



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 14, 2013

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**Office Hours**  
Monday—Thursday  
10:00AM—6:00PM

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770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

**Office Hours**  
Monday—Friday  
9:30AM - 12:00PM

### English Mass Schedule

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

**Confession:**  
Saturdays: 3:30 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

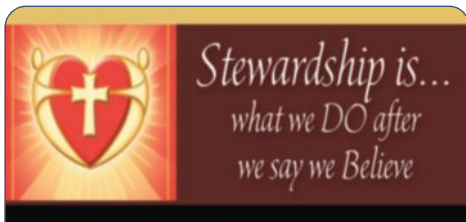
**Ignite!**  
Tuesday,  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
More details on Page 4.

**Worship** *Scripture*  
*Reflection* **COMMUNITY**  
*Music* **Prayer**

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**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121) • 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 Administrator:** Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)

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



**Offertory/Ofertorio April 6-7, 2013**

Budgeted ( <i>Proyección</i> ).....	\$38,000.00
Actual ( <i>Real</i> ) .....	<u>\$30,037.00</u>
Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ) .....	\$7,963.00

**FY 2013 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date**  
**Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real**

To Date Budget ( <i>Proyección</i> ) .....	\$1,558,000.00
To Date Actual ( <i>Real</i> ) .....	<u>\$1,053,367.00</u>
To Date Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ).....	\$504,633.00

**Operating Financial Statement (8 months)**  
**Costos de Operación (8 meses)**  
**as of February 28, 2013**

Revenue ( <i>Ingresos</i> ) .....	\$1,492,862.00
Expenses ( <i>Gastos</i> ) .....	<u>\$1,498,811.00</u>
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese .....	<u>\$228,089.00</u>
<i>(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis) FY 2012/2013</i>	
Loss from Operations .....	\$234,038.00
<i>(Pérdida por Operaciones)</i>	
Total Assessments .....	\$1,060,498.00
<i>still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2013</i>	
<i>(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis del 2010/2013)</i>	

**Update on our Capital Campaign**  
**Moving Forward In Hope**  
**Campaña Caminando en Esperanza**

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ) .....	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
Pledged to Date .....	<u>\$3,043,845.00</u>
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Pledges Deleted for non-Payment ....	<u>(\$657,000.00)</u>
<i>Compromisos eliminados debido a falta de pago</i>	
Net Pledges after Deletions .....	<u>\$2,386,845.00</u>
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date .....	\$1,838,736.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
<i>(Includes monies transferred from Hispanic Ministry)</i>	
Campaign Expenses .....	<u>(\$259,754.00)</u>
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date .....	<u>\$1,578,982.00</u>
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ) .....	1,309

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2013 (Week 10)**  
**Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2013 (Semana 10)**

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ).....	\$144,515.00
Total Pledged ( <i>Compromisos totales</i> ) ..	\$143,598.00
Paid to date ( <i>Pagos</i> ).....	\$46,785.00
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ) .....	664

**In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones**

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List.

- |                  |                |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| John Ashibogu    | Pamela Smith   | Retha Ansley        |
| Sunny Joiner     | Linda Wills    | Elizabeth Lawal     |
| Ann Offen        |                | Ras Rhoades         |
| Frances Ohanenye | Jairo Castro   | Dave Troughton, Sr. |
| Felicitas Ikoe   | David Hopkins  |                     |
| Jim Redding      | Cheryl Stanton |                     |

Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list above. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

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](mailto:vpandit@emory.edu)

**Pray For Our Troops / Oremos por nuestros soldados**

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

- |                                   |                                |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sgt. John R Beuth ANG             | Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA         | LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC   |
| CWO5 Kevin Scott Bera, USMC       | LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC       | HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN     |
| Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA | SFC Charles Granke, USA        | PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC      |
| Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA            | PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA   | Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA |
| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC     | Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA  |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG         | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN       | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA         |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA     | PFC Brian Harris, USA          | Christopher Sandoval              |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN           | Maj. Marise James, USAF        | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG              |
| Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA       | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello      | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA        |
| 2LT Adam Fisk, USA                | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA      | CW4 Anthony Veney, USA            |

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

**Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas para el próximo domingo**

April 21, 2013, 2013—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14B-17  
Gospel: John 10:27-30

For complete list of weekly readings please visit: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

**Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños March 30-31, 2013**



**Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area.**

Treasure (Tesoro): \$1,130.90  
Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento): ♥ I took care of my dog (Cuidé a mi perro) ♥ I helped cook (Ayudé a cocinar) ♥ Kissed sister good night (Le di un beso de buenas noches a mi hermanita) ♥ I helped the baby (Ayudé al bebé) ♥ Behaved well in school and chorus (Me porté bien en la escuela y el coro) ♥ I was obedient to my parents (Obediente con mis padres) ♥ I promise to be nice to my brother, Ivan (Prometo ser bueno con mi hermano, Iván) ♥ Not fighting (No peleo) ♥ Help my dad (Ayudar a mi papa) ♥ Joshua will love the Lord (Joshua amará a Dios) ♥ I helped a friend in my swimming class (Ayudé a un amigo en clase de natación) ♥ I stay on green all week (Me mantuve en verde toda la semana) ♥ I was a good boy (Fui un niño bueno) ♥

Kids Corner



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! - Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Wanted: Future kings and queens to royally rock VBS  
Register now to reserve your spot at the royal castle where kids will learn to *Stand Strong For God*.

