



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Mass Times

Daily Mass: 7:45am
Saturday: 9:00am
Reconciliation:
Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
Sunday Mass
Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sun.: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

View Sunday & Daily Mass on online - holycrossdewitt.org

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this the Holy Week & Easter Schedule.

PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION FOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.



Sunday, March 28th – Palm Sunday

7:30am Anne DeSantis/ Gene & Adrienne Spencer

10:30am Kristin Blake / Family

5:00pm Stanley Blanchfield / Family

Monday, March 29th

7:45am Anne DeSantis/ Tom Ferrara, Rachel Murphy & Jeremy Smith

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, March 30th

7:45am Anthony Almanzi / Maio Family

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, March 31st

7:45am Natalia Monterastelli/ Children & Grandchildren

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, April 1st - Holy Thursday

7:00pm Deceased Priests & Bishops of the Diocese of Syracuse

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

No Masses Today

7:00am - 7:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

2:00pm Passion Of Our Lord

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday

8:00pm People of Holy Cross

8:00am - 8:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Sunday, April 4th – Easter Sunday

7:30am The Deceased Members of Holy Cross

9:00am The Deceased Members of Holy Cross

10:30am The Deceased Members of Holy Cross

NO 5:00PM MASS TODAY

First Friday Mass League

The First Friday Mass League Mass has been changed to **Friday, April 9th** at 7:45am because of Good Friday.

Thank You!

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

The collection of March 21 will be reported next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Mark 11: 1-10 (Procession with the Palms)

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1-15:47

Today we celebrate the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, just a few days before the Romans crucify Jesus. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week for all believers throughout the world. We as followers celebrate this day, because we are recognizing that Christ crucified dies in order to save us.



We carry blessed palm branches because they are traditionally a sign of peace and victory, therefore we process with them on Palm Sunday to celebrate the peace and victory that Christ will bring to all believers. When Christ arrives, he is on a donkey, not on a horse. The symbol of the donkey is symbolic because it speaks of the humble arrival of someone in peace, and not as a warrior on a powerful steed.

As we read the Passion of Mark today, let us put ourselves along that route that Christ walks, let us take up with him and the crowd as we witness the selfless act of love that Christ pours out for us. As we prepare to see Christ crucified and raised from the dead we should be in awe of the mighty God that has lowered himself down to us, in order to raise up to a new life in the Kingdom of God.

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

Good Friday's collection is for:
The Holy Land

Your support is invaluable. Thank You

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

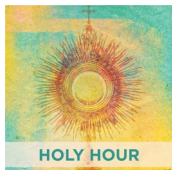
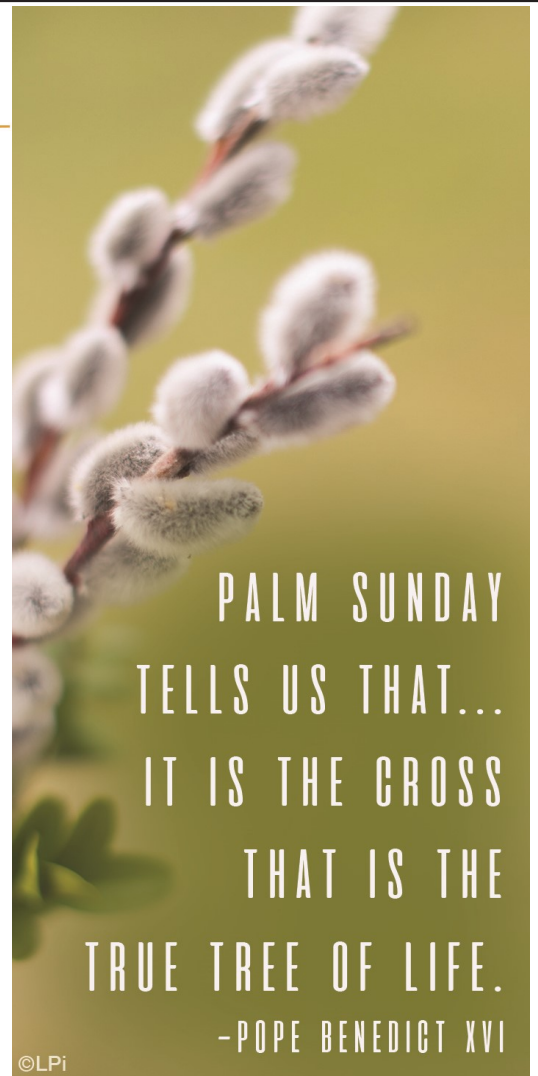
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- MON 3/29** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- TUE 3/30** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- WED 3/31** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- THR 4/01** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- FRI 4/02** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- SAT 4/03** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
- SUN 4/04** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
- Friday:** Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.

Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every Wednesday from 7 to 8pm. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 1st
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 2nd
 2:00 pm Passion of the Lord
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 3rd
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (No other Masses)

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 4th
 Masses: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30AM
 (no 5:00pm Mass today)

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIMES)

Week of March 28

Host, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Herbert & Angeline Silvestri
Requested By : Family



Blessing of the Easter Food

Come and have your Easter Food blessed on Saturday, April 3rd.
Come to the church at Noon.

