

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

Church Notice

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 1st December 2024 ~

Tel.: 082-423424 Website: stjosephkuching.org Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my

THE SECOND COLLECTION this week is for the On-going Formation of Priests.

GROWTH MASS for **GROWTH MINISTRY** at the Day Chapel is cancelled this month.

LOVE OFFERING BOXES distributed by the Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood are available at the entrances to enable children in our parish to help other children in need. Parents are urged to inculcate the spirit of giving and encourage your children to participate in this Mission of the Church. Please return these boxes to the Parish Office latest by Thursday, **2**nd **January 2025**.

<u>PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS</u> - St. Joseph's International School (SJIS) is offering two internationally recognised pre-university programs, namely **Cambridge A-Level** and **Western Australian Matriculation**. Registration is now open for their new intake (starting 17th February 2025). Those interested can contact SJIS at 082-411575 / 082-550575 for more information



<u>COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR RURAL CHILDREN</u> begins this weekend, 30th November until 11th December. Kindly adhere to the following guidelines to help facilitate the distribution of your gifts:

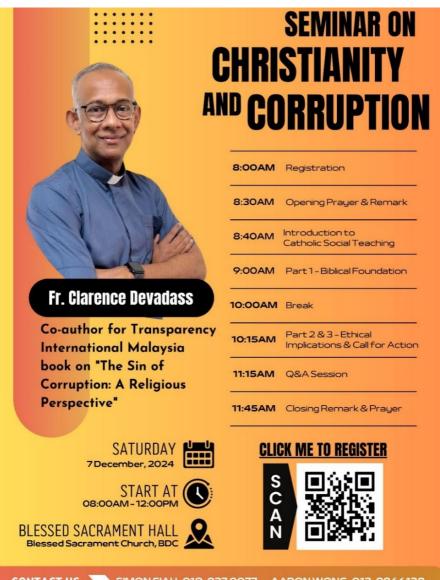
- (i) Kindly contribute **NEW GIFTS ONLY** (one that you would give to your own child).
- (ii) Please **DO NOT** send in any **USED** toys, clothing, or any fragile or breakable items.
- (iii) Please **DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS** but instead **provide sufficient Christmas wrapping papers** for the gifts you contribute.
- (iv) Kindly LABEL your gifts accordingly: **BOY**; **GIRL** or **BOY** & **GIRL** and also indicate the **AGE RANGE** (e.g. Boy, 8 12 years).
- (v) Three separate boxes labeled "BOYS"; "GIRLS"; & "BOYS & GIRLS" will be placed at the sanctuary area for parishioners to deposit your gifts accordingly.
- (vi) CLOSING DATE to submit your gifts is by Wednesday, 11th December. This is to ensure that your gifts reach the rural parishes in time for their Children's Christmas Party at the kampung level.



CHINESE LAY ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE will be organising a *Breakfast Sale* this Sunday from 7:30 am till 12:30 pm at the Parish Gallery. There will be a variety of goods and food for sale (e.g. local kueh, nasi lemak, roasted chicken / duck, kolo mee, loklok, chicken rice, BBQ rice, clothings [both new & pre-loved], mini music instruments and many more!) Free coffee and tea will be served!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE OF ST. JOSEPH will be having their *Thrift Shop Clearance Sale* (ground floor of A.C.C.P.C.) **this Sunday** from **7:30 am till 1:00 pm**. Do come and render your fullest support! All proceeds raised will be for the poor and needy.

<u>CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS RADIO BROADCAST</u> in **English** by Fr. Mark Bonchol will be on the air (REDfm 91.9) **this Sunday** at **9:15 pm**.



CONTACT US > SIMON SIAH 019-837 0077 AARON WONG 012-8866128

SEMINAR ON "CHRISTIANITY AND CORRUPTION" will be organised by the Catholic Social Teaching Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Church to explore the Christian's view of corruption through biblical foundation and the role of the Church in combating corruption. The guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Dr. Clarence Devadass is the co-author of the Transparency International Malaysia book on "The Sin of Corruption: A Religious Perspective". The seminar will be held on Saturday, 7th December, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, BDC. Interested parishioners may contact Simon Siah @ Hp: 019-8370077 OR Aaron Wong @ Hp: 012-8866128 OR register by scanning the QR Code on the poster. Registration is free.



ADVENT REFLECTION IN MANDARIN will be organised by the HTC Chinese Liaison Committee on 7th December from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang. The program include Rosary recitation and a closing Mass. The speaker is Fr. Paul Ling. Those interested may contact Rachel Teo @ Hp: 016-8781502 OR Vivian Teo @ Hp: 013-8229603. Registration is FREE and ALL are welcome. Closing date for registration is Sunday, 1st December.





