

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

400 W. Wood Avenue
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St. Alexis is a community blessed by God with a diversity of cultures and languages. Celebrating that richness, we reach out to all, inviting them to gather at the table of the Lord as One People. In openness to the Gospel, we form ourselves as stewards of the Lord's gifts to create a community of faith that is unifying, supporting and nurturing.

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www.stalexisparish.org

Saturday & Sunday / Sab y Dom: CLOSED
Monday - Thursday / Lun - Jue: 9 am - 3 pm
Friday/Vie: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS
Saturday 4:00 pm | Sábado 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am | Domingo 8:00 am y 11:00 am

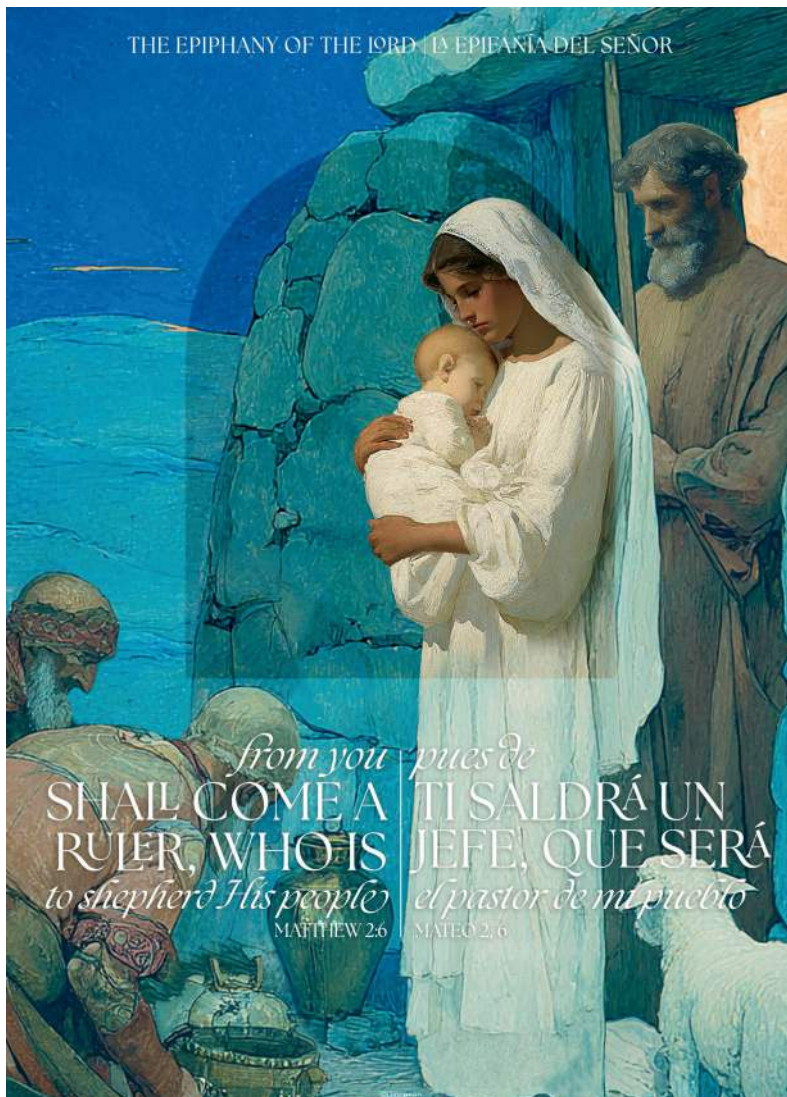
DAILY MASSES / MISAS DIARIAS:
7:30 am (English/ Tuesday & Thursday)
9:00 am (Español/ Miercoles y Viernes)

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES:
Thursday/ Jueves: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
or by appointment (call the office)
o por cita (llame a la oficina)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT /
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CHURCH/IGLESIA: Thursday / Jueves
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CHAPEL/CAPILLA: Monday & Friday / Lunes y Viernes
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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Sunday Offertory from December 28, 2025



Envelopes (145).....\$ 2,007.00
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Total\$ 4,907.00

Thank you for your continued support!
Gracias por su apoyo continuo!

