



Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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St. Theresa is a home that welcomes, a charity that nourishes, a church that evangelizes and a community where friends can meet.

DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday
8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
(Spanish) 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Nov.—Easter 5:00 pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 7:50 am
Sunday 6:50 am

ANOINTING (SICK)

Weekend Masses—as needed

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 12:00-12:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00—9:30 am
or call for appointment

HOLY COMMUNION

(sick & homebound)
Call Parish Office

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS FUNERALS

CALL 352-245-2458

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8am—4 pm M-Th

8 am—Noon Fri

SOUP KITCHEN

11 am—1:00 pm Daily

FOOD PANTRY

9 am—12:00 pm M-F

SOCIAL SERVICES

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 am—1 pm

THRIFT SHOP

MONDAY—SATURDAY

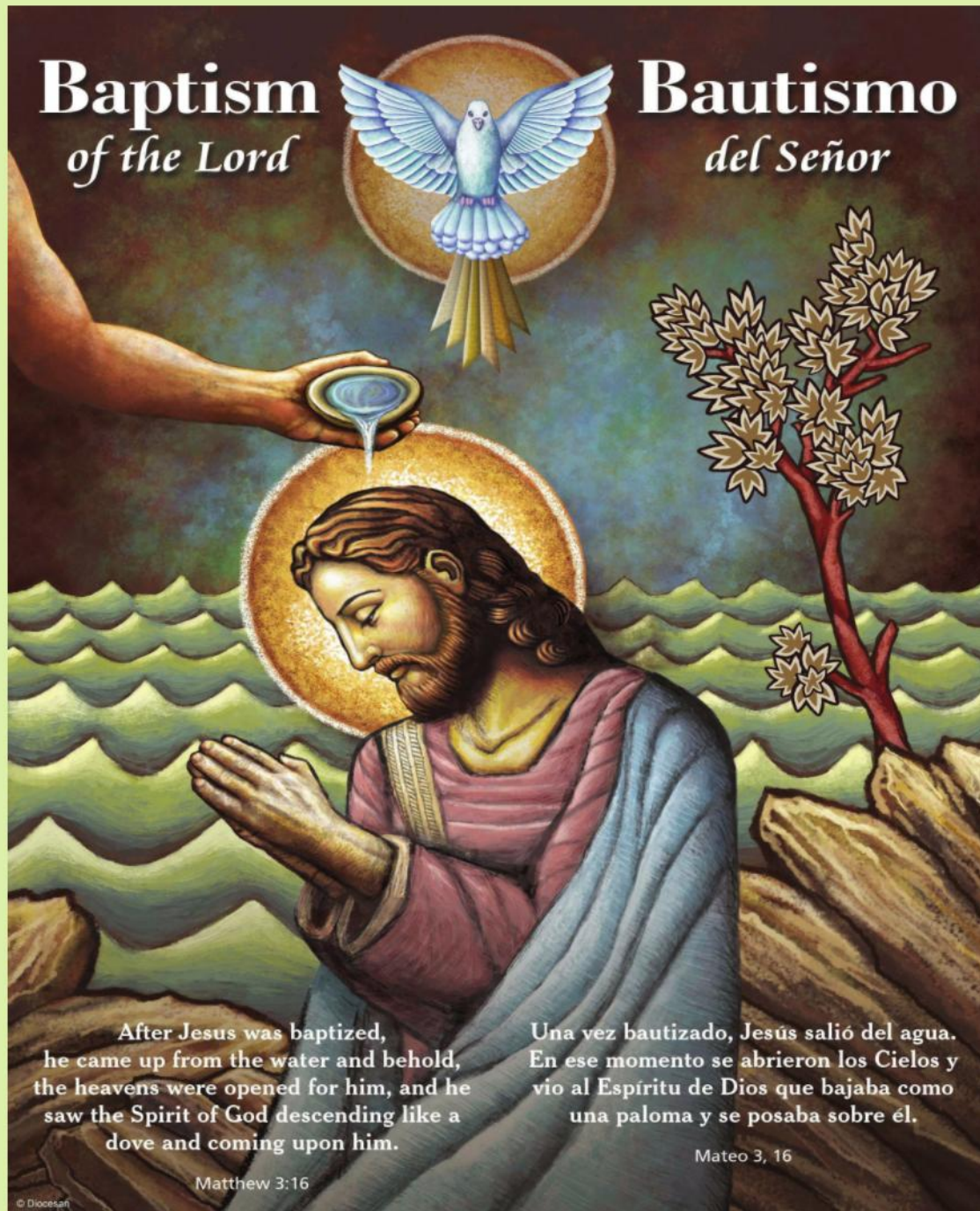
9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



Baptism
of the Lord

Bautismo
del Señor

After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him, and he
saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and coming upon him.

