



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

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A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am
Now in the main church
Weekend Eucharist Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español))
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00 am
Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am & Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm
Holy Day Celebrations: 12:15pm and 7:15 pm
Misa en Español: Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated in the community at any one of the weekend Masses. Parents must complete the preparation program (offered every other month). Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

Marriage: This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

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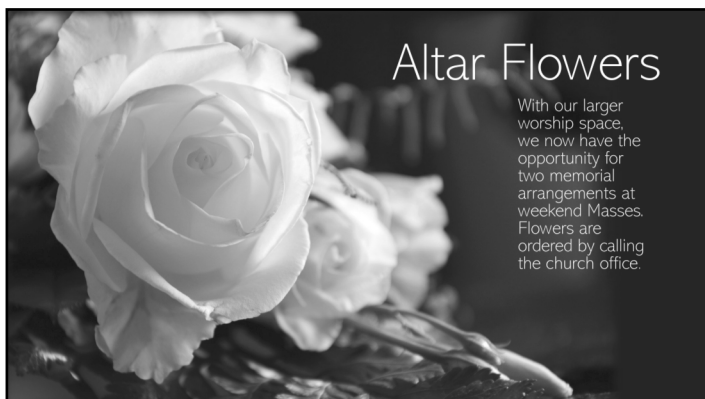
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Mission Statement

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to live and proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us. We strive in our rich diversity to be a community of welcome and hospitality: one with the Risen Christ, each other, and the whole Church. Through the Word of God and the life of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are empowered to engage in a variety of ministries of service to the parish family and the communities where we live.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:**
*Dr. & Mrs. Francis Sido
IN HONOR OF
The Marriage of Their Daughter Desiri
to Cornelius Williams*



Altar Flowers

With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two memorial arrangements at weekend Masses. Flowers are ordered by calling the church office.

Masses This Week

Saturday, June 19, 2021
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, June 20, 2021
9:15am Harold Schwartz +
11:00am For the People

Monday, June 21, 2021
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in Tagalog
LiveStream and In-Person

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
No Service

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
No Service

Thursday, June 17, 2021
No Service

Friday, June 18, 2021
No Service

Collections

Collection 06-13-2021: \$16,845.00

Thank you for your support of the parish!

***St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel
Open Monday-Friday for Private Prayer
From 8:30am to 4:15pm
Daily Mass will now be said in Church.***

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$1092.00.00 to Family Promise. This week our tithe goes to BREAD providing food and groceries to the homeless, elderly and low-income individuals and/or families of Gaston County.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, June 26, 2021—5:00pm

Reader: Larry Capps

EMCs: Mary Beth Halstead, Diane Hess

Cross Bearer:

Sunday, June 27, 2021—9:15am Mass

Reader: Lisa Davis

EMCs: Joe Bruno, Richard Swakla

Cross Bearer: Caitlyn Federation

Hospitality Ministers: Julie Andrews, Kimber Walters

Sunday, June 27, 2021—11:00am Mass

Reader: Thomas Sims

EMCs: Therease Metivier, Bethsy San-Millan

Hospitality Ministers: Judy Dobies, Rich Ryan

Cross Bearer: Tommy Dobies

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.



Hospitality Ministers Needed

As we try to return to more normal celebrations, we need additional Hospitality Ministers for our weekend Masses. If you think you might be called to this ministry, please contact Chrissy Glisson at music@queenoftheapostles.org or 704-825-9600 ext 28.

From the Pastor's Desk ...

On this Father's Day weekend, I'd like to share a reflection that I gave at the Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph in March. Since St. Joseph is known as the foster father of Jesus, we can look to him with filial affection as well, trusting in his intercession for us.

A famous image of Saint Joseph, which you might have seen, depicts the saint, holding the Child Jesus, and standing near the Blessed Mother. Although that description could be applied to a great number of depictions of Saint Joseph, this one is unique because, in it, an angel holds out a representation of Saint Peter's Basilica to him — as Saint Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church — and Joseph stretches out his hand over the church in a gesture of protection, of caretaking. On a scroll above the scene is written a Latin phrase:

Ite ad Joseph!

Go to Joseph!

This, as we might expect, is a quotation from Sacred Scripture — but we might, at first, be surprised by the source. It doesn't come from any Gospel account of the life of Saint Joseph but from the Book of Genesis: it referred literally to the Patriarch Joseph, son of Jacob. As we read in the Book of Genesis: "When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do'" (Genesis 41:55).

Go to Joseph. Do what he says. Joseph will provide.

This unwitting prophecy of Pharaoh, and the type, or foreshadowing, seen in the Patriarch Joseph — who provided for his people in their need — are brought to fulfillment in Saint Joseph, protector and husband of the Virgin Mary, and foster father of the Lord Jesus.

