



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 23, 2014



UNDER CONSTRUCTION
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**See Page 3 for
changes
scheduled this
week.**

Parish Office

770 - 432-8579

Fax. 770 - 432-8570

Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday
9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
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Tuesday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM
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Preschool Office

770-293-1267

Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

678-626-3939 (English Hotline)
678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
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English Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 12 Noon
Wednesday: 6:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 PM
Saturday Vigil: ... 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM

Adoration

Wednesdays:..... 7:30 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM
Jueves: 8:00 PM
Sábado: 7:30 PM
Domingo: 6:00 AM
2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Confesión:

Sábados: 6:30 PM
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

OFFER
Thanks
UNTO THE LORD
II Timothy 2:15

**On behalf of your Clergy, Staff, and fellow parishioners
I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.**
*It is truly a special day that our faith in God helps us to observe.
Let us savor the fact that our nation, the United States of America,
takes a day and frees people up to gather with family and friends to share a meal
and enjoy one another's company.*

*This makes it a sacred day. It brings out the best in so many people as we give thanks for the
many blessings we enjoy. The food drives, the outreach to the poor and homeless,
as well as the invitations that we make to those that might be alone were it not for an invitation to
gather at your table. To be alone on Thanksgiving Day would be sad in my opinion.*

I look forward to our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
*What a beautiful celebration we had last year! The spirit of gratitude and joy was phenomenal.
Join us to start the day off in the Lord's house (better than any parade on T.V.).*

All good gifts come from God and heaven above.
So thank the Lord, yes, thank the Lord for all his love.
(P.S. Enjoy the day without having to go shopping as well. It will all be there on Friday if God wills!)

Thank you for your being in our parish.
Fr. Brian

**Bilingual Mass on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m.
Misa Bilingüe el Jueves, 27 de Noviembre, a las 9:00 a.m.**



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, M.S. (x128) ▪ Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. ▪ Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)
▪ **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett ▪ Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson ▪ Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell ▪ Deacons Office (x106)

Parish Mission: December 15th -17th.

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.
SAVE THE DATE!

**Our parish Mission is scheduled to be from December 15th to 17th
from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every night.**

The mission will be led by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. D'Ambrosio earned his Ph.D. in theology and biblical interpretation under the guidance of the renowned Avery Cardinal Dulles.

In 2001 he left university teaching to direct the www.CrossroadsInitiative.com, an international apostolate of evangelization and renewal. Dr. D'Ambrosio is a New York Times best-selling author, Catholic TV host, and has appeared on different forums as an expert commentator on Catholic issues.

You can visit his website at www.dritaly.com



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Adopt-A-Family For Christmas

In the past STA families and ministries have adopted families for Christmas through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The Adopt-A-Family Program has been such a rewarding and blessed experience for those that have participated that SVdP continues to make it available to the broader STA parish community. If you and your family or ministry would like to personally adopt and help a family less fortunate than your family, this is a great opportunity to enhance and bless your Christmas spirit by sharing your material blessings with others.

For more information about Adopt-A-Family contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

SVdP de Santo Tomás: Adopta una Familia esta Navidad

En el pasado las familias y ministerios de Santo Tomás han adoptado familias para la Navidad a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVdP.) El Programa de Adopción de una Familia ha sido una experiencia tan gratificante y bendecida para los que han participado, que SVdP de nuevo lo ofrece a la comunidad en general.

Si usted, su familia o su ministerio le gustaría adoptar personalmente y ayudar una familia menos afortunado, esta es una gran oportunidad para intensificar y bendecir su espíritu de la Navidad compartiendo sus bendiciones materiales con otros.

Para más información favor de llamar a Don Sabbarese al 770-435-3024. Gracias.

"Undecorating" of the Advent Giving Tree Continues! Your Help is Needed!!

Please help the many ministries at St. Thomas share God's love by reaching out to our neighbors in need during this Advent Season. You can help by selecting an ornament from the Giving Tree which lists a gift request for simple things like a pair of gloves, a gift card to Target, or a few cans of tuna fish. These items will be given as Christmas gifts to our neighbors in need through eleven local organizations and ministries; St. Vincent de Paul, Crossroads Soup Kitchen, Central Presbyterian Night Shelter, Open Door Shelter, Autumn Breeze Nursing Home, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home, Missionaries of the Poor, Pro-Life Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and House of Dreams.

Árbol de Regalos

Nuestra parroquia estará recolectando donaciones para el Arbol de Regalos del 15 de noviembre al 7 de diciembre. Tomen un adorno de papel del árbol, compren y envuelvan el artículo que aparece listado, coloquen el adorno de papel en el regalo a manera de colilla. Traigan sus regalos de vuelta al Área Común a más tardar el 7 de diciembre.