7.12.2024 (Sat)

Assembly Time: 6:00pm

Assembly Place: MBKS Jubilee Ground

Each member is encouraged to prepare Christmas gift to be given away during parade at 8:15pm.

MBKS
Jubilee Ground

Kuching Waterfront

MBKS Jubilee Ground



Church Stations along parade route:

- 1. Roman Catholic Church: Padungan
- 2. Sarawak Baptist Church: Tun Jugah / Top Spot
- 3. BEM (SIB) Church: Riverside Majestic Hotel
- 4. Anglican Church: Hilton / Waterfront
- 5. Seventh-Day Adventist Church / Salvation Army: Medan Pelita / Borneo Hotel Kuching
- 6. Methodist SCAC / Methodist SIAC: Ban Hock Road
- 7. Sarawak Evangelical Christian Association / Blessed Church: MBKS Flat

Participating Group:

Roman Catholic Church (Jean Foong 082-423425), Anglican Church (Christmanuel 011-25009241 / Rev Peter 011-51720883), SCAC Methodist Church (William 019-8164385 / Samuel 016-8605496 / Joanna 014-9966135), SIAC Methodist Church (Myla 013-8955449 / Stanley 019-8598111), BEM (SIB) Church (Ps John 013-8053164 / Ps Harry 012-8879745), The Seventh-Day Adventist Church (Ps Willie 018-9744687 / Samuel Lee 011-33871962), The Salvation Army (Cpt Daniel 010-2463709 / Cpt Kokila 016-3105036), Sarawak Baptist Church (Tommy 016-8600703 / Seria 010-4091033), Blessed Church (David 019-8279867), SECA (Ps Greman 013-8089947 / Ps Kelvin 010-7699110), Boys' Brigade (Thomas 016-8564410), Girls' Brigade (Lily 016-879678) etc.

Contact: Samuel Joanna William 016-8605496 014-9966135 019-8164385

KUCHING CHRISTMAS PARADE 2024 will be organised by the Methodist Church SCAC on Saturday, 7th December, 6:00 pm at MBKS Jubilee Ground. All lay group members and parishioners of the Cathedral Parish are most encouraged to participate actively by gathering along Jalan Padungan (from Asia Clinic all the way to just before Sheraton Hotel - 230 metres) between 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Let us collectively proclaim our Christian faith in public on the streets of Kuching city.

THE SALE OF TODAY'S CATHOLIC takes place next weekend at the church entrances. They are selling at cost (i.e. only RM2.50 per copy). We urge every family to get a copy to support this worthy effort of the Archdiocesan Social Communications Committee.

<u>CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS RADIO BROADCAST</u> in **Mandarin** by Fr. Leonard Yap will be on the air (REDfm 91.9) **next Sunday**, **8**th **December** at **6:45 pm**.

<u>ADVENT CONFESSIONS</u> for **Kuching City Parishes** will be held **7:30 pm - 10:00 pm** at the following dates and venues:

Date (Day)	Venue
9th December (Monday)	St. Peter's Church, Padungan
10th December (Tuesday)	Blessed Sacrament Church, BDC
11th December (Wednesday)	Sacred Heart Church, Kota Sentosa
12th December (Thursday)	St. Mark's Church, Batu Kawa
13th December (Friday)	St. Joseph's Cathedral, Kuching

Note: The 7:30pm Holy Hour at Carmelite Chapel will be CANCELLED on Friday, 13th December.

For the convenience of the **elderly and their accompanying caregivers**, Advent Confessions will be held **8:30 am - 11:00 am** on the following dates:

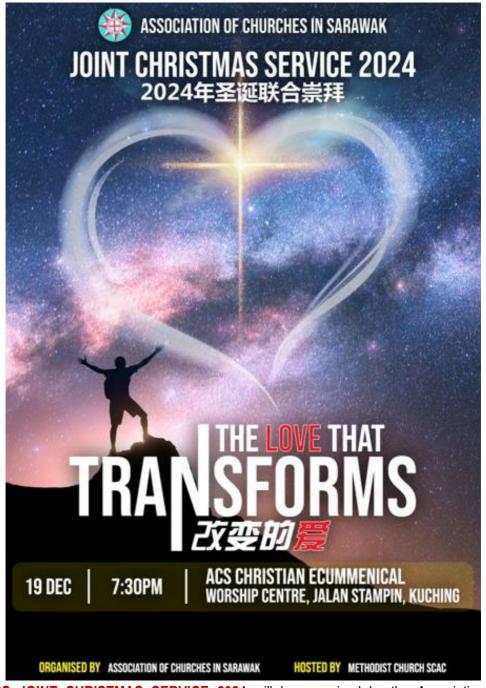
Date (Day)	Venue	
16 th December (Monday)	Ct. Joseph's Cothodral Kushing	
17 th December (Tuesday)	St. Joseph's Cathedral, Kuching	