It's not hard to imagine both Our Lady and our Lord "going to Joseph" repeatedly throughout their common life on earth as the Holy Family. We know how well Joseph watched over Jesus and Mary, protecting them during their exile in Egypt, caring for them in their home in Nazareth. We can easily picture Mary going to Joseph to ask for his help with some task, or the Child Jesus going to Joseph in order to progress in learning some finer point of craftsmanship.

Pharaoh told a people in need to "Go to Joseph" and to do what he says. Mary and Jesus went to Joseph to provide for their needs. We stand in need, too, of many things: above all, we hunger for God, who alone can fill the emptiness we sometimes feel within us. And so, we too are called to go to Joseph. We can't do what he says, exactly, because we know that he doesn't actually say anything in the Gospels. But we can always follow the example of who he was, and what he did: he was a righteous person (see Matthew 1:19) and he kept the commandments. We know, too, that he is more than a faraway example of holiness: he is someone to whom we can still go for his help — and, on this Father's Day, let's bring to him the petitions in our own hearts, and all the situations in our lives that could use a little extra intercessory prayer.

Happy Father's Day!

Fr. Paul

Church Website— Now Also in Spanish

Our church's website now has the option to be viewed in Spanish! Just click on the EN box and you will have the option to click on the ES option to view our site in Spanish. If you are viewing the website via your smartphone, please click on the menu box (three lines) at the top of the screen. You will then see the flag symbol at the very bottom in which you can then switch to Spanish.

PROJECT ST. ANNE

Thanks to all who so generously responded to our appeal benefitting Project St. Anne. Please know that the people of St. Anne Parish in Camp Perrin are enormously grateful to you. If you were unable to donate yet, we will be collecting for them until the end of the month. You can contribute by writing a check to Queen of the Apostles and writing PSA in the memo field. If you would like to sponsor a child for school, please make your check out for \$150 and write PSA Sponsorship in the memo field.

A Home for All:

History of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church By Jack H. Morris

A hardbound edition of parishioner Jack Morris's history of our parish and the area Catholic community is available for purchase through the church office. The office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30. The cost for this beautiful edition is \$30. (Please add \$12 for shipping if your book needs to be mailed.) Please provide exact cash amount, a check or money order for in person purchases. Electronic payments may be made through online giving at www.queenoftheapostles.org.

Prepaid sales only may be picked at weekend Masses. No sales will take place at church.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9;

Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22;
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18;

Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18;

Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10;

Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;

1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6;

Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22;

Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15;

Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24;

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;

Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:

Patrick Bragg (Ivy Nursing Center, Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler, Jay Petruska

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Father's Day;

World Refugee Day;

Summer begins

Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola;

Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More

Thursday: The Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to

prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org or

phoned in to the church office at 704-825-

9600. If you would like to join the prayer

ministry and do not have access to a

computer but have VOICE MAIL, please

contact the church office. You will be called

with the daily prayer requests.

Stewardship

"With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy." (Sirach 35:8)

LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND
IN THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH
GATHERING SPACE

Online Centering Prayer

The Belmont Centering Prayer group meets online on Mondays at noon for approximately 30 minutes. Centering Prayer is a form of Christian meditation that emphasizes interior silence. For more information or to join the online meetings, please contact Peggy Geiger at dokgee16@gmail.com or 704-517-0192

Friends Helping Friends

Registered parishioners are invited to post requests for services needed or services they are able to provide on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Please use only the forms provided on the shelf beneath the board—no personal notices or resumes. Please copy the information from the board if you are making use of it and leave the posted slips so that others may also take advantage of the opportunities.



Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be sent to the Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Center which is haven for homeless in Gaston County that also provides day shelter,

laundry and connections to other community resources and services. Assistance is available for victims of abuse and domestic violence, helping them to find safe shelter and providing counseling. There are also programs for those struggling with addiction. Our tithing helps pay for incidental needs not covered by grants or other funding. Donations of gently used clothing, household appliances and furniture are greatly appreciated. Volunteers can help with organizing and distributing goods. To learn more, go to www.phoenixcc.us.

Help Pay Down the Mortgage

Please consider helping to pay down the mortgage with either a one-time or recurring donation. You can do this either online (select "Building Fund") or by writing a check (write "Building Fund" in the memo line).

Rosary Makers

Need a rosary repaired? Simply put your broken rosary parts in an envelope with your name and phone number and drop at the church office. We also teach how to make twine rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. We meet from 10:30am-12:30pm one Saturday a month. We will meet again on Saturday, **August 21**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Marilyn Warmington at 704-827-0823.