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT FOR ST.ALEXIS PARISH

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: \$29,300

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$24,879

AMOUNT PAID: \$23,435

REMAINING BALANCE: \$1,444 DONOR COUNT:212

• SACRAMENT PROCEDURES •

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS:

Primer Sabado 10:00 am (Español)
Last Saturday 10:00 am (English)

WEDDINGS / BODAS-Griselda

Arrangements for weddings should be made 6 months in advance.

Los preparativos para bodas deben ser agendados con 6 meses de anticipación.

PASTORAL SERVICES / SERVICIOS PASTORALES

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COMMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS-Carmen

FUNERALS / FUNERALES -Sonia
XV-Griselda

Call the Rectory to Schedule!
Llame a la Oficina!

• READINGS FOR THE WEEK •

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities.

Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services:
1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims /survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities.

Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815-263-6467.

REPORTANDO ABUSO SEXUAL

Cualquier persona que tenga razones para creer que un niño o niña ha sido abusado o está siendo abusado debe reportar sus sospechas inmediatamente a las autoridades civiles. Contactarse con el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias de Illinois: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) o la policía local.

La Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Joliet está disponible para ayudar a víctimas /sobrevivientes que han sufrido abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero, empleados o voluntarios de la iglesia católica.

La Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas informará al obispo Hicks de lo sucedido y coordinará esfuerzos de apoyo pastoral y de divulgación para ayudar a las víctimas en el proceso de sanación.

El Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas también puede ayudarle a hacer un reporte a las autoridades civiles.

Para más información póngase en contacto con La Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Joliet al número 815-263-6467.



**Intenciones para
las Misas de
la semana**



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Parish Calendar

Look for monthly calendar events at:
www.stalexiparish.org/calendar

Monday, January 5

7:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 am People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 7

9:00 am Animas del Purgatorio de Familia Talavera

Thursday, January 8

7:30 am People of the Parish

Friday, January 9

9:00 am Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm People of the Parish

6:00 pm †Teodora Gonzalez Cortez de Familia Mora

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am †Cleofas Segura de Familia Lopez

†Daniel Olague de Familia Olague

†Javier Talavera de Familia Talavera

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:00 am †Guadalupe Vargas de Lupita Barragan
Accion de Gracias Jesus y Aracelia Martinez de Familia Perez

Monday

7:30 am Communion Service

6:30 pm Grupo de Oración

Tuesday

7:30am English Mass

Wednesday

9:00 am Misa En Español

7:00 pm Grupo de Mamas, Grupo de Jóvenes,
Coro Español y Ingles, RCIA,
Grupo Familia Fe y Esperanza

Thursday

7:30 am English Mass

7:00 pm Adoration/Adoración /Confessions

Friday

9:00 am Misa en Español

Saturday

4:00 pm English Mass

6:00 pm Misa en Español

Sunday

8:00 am Misa en Español

9am-11am Grupo Alpha

9:30 am English Mass

11:00 am Misa en Español

**PRAY FOR THE SICK /
OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS**



We welcome the children recently baptized:

*Les damos la bienvenida a los recién
bautizados:*



***In Loving Memory of:
Descansa En Paz:***



**Cayetano Rivera
Lorenzo Rivera**

*We pray for this couple as they look forward to their
wedding day:*

*Oremos por esta pareja mientras esperan con
ansias el día de su boda:*



A MESSAGE FROM....

Deacon Sergio Gonzalez

A Reflection on Shared Responsibility at St. Alexis.

At St. Alexis, we are blessed to be a parish rich in faith, culture, and generosity. We come from different backgrounds, speak different languages, and bring different life experiences, but we come to the same altar, receive the same Eucharist, and belong to the same Body of Christ.

A parish is not only a place we attend; it is a family we belong to. And like any family, it thrives when everyone shares in the responsibility.

Serving at Mass is not about having special skills or extra time. It is about offering ourselves just as we are for the good of the whole community. When some serve and others remain on the sidelines, something essential is missing. Not because the work doesn't get done, but because the Body of Christ is meant to move together.