<u>SEEKERS ADVENTURE</u> - KAYC (Kuching Archdiocesan Youth Commission) is inviting young adults to an Advent retreat entitled "ADVENTure 2024" from 13th to 15th December at The Pondok @ Sirru, Sematan. This is a weekend get-away to pray and ponder, go deeper in faith and love, and to grow dearer in life. For further information and registration, please scan the QR code.



"LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS" - A CHARITY CONCERT will be organised by the Kuching Choral Society (KCS) on Friday & Saturday, 13th & 14th December from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Joseph Grand Hall, Level 3, A.C.C.P.C.. Tickets priced at RM50, RM80 and RM100 may be purchased via the QR code provided or click this link: https://forms.gle/K7rzMjc2giuFUg4E9. For further information, please contact KCS hotline: 010-7670969 or via their Facebook or Instagram @kuchingchoralsociety. All proceeds raised are to support local charitable organisations including Two Tree Lodge Hospice Kuching, National Cancer Society Malaysia (Sarawak Branch) and Kuching Life Care Society. Please give your fullest support.



ACS JOINT CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2024 will be organised by the Association of Churches in Sarawak (ACS) and hosted by the Methodist Church SCAC on Thursday, 19th December, 7:30 pm at the Christian Ecumenical Worship Centre, Jalan Stampin. All are welcome.



KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND COLUMBARIA SERVICES

It all starts with charity.

Seeking your generous and kind contribution to maintain and improve the facilities within the compound of all our cemeteries.

The Custodian

Rev. Fr Vincent Chin





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Maybank Account

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- Remark "For KCCCS"
- WhatsApp to 016-8899237 proof of transfer if you need receipt.

OR

Drop KCCCS envelopes into

the collection bags during weekend masses at any parish in the Archdiocese.



APPEAL FOR DONATION

APPEAL FOR DONATION TO THE KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & COLUMBARIA SERVICES (KCCCS) - The Custodian of KCCCS is appealing for your generous donation for the maintenance and upkeep of our Catholic cemeteries and improvement of its facilities. Please support!

<u>S PAY GLOBAL / SARAWAK PAY QR CODE STICKERS</u> on the Church pews are made available for the convenience of our parishioners and also to facilitate weekend Mass collections. However, these stickers quite often need to be replaced because they were found partially torn or defaced. We appeal to parents not to let your young children play, tear or draw on these stickers



<u>CATHOLIC FUNERAL & BURIAL SERVICE</u> - The Catholic Mutual Benefit Society (CMBS) of the Kuching Archdiocese provides assistance to bereaved families at the time of death. Their services include providing advice regarding Christian rituals, cemetery plots, columbarium, caskets, transportation, arrangement for funeral masses, wake prayers for the dead, etc..

For more information regarding membership or in time of need / bereavement, **Catholics** are advised to contact the following persons for assistance to avoid unnecessary hassle and confusion with regards to Catholic funeral rites and services:

CMBS Office: Beatrice Mary Goh (Tel: 082-244493) On-call: Christopher Chin (Hp: 019-8563438)

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR MASS OFFERING (MO) & COMBINED REQUIEM MASS (CRM) - Parishioners may offer Mass online via the below links:

Туре	Links
Mass Offering (MO)	https://forms.gle/APkbscLMAG2Bcd7F9
Combined Requiem Mass (CRM)	https://forms.gle/yNixf4JrhMN61Z9h9

To offer Mass, parishioners can also visit our Parish website: https://stjosephkuching.org. If you face any difficulty registering using the above link, please email your queries to sicoffice@yahoo.com.my and our admin staff will revert soonest.

Mass Offering (MO) intentions will be offered by our priests privately on a daily basis except on Sunday. Any request for a mass to be said for your prayer intention on a 'specified' date must be submitted to the Parish Office <u>at least one week in advance</u>. Otherwise, your prayer intentions will be offered up at any time (at the discretion of our priests).

Intentions for Combined Requiem Mass (CRM) in December will be offered on Friday, 20th December. Please send in your CRM form with proof of payment by Thursday, 19th December before 12:00 noon.