Una vez bautizado, Jesús salió del agua.
En ese momento se abrieron los Cielos y
vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba como
una paloma y se posaba sobre él.

Matthew 3:16

Mateo 3, 16

It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat JAN 11	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Walter Palys	Florence Kaplan
6:00 pm (español)	Jose Jesus Garcia	Yolanda Garcia
Sun JAN 12		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	James Bradbury	John & Marie Appoloney
11:00 am	† Jean Dahring	Sharyn & Jim Miller
5:00 pm		
Mon JAN 13		
8:30 am	† Percy Thompsett	Ron & Karen Tumbry
Tues JAN 14		
8:30 am	† Jack Jankowski	Ron & Mary Jane Czyznik
Wed JAN 15		
8:30 am	† Jim Hunter	Ruth Schreiner
Thurs JAN 16		
8:30 am	† Kathleen Boyden	John Boyden & Jean Beard
Fri JAN 17		
8:30 am	† Kevin McCloskey	Cathy McCloskey
Sat JAN 18		
8:30 am	† Joseph Telus Vernet	Darlene Galiotte
4:00 pm	† Tony Roberto	Carolyn Roberto
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun JAN 19		
7:30 am	† James Hunter	Dora Bermudez
9:00 am	† Joaquim Cardoso	Julia Cardoso
11:00 am	† Rita Curtis	Don & Jane Pellegrino
5:00 pm		



THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR
Phil Sturgill

January 11—17, 2025
From: *David & Rose Cruz*

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)
(352) 496-1569



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
Próximios Eventos

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Jan 12 (after 7:30, 9 am Masses)	K of C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Mon. Jan 13 9:15 am	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVAL	Church
Mon. Jan 13 6:00 pm	LADIES' GUILD & MOST	Parish Hall
Sat. Jan 18 9:00 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Parish Hall
Mon. Jan 27 6:00 pm	MOST	Parish Hall
Tues. Jan 28 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad

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Grief Share meets Wednesdays at 2 pm at St. Theresa.

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are all alone and that few people understand how painful and isolating this can be. At **Grief Share**, you can find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance on how you can make it through your grief.

For more information call **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **352-391-9338** or email to deacondan2007@gmail.com. Also visit the Grief Share website at griefshare.org to get more information and register. Come and join us.

Volunteers needed to run the screens and streaming for masses. Free training provided. Contact Marcia in the office if interested.



DONATIONS, using your credit or debit card, may be made online on our web site at www.mystcc.org. If you are using online giving on a regular basis, you may call the Parish Office to stop the envelopes

FROM FATHER TOM



Meeting Invitation

A woman in an orange coat outside in the winter scratching her head... I was telling a friend about my enrollment in a weight-loss program and how excited I was about the meetings.

"Sounds great," she said. "I'm almost tempted to join too."

"Well, next time I go," I replied, "I'll take you along."

"Okay," my friend responded, and then she asked, "Do they serve refreshments?"

Despite our best intentions, it is difficult to incorporate change. Just go to any gym right after New Year's. Quite the crowd! Give it two weeks and it will be back to normal. We know that we need to make changes in our life; we desire to make the changes but somehow, lack the willpower to see it through. Don't despair. We can do it.

Despite the high dropout rate, don't throw in the towel. You may not label it a New Year's resolution but you can commit to an improved lifestyle. It is one of the reasons we take Lent seriously. Start small. Choose one step. Something that you can do every day! I am back to reading at least five minutes a day. I know I can do that.

