Please share your thoughts with your Pastoral Council.:

1. First Communion, the 1st Sunday of May. (May 7)
2. Sunday of the July 4th weekend. (We would also celebrate Juneteenth at this time, usually the 1st Sunday of July.)
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4. Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, "Feast of Christ the King", usually late November. It would be Ministry Sunday.
5. Black History Month Sunday, celebrated with potluck, after 2nd Sunday, in February.

### POWER UPDATE

To re-charge your hope and your skills in these challenging times, please join POWER at any of our upcoming events. St Vincent's is one of many congregations in this vibrant interfaith community organization that works on economic dignity issues, criminal justice reform, fair school funding and more! Call Terri Burgin 215-651- 0100 or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) for info or ride-sharing.

**Mon Mar 27:** St Vincent's POWER meeting, 6:30 to 8 PM in the rectory. All parishioners and friends are welcome!

**Tu Apr 4:** Economic Dignity Rally & Workshop on the 49th anniversary of MLK's assassination, while he was in Memphis fighting for the rights of African-American workers: 5 to 6 PM at City Hall: Rally for economic justice with POWER, unions and ally organizations, 6 to 8:30 PM Workshop on "Black Work Matters" economic demands. Just 1/2 block north of fCity Hall: Arch Street United Methodist Church, 55 N. Broad Street.

**Sat Apr 22** Earth Day workshop on Race, Economics and Environment 6 to 8:30 PM at POWER offices in St Malachy's school bldg, 1429 N 11th St.

For details on all POWER events, see [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org) (click on "Calendar").

### NEW SANCTUARY

#### Emergency 24/7 Line for Raids: 267-333-9530

New Sanctuary asks for a response to possible raids by federal immigration agents (I.C.E). If you become aware of a raid going on, call the above number immediately for "Sanctuary in the Streets". To receive training to be a part of the response, email [maria@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org](mailto:maria@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org), or call Paul at 267-237-6683.

### IMPORTANT DOCUMENTARY

"For the Bible Tells Me So," the award winning documentary, is an exploration of the intersection between religion and homosexuality in the U.S. and how some religious groups have used an interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community. Watch and discuss the film: **Sunday, March 26 at 1 p.m** at Cranaleith Spiritual Center, 13475 Proctor Road, Philadelphia, 215-934-6206.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE BEACH

Our own Sharon Browning will lead a retreat "From Chaos to Presence: Being at Peace in an Age of Anxiety" from **Friday, April 21 6pm - Sunday, April 23 noon** at Maris Stella Retreat Center in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. Cost is \$250. Sliding scale is available. To register, Kathy Flaherty at 610-917-0549 [kbflaherty@aol.com](mailto:kbflaherty@aol.com).





Prayers of the Faithful  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 25-26, 2017

Let your light shine upon Church leaders throughout the world. May they heed Pope Francis' call to harbor and welcome refugees and immigrants, especially those from Muslim countries.

Let your light shine in the darkness caused by a justice system that fails the poor and minorities, that punishes excessively rather than rehabilitates, that ignores the sacredness of life. Uphold those who suffer from the miscarriage of justice.

Let your light shine on those who are suffering from domestic abuse. May they find a place of safety and security. We pray too for those who perpetuate the abuse that they may seek the treatment that will lead to healing and nonviolence.

Let your light penetrate the darkness of our sins. May our candidates: Michael, Miki, Paige, John, Michael, and Chris deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and reject temptation.

Let your light shine on the darkness caused by unrelenting pain, mental confusion, and great sorrow. Reveal your love to those who are suffering and bring them healing.

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones. May they experience the everlasting light of your presence.

Mary Ellen Graham  
Peg McFadden

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017***

**LENTEN THEME FOR WEEK 4:** "SEEING AND LISTENING TO JESUS- Perfect Vision in a Blurry World"

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Daily Mass**, Tuesday through Friday, 7am.

**Bible Study**, Wednesday, at 6:30pm.

**Adoration**, Friday, from 12 until 3pm, in the Chapel (use side door of church).

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction**, Friday, 6:30pm.