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Please be generous to the DSA. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may complete one located at the exits and return it to the office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

community happenings

Fundraiser Committee Meeting

Our 1st Annual Church Fundraiser Auction Event will be held on Saturday, **February 26, 2022**. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, please come to one of two information sessions on Tuesday, **June 22** in Drexel Hall (the old church). The morning session will be at 10:00am; the evening session will be at 6:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Gardner at 704-813-8534 or Stacey Phillips at 704-608-3403.

June Food Collection

Donations for the June food collection go to SOCKS. They are requesting jelly, jelly, jelly, dry cereals and condiments such as ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. Please bring your food items to church the weekend of **June 26-27**. The Knights of Columbus will be available to accept your donations for delivery. Thank you to the Knights for helping us throughout the year and for your generosity.

Bottles for Babies

Please remember to bring your coin-filled baby bottles by Father's Day weekend, **June 19-20** when the Knights will collect them. The Knights of Columbus are holding a Bottles for Babies fundraiser to raise money for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gastonia to purchase an ultrasound machine. Plastic baby bottles will be available at Masses or in the church office. You can still pick one up!

Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study meets next in person on Monday, **August 2** in the MAK Family Life Center following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. Contact Roger Duncan at freedomrld05@yahoo.com or (412) 289-9147 if you are interested in joining the group or need more information.

Inquiry Session

Are you interested in discovering the Catholic Faith? Come to our Inquiry Session in Katharine Drexel Hall on Sunday, **July 11 or August 15** at 2:00pm. Our RCIA Team would love to meet with you and discuss your journey. For more information, call Sally Williams at 704-616-0058.

Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly rotating through in different languages. *Recitation is now in-person as well as LiveStream!* You can connect by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the icon. The rosary will be recited on **June 21** in Tagalog and **June 28** in English.

2021 K of C NC State Raffle Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the K of C NC State Raffle. Congratulations to the winners. 1st Place \$5000: Andrew Ecuhoff sold by council #12119; 2nd Place \$4000: Anne Modrow sold by council #10504; 3rd Place \$500: Scott Roberts sold by council @12017; 4th Place \$500: Ray Brica sold by council #12266; 5th Place \$400: Sara Mosson sold by council #13532; 6th Place \$400: Christine Kroutz sold by council #12266; and 7th Place \$200: Enrico Montarino sold by council #6451.

Upcoming Blood Drive—Mark Your Calendars!

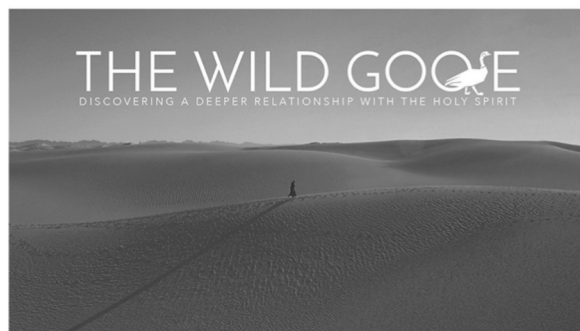
On Saturday, **July 17**, OneBlood will have two buses in our front parking lot from 9:00am –2:00pm. You will be able to donate whole blood (single or double reds) as well as platelets. To sign up, please go to www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use the sponsor code button to find our drive. Use sponsor code 50873 and choose between the red cell or platelet donation buses.

June 20, 2021

WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE

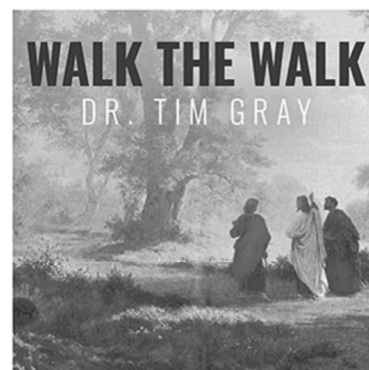


St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

LISTEN

WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God's plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families, workplaces, and communities.



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REGISTRATION OPEN!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is available virtually the week of **Sunday, June 27—Thursday, July 1**. This program will be virtual with take-home VBS fun packs to go along with the videos. Join us this year for Treasured - Discovering You're Priceless to God! VBS take-home kits will be available for pickup starting Monday, June 21 in the Library of St. Katharine Drexel Hall! Register online by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org!

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION (GRADES, RISING 1ST - 5TH)

IN-PERSON PROGRAM ON CAMPUS! DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 30, 2021! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!