Note: The stipend (money) given by the Christian faithful for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention is not a fee but an expression of our gratitude to God and our contribution to the Church. Official receipts will be issued by the Parish Office accordingly.



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THE BUNAN RESILIENCE PROJECT is a pilot project of the Archdiocese of Kuching to support the farmers of Bunan by marketing their produce in Kuching. By doing so, we help them to remain economically resilient in the face of growing uncertainties. Visit https://kuchingcjc.com/ and order fresh, locally-grown produce for your family while supporting an entire community!

Orders received by Thursday noon each week can be collected on Saturday mornings at either the A.C.C.P.C. Car park (St. Joseph's Cathedral ground) OR Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang. Payment is by cash during pick-up. In the future, we hope to establish more pick-up centres at other parishes. **Come support the Bunan Resilience Project TODAY!**

<u>SJC COUNSELLING CENTRE</u> is offering counselling service and emotional support for individuals, couples, family and support groups for various issues.

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Please call, WhatsApp or email to: Counselling Office Tel: 082-258046 Email: sjckch.counsellor@gmail.com
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Kimberly Hp: 018-3539799 Nelly Hp: 018-2529899

Note:

- The centre is closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- Love-offering for the Church will be collected from our clients.

OPENING HOURS

Church Offices	SJC Parish Office	SJC Catechetical Office	Archdiocesan Library & History Gallery
Monday to Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	8:30 am - 12:00 noon
	082-423424 / 423425 (Front Office Staff: Annie / Joanna)	082-412650 (Catechetical Staff: Sarah / Ronita / Angeline)	082-420802 (Library Staff: Olivia Inoi)
Contact Nos.	WhatsApp: 082-423424 OR go to	WhatsApp: 082-412650	
	https://wa.me/6082423424 Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my	Email: sjckch.faithformation@ gmail.com	

Note:

- The above offices are closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- For sick calls after normal office hours, please contact Hp: 016-8922633.

HOLY CROSS CENTRE (located at No. 681, Lorong 1, Jalan Bayor Bukit, Tabuan Jaya, 93350 Kuching. Tel.: 082 363945) is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. Wearing face mask is compulsory. Praying over and consultation will be done at the porch area. (The centre is closed on public holidays, major Church feast days, or otherwise informed.) The Holy Cross Ministry's weekly Fellowship is held every Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Sts. John & Lucy Conference Hall, Level 2, A.C.C.P.C. (except on public holidays).

DAILY MASS & HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Venue	Daily Mass	Holy Hour
Carmelite Chapel	Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am (English)	Friday, 7:30 pm (English)
Weekday Chapel,		
St. Joseph's	Monday - Friday, 5:30 pm (English)	-
Cathedral		

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Venue	Day	Time	Language	Remarks
	Saturday	6:00 pm	English	• Car park in front of the
St. Joseph's Cathedral	Sunday	7:00 am*	English	Cathedral is RESERVED for cars ferrying elderly
		9:00 am*	Mandarin	passengers, particularly those
		11:00 am*	BM	with special needs and those with walking difficulty.
		5:00 pm	English	After Mass, the back gate next
Carmelite Chapel	Sunday	8:00 am	English	to the Sarawak Club will be opened for cars to exit the Cathedral compound.

^{*}Live-stream Mass.

Please go to https://www.facebook.com/arch.kuching

GENERAL REMINDER

Parishioners are reminded to show reverence to the Lord and consideration for others as follows. We seek your kind cooperation and understanding so that we can all worship comfortably as a Church:

- Please arrive early and be seated at least 10 minutes before Mass begins to avoid causing unnecessary interruption or distraction.
- The sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration urges all participants to **dress appropriately** when entering the Church for Holy Mass and manifest the importance of what we are doing as a worshipping community.
- Wearing of face masks in Church is no longer mandatory but highly encouraged, especially in crowded and closed environment.
- Those sick with flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose, etc.) are to exercise prudence and refrain from joining the congregation in Church.

PROPER ATTIRE

T-SHIRT OR LONG SLEEVES



BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES



POLO SHIRT OR COLLARED SHIRT



KNEE-LENGTH DRESS WITH SLEEVES



JEANS OR SLACKS



KNEE-LENGTH SKIRTS



SHOES

IMPROPER ATTIRE



SLEEVELESS AND PLUNGING NECKLINES



TUBES AND RACERBACKS



SINGLETS



SHORT SKIRTS



SHORTS



CAP



SLIPPERS

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTION AND DONATIONS

Parishioners are encouraged to <u>contribute weekly</u> to help defray the Cathedral's operations and maintenance cost.