**Date:** June 10th - 14th  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Social Hall  
**Ages:** 3 through 5th grade.

6th grade through adult royal volunteers needed for VBS!  
Registration Forms available outside the PSR Office (2nd floor) or call 770-432-5296 for more information.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) year is coming to an end.**

Thanks to everyone who supported the program this year!

Registration forms are being sent home with all the children registered in classes or home schooling this year...please fill the forms out and return them to the Religious Education office as soon as possible to ensure that your child will have a spot in our program next year. Forms will be available for new students starting July 1st. For more information please call 770-432-5296.

**Supper Club**



All families with school age children are welcome! Join us on Saturday, May 18th from 3:00 p.m. until dark at the playground area behind the church. Bring a potluck dish and drinks to share. Let's build community through food, fun and fellowship! For more information contact Melanie Meder at medermelanie@yahoo.com or call 678-368-6646.

**Preschool Summer Camp**



Looking for children ages 3 – 6 (ages as of 9/1/2013) to join the fun!  
Mark your calendars for: June 17-20, June 24-27, July 8-11 and July 15-18  
Cost: \$125 per week—Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Space still available. Please call 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 to sign up your child.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool**

Interested in getting information about our Preschool program? Contact Monica Signoret at 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 or visit: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool)

Today's Gospel Reflection

**Read Sunday's Gospel:**  
John 21:1-19

**Reflection for Families:**

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others.

**Bringing the Gospel into Your Family:**

Jesus invites us to follow him in the ordinary ways of our lives. An example of following Jesus can be seen in the reconciliation that transpired between Jesus and Peter. Out of paper, cut out some fish. On each paper fish invite every family member to put the name of someone they might need to reconcile with during this Easter season. You might even help one another decide on what action you will take. who might be discouraged.

**Discussion Starters:**

- One time when Jesus "filled my net" was when...
- When Jesus asks me, "Do you love me?" I show my love by...
- I help take care of Jesus' sheep by...

*Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger*

Coming soon ...

April 16  
7:30 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
**Ignite!**

A special night of music, prayer, scripture, worship and a faith story that will touch your life.

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## Cooking for the Clergy: Please help!

Imagine how busy our priests are on the weekend. There are 9 weekend liturgies here at St. Thomas. Our priests give so much in nourishing our souls, let's nourish bodies!

### It's as easy as 1—2—3

1. Sign up on the bulletin board in Commons
2. Prepare the meal on the date you choose
3. Deliver the meal to the rectory between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Get your whole family involved. Or invite another parishioner to join you in the planning, shopping and cooking. Happy Cooking!

## Enter the table-scape competition



Are you CREATIVE? COMPETITIVE?, LOVE to host a party? Then join the fun.... The Women's Auxiliary invites you to participate in a fundraising TABLE-SCAPE COMPETITION, which will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Taylor-Brawner Banquet Hall, in Smyrna, GA.

Tables will consist of a six-person team. The entrance fee is \$150.00 per table. Three Atlanta Designers will be judging the event and awarding trophies. Get your creative juices flowing! FORM A TEAM; PICK A THEME and hurry as space is limited!

Deadline for registration is May 30th! For detailed information and registration, call Rose Levitan at 770-434-9606.

## Knights of Columbus News



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a **First Degree** for entry into the order, on **Monday, April 29th, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Community House. Become a more active participant in our parish and community. For more information, please contact:

- Joe Yorio, at 678-237-3469 or
- Grand Knight, John Williams, at 678-485-9384

### Upcoming Events:

- April 18th:** Officer's Meeting 7:30 p.m., Community House
- April 27th:** Fundraiser for Council at St. Joseph's (Help needed for event)
- April 29th:** First Degree of the Order 7:30 p.m., Community House. New members welcome!

**50/50 Raffle Tickets are available after all Masses.** Only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.



**Ignite!** is an evening where parishioners gather together to encounter the Living Jesus in music, prayer, scripture and in the testimony of a fellow pilgrim in the journey. When we gather together and reflect on people whose hearts are on fire with God, we too feel that our own hearts are not far from being alive with God's profound love! We are inspired, enriched and transformed. We grow more passionate about our faith.