This past Saturday at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, we experienced a moment that invites us to reflect. We did not have any lectors present to proclaim the readings. The Word of God was still shared, but it reminded us that the life of the parish depends on the willingness of its members to step forward and serve.

Sometimes it's easy to think, "Others have it covered," or "I wouldn't know where to begin," or "Someone else is better suited than me." But the truth is this, your presence matters, your voice matters, and your service matters.

At St. Alexis, no one is a guest. No one is just a spectator. Whether we speak Spanish or English, whether we have been here for decades or only a short time, this is our parish.

Serving is not about filling a slot, it is about belonging. It is a way of saying, "This is my home, and I care for it." When we serve, we teach our children what faith looks like in action. We show one another that the Church is alive, not because of buildings or schedules, but because of people who are willing to give.

So today, this is an invitation not a demand, not a pressure but an invitation from the heart of the Church:

If you have never served, consider taking one small step.

If you once served and stepped away, consider coming back.

If you have been waiting to be asked, this is that moment.

St. Alexis needs all of us. And more importantly, we need one another.

May the Lord who gives Himself completely to us in the Eucharist help us to give ourselves, generously and joyfully, to one another.

Your Servant,
Deacon Sergio

UN MENSAJE DE....

Díacono Sergio

Una reflexión sobre la responsabilidad compartida en St. Alexis.

En San Alexis, tenemos la bendición de ser una parroquia rica en fe, cultura y generosidad. Venimos de diferentes orígenes, hablamos diferentes idiomas y traemos experiencias de vida distintas, pero llegamos al mismo altar, recibimos la misma Eucaristía y pertenecemos al mismo Cuerpo de Cristo.

Una parroquia no es solo un lugar al que asistimos; Es una familia a la que pertenecemos. Y como cualquier familia, prospera cuando todos comparten la responsabilidad.

Servir en misa no consiste en tener habilidades especiales ni tiempo extra. Se trata de ofrecernos tal y como somos por el bien de toda la comunidad. Cuando algunos sacan y otros permanecen en la banda, falta algo esencial. No porque el trabajo no se complete, sino porque el Cuerpo de Cristo está destinado a moverse juntos.

El pasado sábado a las 16:00 horas, Misa, vivimos un momento que nos invita a reflexionar. No tuvimos lectores presentes para proclamar las lecturas. La Palabra de Dios seguía siendo compartida, pero nos recordaba que la vida de la parroquia depende de la disposición de sus miembros para dar un paso adelante y servir.

A veces es fácil pensar: "Otros lo tienen controlado", o "No sabría por dónde empezar", o "Alguien más está mejor preparado que yo." Pero la verdad es esta: tu presencia importa, tu voz importa y tu servicio importa.

En St. Alexis, nadie es huésped. Nadie es solo un espectador. Tanto si hablamos español como inglés, tanto si llevamos aquí décadas como si solo hace poco tiempo, esta es nuestra parroquia.

Servir no consiste en llenar un hueco, sino en pertenecer. Es una forma de decir: "Este es mi hogar, y me importa." Cuando servimos, enseñamos a nuestros hijos cómo es la fe en acción. Nos mostramos unos a otros que la Iglesia está viva, no por edificios o horarios, sino por personas dispuestas a donar.

Así que hoy, esta es una invitación, no una exigencia, ni una presión, sino una invitación del corazón de la Iglesia:

Si nunca has servido, considera dar un pequeño paso.

Si alguna vez serviste y te alejaste, considera volver.

Si has estado esperando que te lo pidieran, este es ese momento.

San Alexis nos necesita a todos. Y, lo más importante, nos necesitamos unos a otros.

Que el Señor que se entrega completamente a nosotros en la Eucaristía nos ayude a entregarnos, generosa y con alegría, unos a otros.