**Evangelization Committee**, Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES:** John Burrell, Paige Chapin, Chris Chavez, Michael Garcia, Miki Sekiguchi, and Michael Taylor.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:** It is our practice at St. Vincent's to bring with us on Sunday some non-perishable food item and to place them in the baskets in the back of the church. This food is carried up by the children in our offertory procession. It is used in our Food Pantry.

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 20-45):** Join us for a pizza celebration in the Hospitality-Center on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We want to listen as you talk about your faith and vision for the Church and St. Vincent's.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We will have ONE MASS on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am, with a celebration to follow after Mass for everyone.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Please consider signing up for this option of tithing.

**VINCENTIAN FAMILY SYMPOSIUM IN ROME:** The trip is from October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. The symposium is October 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are available. There should be around 5,000 people from the Vincentian family, from around the world. Pope Francis is scheduled to come and speak with us on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**JULIE KRING'S ART EXHIBIT:** Opening reception this Sunday, 1 to 3pm, at the Gallery at Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, in Elkins Park. The exhibit will be from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER WORKSHOP:** Coming soon! This is for both new and already assigned Eucharistic Ministers, for both at Mass and visiting the sick. There will be a sharing of importance of these ministries and practical implementation. This will be offered at two times; Tuesday evening, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm and again on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm.

**LECTORS:** Please sign up by March 26 for Holy Week and Triduum readings. Those who will be reading the Passion on Palm Sunday or Good Friday must attend a practice on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30pm. For questions and more information, please contact Mary Laver at mlaver14@comcast.net or 610-324-9388.

**CELEBRATING TOGETHER:** Coming together occasionally for **ONE MASS at 10am, on Sunday.** Many have suggested that we come together for a joint celebration more often. At Pastoral Council, these five Sundays were supported:

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2. **Sunday of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We would also celebrate Juneteenth at this time, usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of July.**
3. **Sunday when we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent DePaul (September 27<sup>th</sup>).**
4. **Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, "Feast of Christ the King", usually late November. It would be Ministry Sunday.**
5. **Black History Month Sunday, celebrated with potluck, after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, in February.**

This is not set in stone. So please share your thoughts with your Pastoral Council.

**TOLTON:** A film about Augustus Tolton, the first recognized black Catholic priest in the U.S., will premiere on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2pm, at Vianney Auditorium, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. For information, go to [www.heedthecall.org](http://www.heedthecall.org) or send an email to [phillyvocations@gmail.com](mailto:phillyvocations@gmail.com).

**AFRICAN APPEAL:** Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes for Father Sy's work in Africa. Join us on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11am. Lunch will be provided.



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**

**HOLY WEEK 2017.....APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Mass times: *Saturday*, 4:00 pm

*Sunday, to accommodate the Palm Sunday Procession and parking, the mass times will be*

**8:45 am & 11:15am**

**HOLY THURSDAY** 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper....Please bring the following to mass with you....1. A bag of non-perishable food items for the food pantry 2.Your filled Rice Bowl **and.....**

Remember that **ALL** are invited to participate in the foot washing.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 pm service.....Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Communion

7:00 pm service.....Seven Last Words broken open, Adoration of the Cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL.....*Six people will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and this faith community.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass times: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**POWER EVENTS:** To re-charge your hope and your skills in these challenging times, all are welcome to join POWER at our upcoming events. St Vincent's is one of many member congregations in this vibrant interfaith community organization. Contact co-chairs Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) for more information and/or for ride-sharing:

- **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:** **POWER Action Team meeting-** updates on all 3 POWER campaigns: Economic Dignity/ wages; Live Free/ Criminal Justice Reform; School Funding). 7 to 9pm at POWER offices, at St Malachy's school building, 1429 N. 11th Street.
- **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Whites Confronting Racism-** 7 to 9pm, at First United Methodist Church of Germantown (enter narrow driveway off Germantown Ave, just west of Haines St).
- **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:** **St Vincent's POWER Meeting-** 6:30 to 8pm in the rectory. All are welcome!
- **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:** **Black Work Matters-** Philadelphia City Council responds to POWER proposals, 6 to 8:30pm (location TBD). Also watch for a daytime ACTION near City Hall that day, the 49th anniversary of Martin Luther King's death, which happened while King was fighting for fair wages for workers in Memphis.
- **Saturday, April 22:** **Earth Day workshop on Race, Economics and Environment-** 6 to 8:30pm, at POWER offices, in St Malachy's school building, 1429 N 11th St.