How about praying two minutes a day? It may not seem like much but it is if you are not praying at all. A little more progressive - **attend Mass every Sunday and one weekday Mass.**

What do you think? Ready to give it a shot? **2025**—a year that we will be fully alive physically, spiritually and emotionally!

*Love and Blessings,
Fr. Tom*

CALLING all St. Theresa's un-Decorating Elves & Volunteers



Please join us on Monday, January 13th at 9:15 am to help take down all the beautiful Christmas decorations to be stored. We are trying a new approach to taking down and storing the decorations. We will take an extra few minutes to pack each box and mark them clearly with their contents. We have rearranged the storage area and will take the time to put things in their proper place for easy retrieval next year.

Mary Gahles

ST. THERESA ADORATION CHAPEL

If you would you like to deepen your prayer life and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider adoring one hour a week in St. Theresa's Adoration Chapel. We have a critical need for adorers on the following days and hours:



Wednesday 6 pm, Friday 8 pm, Saturday: 8, and Sunday: 7 am and 7 pm.

In addition, if you would like to be an adorer or substitute, please contact **Nancy High 941-518-2194.**

3RD SATURDAY CLUB



The **3RD SATURDAY CLUB** will meet Saturday, **January 18th at 9 am.** The purpose of this club is to beautify the grounds and interior of St. Theresa.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.

Please bring garden tools, gloves if coming to volunteer.

DEL PADRE TOM



Invitación a una reunión

Una mujer con un abrigo naranja fuera en invierno rascándose la cabeza... Le estaba contando a una amiga que me había inscrito en un programa de adelgazamiento y lo emocionada que estaba con las reuniones.

«Suena muy bien», me dijo. «Yo también estoy casi tentada de apuntarme». «Bueno, la próxima vez que vaya», le contesté, “te llevaré conmigo”. «Vale», respondió mi amiga, y luego preguntó: “¿Sirven refrescos?”.

A pesar de nuestras mejores intenciones, es difícil incorporar el cambio. Basta con ir a cualquier gimnasio justo después de Año Nuevo. Hay mucha gente. Dale dos semanas y todo volverá a la normalidad. Sabemos que necesitamos hacer cambios en nuestra vida; deseamos hacer los cambios pero, de alguna manera, nos falta la fuerza de voluntad para llevarlos a cabo. No desesperemos. Podemos hacerlo.

A pesar del alto índice de abandono, no tires la toalla. Puede que no lo califiques de propósito de Año Nuevo, pero puedes comprometerte a mejorar tu estilo de vida. Es una de las razones por las que nos tomamos la Cuaresma en serio. Empieza poco a poco. Elige un paso. Algo que puedas hacer todos los días. Yo he vuelto a leer al menos cinco minutos al día. Sé que puedo hacerlo.

¿**Qué tal rezar dos minutos al día?** Puede que no parezca mucho, pero lo es si no rezas nada. Un poco más progresivo: **ir a misa todos los domingos y una misa entre semana.**

¿Qué te parece? ¿Listo para intentarlo? 2025: ¡un año en el que estaremos plenamente vivos física, espiritual y emocionalmente!

*Amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*



ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP

Come in and browse your gift shop. Statues, Rosaries, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation. Bibles; English and Spanish.

Hours: Saturday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Contact the office (352) 245-2458, **Anita Hunter** (352) 207-4466 or **Marie Bairstow** (352) 812-4752 if you need something during the week.



Have some free time? Join the **Cleaning Angels**. We clean on **Thursdays** starting about **9:30 am**. Takes about **2 hours**.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (352) 245-2458. Thank you.