Tu sirviente,

Díacono Sergio

Elevator Maintenance

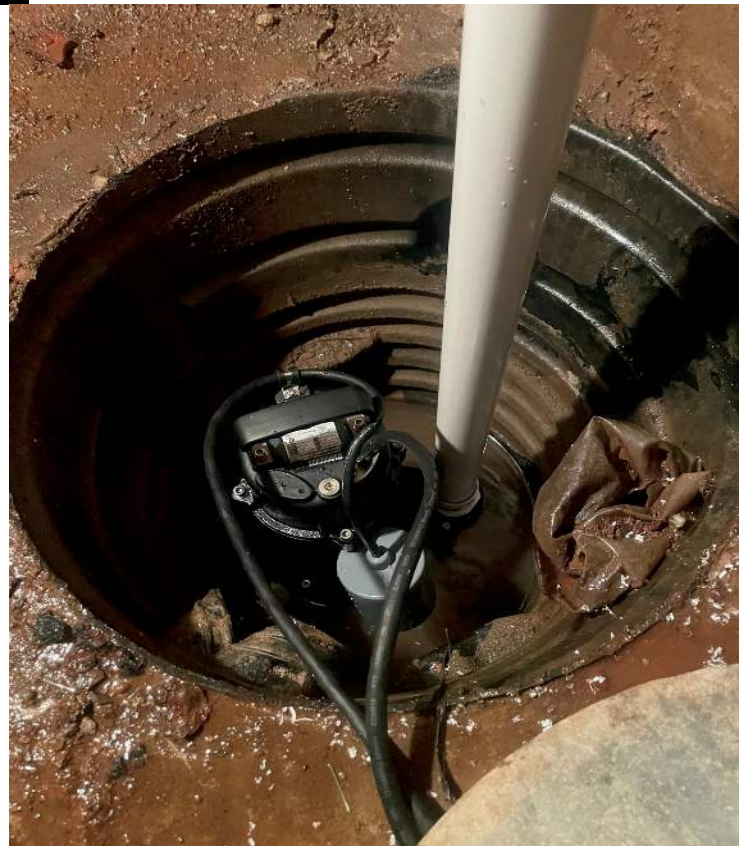


Colley Elevators has been monitoring and servicing our elevator since the flooding in August of 2025. We found 3 feet of water in the pit of our elevator. **As we await a new safety code rule that will be implemented nationwide in the beginning of 2026, meaning a potential upgrade on our elevator, which for St. Alexis indicates spending more money in the future on this costly project.**

But, in the mean time we are conducting regular maintenance to ensure safety standards are met at all times for the safety of our parishioners and we will keep you informed.



Colley Elevators ha estado supervisando y dando mantenimiento a nuestro ascensor desde las inundaciones de Agosto del 2025. Encontramos 3 pies de agua en el foso del ascensor. **Mientras esperamos la implementación de una nueva normativa de seguridad a nivel nacional a principios de 2026, que podría implicar una posible modernización de nuestro ascensor, lo que para la parroquia de San Alexis significa un mayor gasto costoso para este proyecto!** Por lo tanto estamos realizando un mantenimiento regular para garantizar que se cumplan en todo momento las normas de seguridad para la protección de nuestros feligreses y los tendremos informados.



**MAKE**A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet**Learn How to MAKE Disciples!**

Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, MAKE, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org

Contact: Beka Deja, Director of Human Resources

Phone: 815-724-1154

Email: bdeja@cc-doj.org

We would be grateful if this notice could be published as soon as your schedule allows. We will inform parishes once the position has been filled. Thank you for your assistance.

Catholic Charities is Seeking an Experienced Executive Director

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is seeking an experienced, mission-driven professional to serve as its Executive Director. This is a senior-level leadership role requiring a Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university, extensive professional experience and a strong background in managing large teams and complex organizations. Preference will be given to those who reside in the Diocese. The annual salary range for this position is \$140,000-\$160,000, based on qualifications and experience. Catholic Charities offers the opportunity to participate in a group health plan, 403(b) retirement plan and a short-term disability plan to eligible individuals.

Qualified candidates should email their résumé to Beka Deja at bdeja@cc-doj.org



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6 PM

PROGRAMA:

EN SEGUIDA DE LA MISA SOLEMNE, UNA CONVIVENCIA
EN EL SOTANO

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December 18, 2025

Dear Friends,
Peace be with you.