How to participate in the 2014 Advent Giving Tree Collection:

It's easy as 1-2-3-4!

1. **REMOVE** one or more paper ornaments from the Giving Tree in the Commons area.
2. **BUY** the listed gift.
3. **WRAP** it nicely and **ATTACH** the paper ornament securely to the gift.
4. **PLACE** the gift under the Giving Tree by the Second Sunday of Advent, December 7th.



Coats4All Clothing Drive: Please, give us your unused, unwanted, but serviceable coats for those in need!

Now collecting any sized coats, from infants to full-sized adults! Please drop donations in the designated collection boxes that are available in the Commons Area and the Break Room near the kitchen through December 14th. For more information please contact the Knights of Columbus Community Director at: 770-569-3286, e-mail: trey@blancher.net

Abrigos Para Todos: Abrigos usados en buen estado para las personas necesitadas:

Por favor depositen sus donaciones de abrigos de todas las tallas (niños y adultos) en las cajas designadas disponibles en el pasillo de la cocina y el Area Común hasta el 14 de diciembre.



Updates for Week 6: November 24-28, 2014
 Actualización para la Semana 6: Noviembre 24-28, 2014

Roof Renovations Renovaciones en el Techo

Making progress on the roof!

New roof shingles have been installed on the north side of the church. Framing on the west side is done and the crew is now beginning work on the south (and last) side of the church. We pray for our parish during this time of re-construction of our sacred space for worship, for the safety of the laborers, and in thanksgiving for all who have contributed the financial support to make this happen. More updates next week!

¡Vamos progresando con el techo!

El tejado en el costado norte de la iglesia ha sido instalado. Los trabajadores continúan su labor en el costado oeste y sur del edificio. Rogamos por nuestra parroquia durante esta renovación de nuestro espacio sagrado, por la seguridad de los trabajadores, y damos gracias a todos los que han participado con su apoyo económico. ¡Más noticias la próxima semana!



Photo on the left:

New roof has been installed on the east and north side of the church!

Top Left Photo:

Inside the church, demolition of the west side glass panels!



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Changes scheduled for this week

Monday, 24 NOV

12:00PM English Mass (Social Hall)

Tuesday, 25 NOV

12:00PM English Mass (Social Hall)

Wednesday, 26 NOV

6:30AM English Mass (Community House)

7AM-6PM Adoration (Community House)

7:00PM English Mass (Community House)

Thursday, 27 NOV

9:00AM Bilingual Mass (Main Sanctuary)

Friday, 28 NOV

9:00AM English Mass (Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, 29 NOV & Sunday, 30 NOV

All Masses in the Main Sanctuary

Cambios programados para esta semana

Lunes, 24 NOV

7:30PM Misa en español (Salón Social)

Martes, 25 NOV

No actividades en la iglesia

Miércoles, 26 NOV

7AM-6PM Adoración (Casa Comunitaria)

Jueves, 27 NOV

9:00AM Misa Bilingüe (Iglesia)

Viernes, 28 NOV

No habrá Asamblea de Oración

Sábado, 29 NOV & Domingo, 30 NOV

Todas las Misas en la iglesia

Coming soon ...

November 27, 2014
 9:00 a.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Thanksgiving Mass
 Bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

December 6, 2014
 9:30 a.m.
 Social Hall
Breakfast with Santa
 Tickets on sale after Masses or call 404-849-8772.

December 11, 2014
 7:00 p.m.
 Cobb Galleria Center
Our Lady of Guadape
 Parish wide celebration

December 15-17, 2014
 7:00 p.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Parish Mission
 Guest speaker: Dr. Italia



**This Advent season,
enjoy the joy of giving!**

Bring St. Vincent de Paul donations for Christmas Baskets.

Trae viveres para las canastas de Navidad de San Vicente de Paúl.

Support our neighbors in need this Christmas by participating in the Giving Tree. See Page 2 for details.

Apoya a las personas necesitadas esta navidad participando en el Árbol de Regalos. Ver página 2 para más detalles.

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. See Page 2

Adopta una familia esta Navidad. Ver Página 2.

Donate Coats (any size) for people in need. More details on Page 2.

Regala abrigos (de cualquier tamaño) para las personas necesitadas. Ver página de 2 para más detalles.

Feed the Hungry Ministry: Help us feed “the least of our brothers” on Hollowell Parkway. This church ministry distributes sack lunches with meat and cheese sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, soft fruits and bottled water are distributed every Saturday morning on Hollowell Parkway.