Please make your donations via **S Pay Global** by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is '**St. Joseph's Cathedral**' before confirming the transaction.

You may also drop your weekly donations into the big wooden Collection Boxes placed at the Cathedral entrances OR do **online transfer or cash deposit** to St. Joseph's Cathedral Bank Account as follows:



St. Joseph's Cathedral

Archbishop of Kuching Saint Josephs Cathedral Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511038613081



<u>PENITENTIAL SERVICES</u> - Priest will be available to hear confessions half an hour before the Sunset and Sunday Masses at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please maintain physical distancing and do not congregate at the area while waiting for your turn to make your confession.

Kindly adhere to the following SOP. Penitents are to:

- ☑ Keep face mask on at all times.
- ☑ Be well-prepared to make confession without undue delay.
- ☑ Perform penance after returning to seat in the Church.
- ☑ Bring own hand sanitiser.

THE NOVENA DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP is held every Saturday at 5:00 pm before the 6:00 pm English Sunset Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. All are welcome. Those attending only the Novena are to be seated at the loft opposite the Choir. Parishioners can also submit your petition request or letter of thanksgiving through the google online form at https://forms.gle/oTqtZMQsr1hC5PDr6.

ONLINE CALVARY HOUR OF MERCY

Day	Language	Time	Zoom link
Sunday	English	2:55 pm - 4:00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178307498? pwd=UVZ6MTdJSmRyeDZwUTMweC95U
Monday	English		FBDdz09
Tuesday	Mandarin		Meeting ID: 861 7830 7498 Passcode: prayhour



3 O'CLOCK

HE HOUR OF **GREAT MERCY YOU are invited to our Daily Devotion to** THE DIVINE MERC

Venue: Day Chapel, St. Joseph's Cathedral Time: 3pm

DIVINE MERCY PROMISES

"...you can obtain everything for vourself and for others for the asking: it was the hour of grace for the whole world."

"... Through the CHAPLET you will obtain everything. if what you ask for is compatible with My will."



"By means of this IMAGE I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

fell me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification.

A suffering soul is closest to My Heart."



<u>DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION IN MANDARIN</u> is held **every Saturday**, **3:00 pm** at **Mother Mary Prayer Room**, 1st floor, Parish Centre. All are welcome!

<u>DONATIONS</u> FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED - Please continue to support the Catholic Welfare Services financially as we minister to the poor and needy in our midst irrespective of race or creed. Parishioners may donate to C.W.S. via S Pay Global by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is 'Catholic Welfare Services' before confirming the transaction. Parishioners may also do online transfer or cash deposit to the following:



Catholic Welfare Services

Catholic Welfare Services Council Sarawak Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511234019806

Please contact or WhatsApp **Ms. Angelina William Hp: 010-6581641 / Tel: 082-241407** once you have made the donation. Tax Exempt Receipts will be issued accordingly.

<u>BAPTISM OF BABIES</u> is conducted in English or Bahasa Malaysia in the Cathedral. Parents with babies to be baptised are to register online at https://formfaca.de/sm/y2oT0Qf_P and upload the scanned copy of all the required documents stipulated below:

Parents	Sponsor (Godparent)
✓ Your child's Birth certificate or	✓ MyKad (or Passport)
Adoption certificate	✓ Baptismal certificate
✓ MyKid (if any)	✓ Confirmation certificate
✓ Family Record Book	✓ Family Record Book or
-	Marriage certificate (issued by Catholic Church)

Only Parents who have submitted complete set of the required documents will be accepted and the Parish Office will inform you when and where to attend the Rite of Baptism in due course. You will then be required to send in your original Family Record Book for updating before the actual rite.

According to Canon Law # 874, a Sponsor (Godparent) must be a baptised, confirmed and practising Catholic. If married, his / her marriage must already be blessed in the Catholic Church. (This does not apply to those who were not Catholics [both husband & wife] at the time of their civil marriage).

<u>THE SSVP THRIFT SHOP</u> is open **every Sunday** from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. All proceeds will be for the poor and needy. Please support!

REMINDER TO ALL DONORS

Kindly donate goods & clothing that are in decent and sellable condition to the SSVP Thrift Shop. Your kind understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL (SGH) APPEAL FOR BLOOD DONATION

Parishioners are encouraged to donate blood at **SGH Blood Bank anytime from Monday to Friday**, **7:30 am till 4:00 pm**. For inquiries, please call the SGH Blood Bank Tel. No.: 082-276797 or 010-8578909 (Mr. Borhan).



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