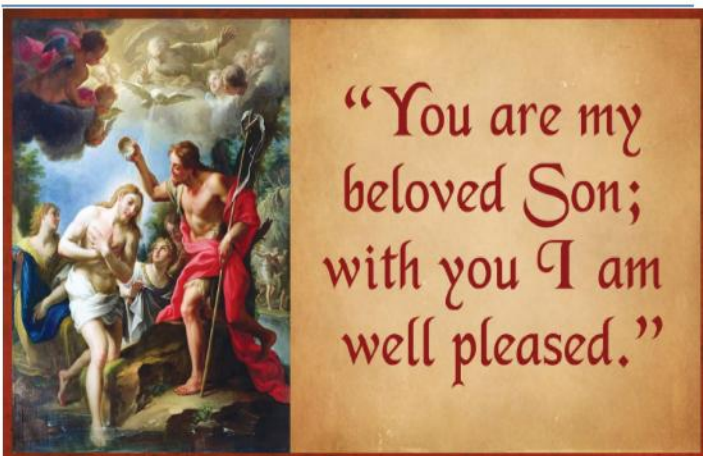


FROM OUR PRO LIFE CORNER

During a Pro Life Webinar, a Medical Doctor spoke about the difficulty of telling expectant mothers that their baby will likely have some form of birth defect. This type of conversation often leads to the possibility of abortion.

This doctor was seeing a mother of four boys, expecting a fifth boy whom testing showed had the genetic markers for Downs Syndrome. He began an explanation of Downs and the mother abruptly raised her hands to stop him. “All I need to know is can he love and can he play.” May God bless her and all the mothers and fathers like her.

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee, please call me - **Pat Pratt (386) 566- 8654**.



My Take



Have you seen the videos where a person is colorblind and is presented with a new pair of glasses which allows them to see color? I could not imagine being able to look around and see the colors of the sky, brilliance of the flowers and the bright print of a coworker's blouse for the first time. It would be overwhelming to see the beauty of colors for the first time. And it would be emotional to see the world you've been missing.



There are many different glasses you can choose to see the world. You can choose a pair to help you read, you can choose a pair to make seeing at night better, you can choose a pair to help you see distances. Too strong a pair can distort our vision and cause a headache. Too weak and our vision is fuzzy where there is no clarity at all.

While a good pair of glasses or contacts are necessary in our everyday life, we need a pair that allow us to focus our vision on God and marvel at all the beauty he has given us. God helps us see spiritual life more clearly. I wonder what it would be like if you put on God's glasses. Would he see shades of gray where our sins have faded our bright colors? No, I think he would see magnificently brilliant colors that his divine grace has instilled in us.

Marcia Wheatley

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Thrift store is in need of volunteers.



Positions include: working the register, assisting with checkouts, collections, sorting, pricing, placing items. Every contribution helps us make a big impact.

Stop by the store and speak with our store manager, Julie, about getting started. Our store hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

The Baptism of the Lord

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free to give ourselves in love as he did. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Ask the Spirit to help look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22). *Tom Schmidt—Copyright © Diocesan*



YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

Please join us on Friday, **February 7th** for the first meeting of the **Young at Heart Ministry**. This is for all parishioners age 55 and over.

We will begin by worshipping together at the 8:30 Mass. Mass will be followed by a breakfast potluck in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share, and enjoy fellowship with other "young at heart" parishioners.

THRIFT STORE



Our Thrift store is low on **GROCERY BAGS (plastic or paper—any size)**. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mí opinión



¿Has visto los vídeos en los que una persona es daltónica y le regalan unas gafas nuevas que le permiten ver los colores? No podría imaginarme poder mirar a mi alrededor y ver por primera vez los colores del cielo, el brillo de las flores y el estampado brillante de la blusa de una compañera de trabajo. Sería abrumador ver la belleza de los colores por primera vez. Y sería emocionante ver el mundo que te has estado perdiendo.

Hay muchas gafas diferentes que puedes elegir para ver el mundo. Puedes elegir un par que te ayude a leer, un par que te permita ver mejor de noche o un par que te ayude a ver las distancias. Un par demasiado fuerte puede distorsionar nuestra visión y provocar dolor de cabeza. Si son demasiado débiles, nuestra visión es borrosa y no hay claridad en absoluto.

Aunque unas buenas gafas o lentillas son necesarias en nuestra vida diaria, necesitamos un par que nos permita enfocar nuestra visión en Dios y maravillarnos de toda la belleza que nos ha dado. Dios nos ayuda a ver la vida espiritual con más claridad. Me pregunto cómo sería si te pusieras las gafas de Dios. ¿Vería tonos grises donde nuestros pecados han desteñido nuestros colores brillantes? No, creo que vería los colores magníficamente brillantes que su gracia divina ha infundido en nosotros.