Today, December 18, 2025, it was officially announced that I will be installed as the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, February 6, 2026.

I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Pope Leo XIV for this appointment. Growing up in the south suburbs of Chicago, just a stone's throw from where he grew up, and having spent part of my priesthood in missionary work in Latin America, I feel a deep connection to him. His leadership is a guiding light for me, and I accept this new role with humility and an open heart.

I am also grateful to Cardinal Christophe Pierre, our apostolic nuncio, for his trust. When he called to share this news, I told him I simply wish to do God's will. Receiving his phone call on the feast of Saint Juan Diego is a reminder that sometimes God calls us to things that feel beyond us, but with grace and faith, we can answer yes.

I also want to offer a heartfelt thank you to Cardinal Timothy Dolan for his more than 17 years of leadership in New York. I have been touched by his gracious support and encouragement.

These past five years in Joliet have been a true blessing for me. I have felt grateful, happy, and deeply blessed to serve as your bishop. Together we have catechized, evangelized, and put our faith into action. The relationships we have built, the faith we have shared, and the journey we have walked together are treasures I will carry with me to New York.

As you continue to read, share, and embrace my pastoral letter, "MAKE," I ask you to let it keep guiding you. Please do not let it sit on a shelf, gathering dust. Instead, continue to implement it as a living, breathing call to be disciples who MAKE disciples.

I have much to learn in New York, and I will serve there as I have served here, with all my heart. I trust in God's will and count on your prayers. Know that as you pray for me, I am praying for you, with immense gratitude and love.

With good wishes, may God bless you this Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

As I remain --

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet and Archbishop designate of the Archdiocese of New York

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18 de diciembre de 2025

Queridos amigos:
La paz esté con ustedes.

Hoy, 18 de diciembre de 2025, se anunció oficialmente que seré instalado como el 11.º Arzobispo de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York el viernes 6 de febrero de 2026.

Quiero comenzar expresando mi más sincero agradecimiento al Papa León XIV por este nombramiento. Al haber crecido en los suburbios del sur de Chicago, a solo unos pasos de donde él creció, y tras haber pasado parte de mi sacerdocio en trabajo misionero en América Latina, siento una profunda conexión con él. Su liderazgo es una luz que me guía, y acepto esta nueva responsabilidad con humildad y con el corazón abierto.

También agradezco al Cardenal Christophe Pierre, nuestro nuncio apostólico, por su confianza. Cuando me llamó para compartir esta noticia, le dije que simplemente deseo hacer la voluntad de Dios. Recibir su llamada telefónica en la fiesta de San Juan Diego es un recordatorio de que, a veces, Dios nos llama a cosas que parecen ir más allá de nosotros, pero con gracia y fe podemos responder que sí.

Quiero también ofrecer un sincero agradecimiento al Cardenal Timothy Dolan por sus más de 17 años de liderazgo en Nueva York. Me ha conmovido profundamente su apoyo y su aliento tan generosos.

Estos últimos cinco años en Joliet han sido una verdadera bendición para mí. Me he sentido agradecido, feliz y profundamente bendecido al servir como su obispo. Juntos hemos catequizado, evangelizado y puesto nuestra fe en acción. Las relaciones que hemos construido, la fe que hemos compartido y el camino que hemos recorrido juntos son tesoros que llevaré conmigo a Nueva York.

Mientras continúan leyendo, compartiendo y acogiendo mi carta pastoral, "MAKE", les pido que permitan que siga guiándolos. Por favor, no la dejen en un estante acumulando polvo. Más bien, continúen implementándola como un llamado vivo y dinámico a ser discípulos que HACEN discípulos.

Tengo mucho que aprender en Nueva York, y serviré allí como he servido aquí: con todo mi corazón. Confío en la voluntad de Dios y cuento con sus oraciones. Sepan que, así como ustedes oran por mí, yo oro por ustedes, con inmensa gratitud y amor.

Con mis mejores deseos, que Dios los bendiga en este tiempo de Adviento, mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús.

Mientras permanezco --

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Monseñor Ronald A. Hicks

+ Ronald A. Hicks

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