Registration is open for our Summer Faith Formation religious education program for children grades first through fifth grades! This program runs from **Sunday, July 11-Thursday, July 15 & Sunday, July 18-Thursday, July 22** in-person at church! Register today online at www.queenoftheapostles.org. This program fulfills a one-year requirement of religious education. Children should bring a peanut-free light snack for classroom break. This two-week condensed program operating from 6:00-8:00pm each evening covers the yearly curriculum. For more information, please contact Debbie Seeger, Director of Faith Formation at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or email formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Please note that the Diocese requires two consecutive years of religious education or attending a Catholic school to participate in the sacrament programs. Our sacrament programs are in addition to our religious education programs. Signups are required for both First Sacraments and Confirmation programs.

Signup for First Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) will be in September and signup for Confirmation will be in October.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We are excited to announce that we will now be using *Alive in Christ* for grades Pre-K through 8. The elementary program for grades Pre-K through 5, will now take place on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm and the middle school program and youth ministry for grades 6, 7 & 8 will take place on Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm. LifeTeen High School Youth will also meet on Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm. More information and registration for all programs can be found online at our website, www.queenoftheapostles.org.

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Message of Gratitude for Backpack Program from Local Schools

Our Weekend Backpack Ministry coordinator, Julie Russo has received these thanks from the County program director:

We have been receiving responses to school surveys that were sent recently. We wanted to share some of the comments from staff at North Belmont and Webb Street about the program and its impact on their students. Here are some of them:

"I have several examples of families struggling with homelessness who have needed the additional nutritional support through BWFP. Offering an additional resource offers hope during a very difficult time."

"We have students who had nothing at home to eat and without the BWFP, they would have gone hungry."

"It makes sure that my student has food for the weekend. The parent is truly grateful."

"The food helped the child and family not worry about where a next meal was coming from, which in turn helps the child think about academics."

"Students look forward to the bags each week. It becomes a source of comfort for them."

"Families are in need of food and basic resources especially during a pandemic."

"As teachers the program helps us know our students have necessary items that provide nutrition while out of school. The students definitely look forward to these items as well as their families!"

From Julie:

I can't thank you enough for your generous support to make our Backpack Weekend Program successful. The children we provide food for are so grateful for this support. Without you, this ministry wouldn't be possible and I thank all of you for your support. It means so much to "Live Jesus" and to love one another and to "feed the hungry" and get direct feedback from those we are helping. Thank you, parish family, for all that you do!

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noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Formación de nuestra fe en español

Recuerden nuestra invitación para seguir creciendo y aprendiendo juntos. Todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm, debido a lo ocurrido con la pandemia nos estamos reuniendo vía zoom. Así que con gusto los esperamos para aprender más de nuestra fe católica.

Colecta de Comida

La colecta de comida del mes de junio estará destinada para SOCKS Ellos estarán necesitando. Gelatinas, cereales, ketchup, mayonesa y mostaza traigan sus donaciones a la iglesia el fin de semana del 26 de junio al 27 de junio Los Caballeros de colon estarán para aceptar sus donaciones para entrega. Gracias a los Caballeros por ayudarnos durante todo el año y gracias a ustedes por su generosidad.



Reflexion

Marcos nos trae el evangélico que parece girar en torno a dos preguntas que brotan espontáneas de la boca de los discípulos de Jesús: Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos hundamos? En la pregunta se esconde ya la respuesta. Es claro que, a Jesús, sí le importan sus discípulos. Los ha elegido personalmente. Y presta atención a sus problemas y dificultades. Al Señor le preocupa siempre la suerte de sus seguidores. Esta es la pregunta de la desconfianza por parte de los seguidores de Jesús. ¿Pero quién es éste a quien el viento y las aguas obedecen? También en esta pregunta se incluye la respuesta. Jesús es un hombre en quien se hace presente la fuerza del Dios que había puesto fronteras a los mares. Esta es la pregunta que revela el camino que conduce a la fe y al testimonio de la fe en el enviado por Dios. Así pues, los seguidores de Jesucristo hemos de saber que la fe no va ahorrarnos las dificultades y los riesgos. Pero, aun en medio de las dificultades, hemos de comportarnos con la confianza y la esperanza que brotan de la fe. Este evangelio que hoy leemos nos viene muy bien porque celebramos la clausura de nuestro curso pastoral.

Haciendo balance hemos tenido momentos de dudas, de certezas, pero siempre hemos sentido el apoyo de Jesús que ha salido a nuestro encuentro. Como comunidad nos hemos apoyado mutuamente, trabajando codo con codo para que en este balance final nos sintamos contentos de haber sido fieles a la palabra de Dios. Somos una comunidad viva, alegre que tiene en el centro de su vida a Jesús de Nazaret. Cristo no está lejos de nosotros; duerme junto al timón, para que cuando nuestra fe desfallezca, cuando estemos tristes y desamparados, Él tome el timón de nuestra vida. Además, en el mar de nuestra vida brilla una estrella; relampaguea en el cielo de nuestra alma la estrella de María, para que no perdamos el rumbo.



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