Marcia Wheatley



SOCIAL SERVICES



The Social Service Department would like to take this time to thank **Cary Spain** for organizing the children's Christmas party and all her helpers, to **James Lasichak** for playing Santa, to **RJ and his carolers**. To **Father Tom** for entertaining the kids. To **Leeward Air Ranch, Villages Wood Workers, the Lady's Guild** for their donations and stuffing the stockings for Santa to give out.

Thank you to all groups and individuals who brought in extra gifts and all our parishioners for your generosity to our Christmas program. With your help, we were able to help **69 families; 162 children** have a Merry Christmas. With the extra gifts we were able to help the families that came in after the party. Thanks to **Ronda Fox, Richard Lind, Kelleher, Kerry Pelis** and all the men from **Knights of Columbus** who helped in distributing the gifts.

From Fr. Tom and the staff of the Social Services, we thank you from our hearts and wish you all a Blessed New Year!!

Social Services would like to thank all who donated, using the **Benevolence envelopes**, over the Christmas Season. Your support for those in need is always much appreciated.

Envelopes will continue to be available in the vestibule during the year.

Our gratitude is to you for helping us meet the needs of those less fortunate!!

SANCTUARY LAMP



Available for 1 week beginning on Saturday through Friday. It can be for a deceased person or a special Intention. Suggested donation: **\$20**. Call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.

ADORATION CANDLE

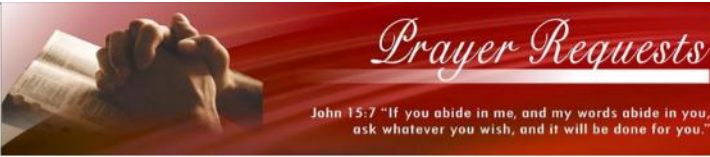


Available for one month from the first to the end of the month. It can be for a deceased person or a special Intention. Suggested donation: **\$30**.



Baptism of the Lord

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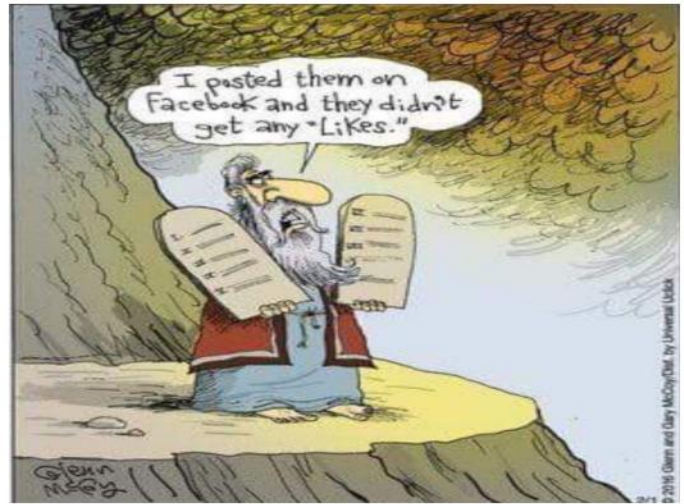
"Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today, we ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. In Jesus' name, Amen!" Call the Office to make changes.

Roger Anderson	Rosemary Gurick	Timothy Ross
Nancy Bauer	Sammy Harris	Francine Sothen
Jesse Benoit	Robert & Clair LaDow	Lori Spurlock
Denise Billeter	Shirley Laurie	Frances Stonewell Family
Peggy Bulson	Joanne Metzger	Eleanor Sullivan
Lilly Chimenti	Genevieve Nix	Pam & Paul Sullivan
Lucy DeLuca	Jane Oelstrom	Sandra Sutter
Gene Dever	Gary Pearson	Dot Usrey
Mike Devost	Don Pellegrino	Joan Ward
Eric Duchesne	Jeremy Perkins	John Zaborny
Kelly Forti	Carolyn Roberto	
Julie Grosner		



Week Ending January 5, 2025

Offertory:	\$22,203.85
Project Growth:	\$ 2,828.50
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 4,228.50
Social Services:	\$ 2,687.50
Thrift Store:	\$ 6,920.25



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Ongoing prayer life !

Sunday Worship !

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 sponsor by 10/3/25

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