For more information, please contact Pauline Bullard-Moore 678-234-6907 or Jo Baldwin 770-333-4659.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas Feast Day: December 12th

Guadalupe Novena: December 2nd—December 10th (Main Sanctuary)

Weekdays: Rosary at 8:00 p.m. / Spanish Mass at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Rosary at 7:00 p.m. / Spanish Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 5th:

8:00 p.m.	Bilingual Rosary
8:30 p.m.	Bilingual Mass (Main Sanctuary)

**Thursday, December 11th (NEW LOCATION: Cobb Galleria Centre)
2 Galleria Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339**

Bilingual Rosary and Mass. All other activities will be in Spanish.

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Traditional Dances / Enthronement of Virgin

8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Rosary (bilingual)
Reenactment of the Apparition

10:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m. Holy Mass (bilingual)

12:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m. Serenade (Las Mañanitas)

Friday, December 12th (Main Sanctuary at St. Thomas the Apostle)

All Masses in Spanish

2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (Expecting Parents and Children)

8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (Workers and Blessing of their Tools)

Celebración Guadalupana

Diciembre 2-10: Novena Guadalupana (Iglesia Santo Tomás el Apóstol)

Entre semana: Rosario a las 8:00 p.m. y Misa a las 8:30 p.m.

Fin de semana: Rosario a las 7:00 p.m. y Misa a las 7:30 p.m.

Viernes, 5 de diciembre: Rosario y Misa bilingüe

**Jueves, 11 de diciembre (NUEVA UBICACIÓN: Cobb Galleria Centre)
2 Galleria Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339**

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Danza Matachines / Entronización de la Virgen

8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Rosario (bilingüe)
Dramatización de la Aparición

10:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m. Santa Misa (bilingüe)

12:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m. Serenata (Las Mañanitas)

Viernes, Diciembre 12 (Iglesia Santo Tomás el Apóstol)

Todas las Misas en español

2:00 p.m. Misa (Bendición de Niños y Mujeres Embarazadas)

8:00 p.m. Misa (Bendición de Herramientas de Trabajo)



Parish Agenda

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

No PRESCHOOL

No PSR

9:00 AM BODY RECALL

12:00 PM MASS

† CHARLES HOELZER

† MARGARET HOELZER

7:30 PM MISA

8:00 PM EMA CHOIR

8:30 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

No PRESCHOOL

12:00 PM MASS

6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS

7:00 PM HOSPITALITY MEETING

8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No PRESCHOOL

No PSR

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE

7:00 AM ADORATION

7:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM PSR

7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND

8:30 PM SMALL COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No PRESCHOOL

No PSR

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM THANKSGIVING MASS

BILINGUAL



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

What? Children's Choir to lead music at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy (English).

For whom? Children in grades Kindergarten through 8 (Grade level is the determining factor, not age)

When and Where Are Rehearsals? Four rehearsals (mark these dates on your calendar!):

- Monday, December 1 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 15 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- Monday, December 22 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Music Room
- TUESDAY, December 23 – 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Note that there is no rehearsal on Monday, December 8th, because it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

What Is Required? Participating children must:

- Attend at least three of the four rehearsals in order to participate on Christmas Eve.
- BE ON TIME for rehearsal!
- Arrive for Christmas Eve liturgy by NO LATER THAN 3:15 p.m.
- Only the first 50 children registered will be allowed to participate. YOU MUST register in advance.



Register online at:

www.stthomastheapostle.org/cc-2014

or contact Patty Smith at 770-241-9343 to receive more information (or 678-626-3940 for SPANISH information.)

NOTE: This year at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, there will be two masses celebrated simultaneously: the children's mass in the Sanctuary and a traditional mass in the Social Hall. If you (or family members or friends) want to attend the children's liturgy in the Sanctuary, you MUST arrive very early for seats. Once capacity has been reached in the Sanctuary, individuals will be directed to Mass in the Social Hall.

Coro Navideños de Niños

Para niños desde kínder hasta el Grado 8 que deseen cantar en inglés durante la Misa de Niños del 24 de diciembre. Los ensayos inician el 1º de diciembre. Por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 101 para dar los datos de tus hijos y recibir materiales de práctica antes de que inicien los ensayos.



Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 11: 00 a.m.

3 persons \$22 - Each additional person \$4. Tickets on sale after Masses this week and next weekend

Full Breakfast, Photo with Santa and Shopping in Santa's Workshop (Free Gift Wrap)
Space is Limited...Buy your tickets early!

Come to Thanksgiving Day Mass

Bilingual Mass for Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Main Sanctuary on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Offices Closed

Our Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 26th and will reopen on Monday, December 1st, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. *La Oficina Parroquia estará cerrada a partir del miércoles al medio día debido al Día de Acción de Gracias. Reabriremos el lunes, 1º de diciembre.*

No PSR Classes this week. Classes will resume on Monday, December 1st, due to Thanksgiving holiday.