IMPORTANT Information

- To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass & other devotions using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. You may also call the parish office (315) 446-0473 to register for Mass or for any questions that you may have.
- Also please remember to wear your face mask in order to keep everyone safe.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- "Light Is On For You" - Monday, March 29th from 3-7pm
- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel (except Holy Saturday)
- By Appointment

Private Prayer Hours For Holy Week

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion:

- 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday
- 7am and 7pm on Good Friday
- 8am to 8pm on Holy Saturday

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

***LENTEN REGULATIONS** - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. Catholics 14 years of age & older are bound to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. Catholics age 18 to 59 are bound to the law of fasting. ("The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing-as far as quantity & quality are concerned-approved local custom.")
 Apostolic Constitution Poenitemini, 1966

Holy Week Ideas for Families:

Spy Wednesday

- Search "Spy Wednesday" at catholicallyear.com for a fun activity!

Holy Thursday

- Watch The Prince of Egypt - It covers the 10 plagues and the Passover!

- Plan a Last Supper Dinner - serve lamb if you are able, or make a "lamb cake" or other item in the shape of a lamb, and break bread together.

- Read Psalms 113-116 (or parts of them) while you wash each other's feet.

Good Friday

- Wear black on Good Friday to mourn Jesus' death.

- Don't consume excess media - keep TVs, phones, and laptops off outside of liturgies/prayer.

- Start the day off with Hot Cross Buns or cinnamon buns.
 - Keep the vigil of Noon-3 (the hours Jesus hung on the cross) with solemn silence and prayer, using quiet activities for kids like these found here.

- Use these free printable stations: reply.osv.com/Stations

Holy Saturday

- Keep the day quiet; strip down your Lenten decor and switch to Easter in preparation.

- Color Easter eggs and create Easter symbols in the home

Be sure to pick up a "Little White Book for Easter". You can find them on the tables near the bulletins.

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

First Tuesday Sandwiches: April 6th

Thanks to donations and help from many parishioners we are able to provide over 350 sandwiches, bananas, cookies and fruit punch for Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter. Due to current restrictions on gathering, volunteers will put the sandwiches together at home this month. Sandwiches should be delivered to church by 10am on Tuesday morning. To help us feed hungry & homeless people, contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

Laudato Si Circle Online: Saturday, April 10th, 5pm

Please join us to participate in a discussion about creation and our responsibility to care for it. Meetings include prayer, reflection and discussion. Contact Beth for a link to the next meeting: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Hot Meal Volunteers: April 20th, 3pm

Our next hot meal will be the third Tuesday of April. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to prepare a beef goulash casserole at home for 25 persons. The meal can be placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered to Holy Cross on Tuesday at 3pm. We need 4 individuals to prepare a casserole and someone who can deliver the meals to the shelter. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576

Thank you to our March volunteers: Bill & Sue Sovik, Sue Thompson, Jo & Ron Rabideau. Girl Scout cookie donations by generous parishioners completed the meal. Thank you to all who helped this month!

Parish Earth Day clean-up: Thursday, April 22nd

Join the Laudato Si committee and the Gardening Angels to celebrate Earth Day! Teams of volunteers will work together outside to clean up discarded debris in a local area. Contact Beth for times and locations: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Baby Shower for Birthright:

Birthright is a local organization that provides practical help and emergency assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in need. Holy Cross will be collecting baby items after Easter until Mother’s Day, May 9th. Items can be added to the baskets by the church doors. If you would like to participate, please donate a new or gently used item from their list of needs: diapers and baby wipes, 8oz. baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, receiving blankets, clothing items 0-3 months, diaper bags & Walmart gift cards.

Samaritan Center Sunday Dinner: April 18th

Please join a group of parish volunteers who help to serve a Sunday meal at the soup kitchen. The meals are sponsored by Holy Cross and donations of fresh fruit from Wegmans. There are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Masks & social distancing are required to serve the take-out meals.. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

April Food Giving Weekend Postponed to May 1 & 2

Our Food Giving Weekend has been cancelled for April because it falls on Easter. We will be accepting food donations again in May. Have a Happy Easter and thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is always so appreciated.

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 28th

9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual

Monday, March 29th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

3:00 to 7:00pm “The Light Is On” (confessions) - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, March 30th

7:00 PM Book Study - rooms 12 & 13

Wednesday, March 31st

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Thursday, April 1st

See schedule on page 4

Friday, April 2nd

See schedule on page 4

Saturday, April 3rd

See schedule on page 4

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food - Church

Sunday, April 4th

See schedule on page 4

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 2 and for the full day on Easter Monday, April 5.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers

All are welcome to give a donation for our Easter Flowers however we will not be publishing a memorial list as we have done in the past. All envelopes that contain names for a memorial will be placed on the altar during Lent & Easter Season. These people will be prayed for during each Mass.

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out by mail unless you prefer email.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Holy Cross School Auction

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Join us on **Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm** for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. Registration and more info to come!

Questions? thehsauction@gmail.com



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes, and Catholic schools, recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit www.syrдио.org.

A Family Perspective:



The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Watch: Formed Daily: Meditations from Dr. Tim Gray

Read: Meditations for Lent

Read: Sacraments in Scripture

Listen: Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

Watch: Sorrowful Mysteries

Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you to all who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl program this year! In addition to the Rice Bowl program, our second collection this weekend is dedicated to Catholic Relief Services. Please consider a donation to CRS this week. Visit gifts.crs.org to see examples of how your donation transforms lives around the world.

When you are ready to return your rice bowl after Easter, please convert your change and donate it online or convert it to a check made out to Catholic Relief Services; note "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line; and mail your donation directly to: *CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Thank you for your support for this inspiring program.*

Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Seven

"I can look around!" Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. It's eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. It now recognizes its own mother's voice. Its grip is even stronger now than it will be after its birth.



Spiritual Adoption

The hair on its head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of its body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases. The baby is about 15 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Reconciliation ~Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
Or by appointment

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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