For details on all POWER events, see [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org) (click on "Calendar").

# Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

March 18th

## Lector Workshop

Come learn how to be a lector at mass, a great opportunity to serve the parish and meet other people! Snacks will be included!

April 22

## Earth Day Celebration

Join us on Earth Day for fun activities and discussion surrounding the environment. More details to come!

May 19

## Event TBA

Email [youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org) with any interest or questions. Thanks, Delia and Katie.



## Spiritual Formation Program

Saturdays: March 25, April 1, April 8,  
April 22 and April 29  
2 – 4 PM

**Come, Explore, Grow in your relationship with God.**

Is there a yearning in you that runs deep, a yearning for love, for meaning, to live true? The Christian tradition says that it is God we long for at the deepest level of our being and that only in God will we find the fulfillment we yearn for. This **spiritual formation program**, facilitated by Kathy Cleaver, a trained spiritual director, will give you the tools and time to explore and connect with your yearnings. You will be asked to spend some time in prayer between sessions.

Some of the topics that will be explored are Spiritual Yearning, God's Love and Our Relationship, Noticing God, Nurturing Spiritual Practices, Ways of Praying, Doing and Being, Solitude and Silence. The format for the sessions will be contemplative and experiential.

**Where:** St. Vincent's Rectory Parlor

**Register:** There is no fee, but you must register.

Please contact Kathy Cleaver at 267-297-6036 or [KathleenAcleaver@gmail.com](mailto:KathleenAcleaver@gmail.com)



## Have you heard about Spiritual Direction?

**What:** Spiritual direction is a contemplative practice of accompanying another on their spiritual journey. It is a process of tending the Holy in the ordinary with gentle listening through a trained ear.

**For:** Spiritual Direction is for all who wish to explore and develop their relationship with God.

**When:** In a 1:1 relationship for about an hour once a month.

????? See [www.KathyCleaver.com](http://www.KathyCleaver.com)

[www.sdiworld.org](http://www.sdiworld.org)

## ***SOME POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN PRACTICES***

Bring in each week canned goods or non-perishables for our food pantry.

Save money for the rice bowl each week and do the calendar.

Come to daily mass once a week. Masses are Tuesday through Friday, at 7am.

Read scripture daily.

Choose a prayer partner and each day pray with that person.

Pray the Rosary daily.

Pray as a family for 10-15 minutes, once a week, on one of the readings.

Come to Stations, Adoration and Benediction on Friday nights, at 6:30 pm.

Come to Holy Hour on Fridays, from noon until 3 pm, in the chapel. Sign up and stay 30 minutes or an hour before Blessed Sacrament.

Join a ministry.

Send a card, call or visit a sick family member, friend or church member each week and pray with them.

Pray for our Candidates and Catechumens daily, as they approach Easter.

Do Corbin and Grace's Lenten Calendar, with children.

Read a chapter of Resisting Happiness each day (37). Partner to reflect.

Pray and fast for growth in the parish.



## **LET US PRAY...**

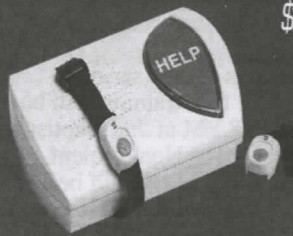
O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen



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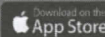
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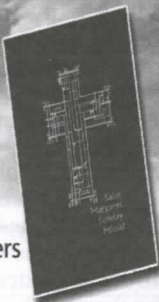
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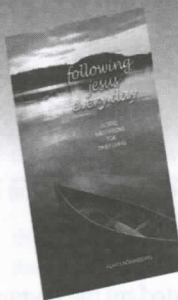
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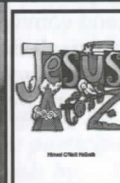
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