No habrá Catecismo esta semana debido al Día de Acción de Gracias. Las clases continúan el lunes, 1º de diciembre.

Eucharist Adoration

Each Wednesday in the Community House. Guardians needed!
See Page 6 for details.
Adoración al Santísimo todos los miércoles, en la Casa de la Comunidad. Se necesitan guardianes. Ver Página 6 para más detalles.

Calendar updated as of November 16, 2014.

<p>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00AM MASS HENRY & BARBARA SZWAK 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 4:00 PM QUINCEAÑERA</p>	<p>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR 8:00 AM DECORATE FOR ADVENT 11:30 AM QUIROZ QUINCEAÑERA 12:00 PM AFRICAN KIDS 2:00 PM CARRANZA WEDDING 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS 5:00 PM Vigil Mass † McGrath & Garger Families 7:30 PM MISA Carla Aguirre</p>	<p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 6:00 AM MISA † Francisco Javier Villegas 7:30 AM MASS † Gladys McDonald 9:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE) † William Chua Tan 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 11:30 AM MASS (NURSERY AVAILABLE) People of St. Thomas</p>	<p>2:00 PM MISA † Leonor Cruz 1:00 PM AFRICAN KIDS 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD 5:00 PM MASS † Elliot Savary 6:30 PM 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY 6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT 7:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA 7:30 PM MISA † José Luis Martínez † Carmelo Torres</p>
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Eucharistic Adoration

Have you ever thought about the fact that there are 168 hours in one week's time? What if you were to commit to spending one of those hours in quiet time in the presence of the Lord each week? It could be life-changing!

Eucharistic Adoration has taken place in our parish all day on Wednesdays since March of 2003.

Perhaps you don't know what you would do. Some suggestions are:

- Talk with Him about what is going wrong in your life as well as what is going right.
- Tell Him how grateful you are for His blessings in your life.
- Be still and savor the quiet.
- Pray for your needs and the needs of others.
- Exam your conscience in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Pray for direction and guidance.

The possibilities are endless!

In the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest, passion and crucifixion, Jesus invited His closest friends to keep watch with Him for one hour. Won't you consider doing the same?

**It is important that all the hours
from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on**

**Wednesdays be assigned so that the
Blessed Lord will not be left unattended
in the Community House.**

**Please call the parish office
or send an email to**

**stthomasga@stthomastheapostle.org in
order to reserve your hour with Jesus.
Blessings await!**

Olive Wood items for sale

Handcrafted olive-wood carvings from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Commons Area on December 6th-7th. Please support the families of crafters in Bethlehem by purchasing religious gifts.

Cooking for the Clergy

Every Sunday, our priests nourish us with the Bread of Life. We in turn have the privilege of bringing a Sunday Dinner to them. Join together with a friend or make it a family affair while you plan, shop and prepare a meal. **Please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 100 or sign up on the list in the Commons Area.** A big "Thank You" goes out to all the caring cooks who have brought Sunday dinners to our priests throughout the past months.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Lonely people: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Mentors of seminarians and religious: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.



In Our Prayers

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below.

The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

Robert Boassy
Consolecia Galam
Joy Hamby
Peter Ikoie
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Chichi Abibo
Marc Accilien
Joe Conwell
Pat Deacon
Debbie Morgan
Paul Raines
Nike Samo
Alice Vander

Barbara Butler
Benadeth Egwunwoke
James Hampton
Annette Howard
Evelyn Pacheco
Jacqueline Pearson
Pam Smith

Prayer Line

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a Prayer Line Ministry. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors. If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

PFP Andrew Ashibuogwu, USA - PVT Michael Ashibuogwu, USA - Sgt. John R Beuth ANG - ET3 Carolyn D. Brewer, USN - Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA - Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA - Ensign Tanner J. Collins, USN - Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC - SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG - SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA - LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN - Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA - 2LT Adam Fisk, USA - Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA - LCpl Michael A. Garcia, USMC - PFC Angie Georges, USA - LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC - SFC Charles Granke, USA - PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA - Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG - E3 Jeannie Hanemann, USN - E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN - Maj. Marise James, USAF - CDR Dominic R. Lovello USN - CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA - LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC - HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN - PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC - Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA - Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA - Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA - Seaman Héctor Sánchez, USN - Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA - CPT Anna Smith, ARNG - S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Contribute to the Altar Flower Fund / Flores para el Altar

The flowers this weekend are being offered by Jan Maerz
in memory of Virginia Wegel

A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower Fund please contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 101 or e-mail pvanburen@stthomastheapostle.org
The suggested donation is \$40.




Altar Flowers



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