Make **Ignite!** Part of your spiritual journey and join us this Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. You may also join us for dinner beforehand at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Please bring a dessert to share and also bring a friend!**

## PARISH AGENDA—April 15-21, 2013

Updated April 8, 2013

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 PM PRESCHOOL  
9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
**12:00 PM Mass**  
† **Ahoua Dangny**  
4:30 PM PSR  
6:00 PM INEA  
GOOD NEWS PEOPLE  
7:00 PM EMA CHOIR  
PSR  
CRS SPEAKER (SEE PAGE 5)  
**7:30 PM Misa**  
† **Beatriz Vázquez**  
† **Antonio & Gerardo Pérez**  
7:30 PM STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
† **Gary Salapare**  
6:00 PM INEA  
ENGLISH CLASS  
6:15 PM IGNITE DINNER!  
6:30 PM CENTERING PRAYER GROUP  
DISCIPLES CLASS  
7:00 PM BEREAVEMENT GROUP  
EMA CHOIR  
SVdP  
7:30 PM **IGNITE! (SEE THIS PAGE)**  
8:00 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

**6:30 AM Mass**  
† **Samuel Carsley**  
7:00 AM ADORATION  
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
9:30 AM JUST FAITH  
BODY RECALL  
6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM JUST FAITH  
PSR  
**7:00 PM Mass**  
† **Patrick Rittenhouse**  
7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND  
8:00 PM SMALL COMMUNITIES

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY  
STORY TIME  
6:30 AM ROSARY  
7:00 PM THIRSTY THURSDAY  
CHOIR REHEARSAL  
CORO DE NIÑOS  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PSR  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
**Cecilia Mynyono**  
**8:00 PM Misa**  
† **Sara Salgado**

PARISH LIFE—VIDA PARROQUIAL



This year our **Habitat for Humanity Ministry** will join the Smyrna-Cobb Habitat Coalition in building a home in West Cobb County in late August. This ecumenical effort of churches, synagogues and a mosque **will build affordable housing with a working poor family in our community.** Next weekend, April 20th-21st, ministry members will be available in the Commons Area after all masses providing information and signing-up volunteers to help us build our 19th Habitat for Humanity Home.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for building materials and sign up 100 volunteers. Anyone donating at least \$30 that weekend can sign a 2x4 board that will be used in building the house. Checks should be made out to "Northwest Atlanta Habitat" and can be placed in the collection basket during any Mass. We suggest a \$30 donation per family, but any gift will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

**Calling all Active, Certified Eucharistic Ministers**

The Ministry to the Sick and Homebound continues to bring peace and comfort to those within our parish community who are unable to attend Mass. As our church community has grown, so has the need for more Ministers. In that regard, our ministry's goal is to make sure all homebound, assisted living, and hospital bound parishioners and Catholics have weekly access to the Holy Eucharist.

To accomplish this goal:

- We want to invite new and long-time ministers into our ranks.
- Join us for an afternoon of spiritual reflection and training at Ignatius House on Sunday, April 28th which will include a Mass and a light dinner afterwards. (There is a minimal charge of \$25.)
- We invite our church community to inform us of any parishioner or Catholic in need of weekly Eucharist.

For more information please contact Don Sabbarese at 770-435-3024.

Catholic Relief Services Speaker:  
Monday, April 15th

An Evening with **Lane Bunkers**, Catholic Relief Services' Senior Program Development Officer Foundations and Corporate Engagement Unit.

**Join us  
Monday, April 15th  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall**

All parishioners, especially JustFaith Graduates, are invited to **learn about the commitment of the Catholic Church to helping our brothers and sisters overseas.**

For more information about this presentation please visit:  
[www.stthomastheaspotle.org/crs-bunkers](http://www.stthomastheaspotle.org/crs-bunkers)



**Lane Bunkers**



**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
9:30 AM BODY RECALL  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
† **Margaret M. Sheridan**  
5:00 PM SANCHEZ BAPTISM  
6:00 PM ENGLISH CLASS  
INEA CLASS  
SPANISH REHEARSAL  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION FOLLOW-UP  
GIRL SCOUTS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

9:00 AM ALTAR SERVERS  
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA  
RECOVERY INT  
11:30 AM SUÁREZ QUINCEAÑERA  
2:00 PM CASTILLO QUINCEAÑERA  
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
**5:00 PM VIGIL MASS**  
† **Chris Harding**  
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS  
**7:30 PM VIGIL MASS**  
† **Amelia Valdez**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**6:00 AM Misa**  
† **Eliás Rosete**  
**7:30 AM MASS**  
**People of St. Thomas**  
**9:30 AM MASS**  
† **Philomena Rukwaro**  
9:30 AM PSR  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:15 AM PSR  
PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS

**11:30 AM MASS**  
† **Olga Kasprowics**  
**12:30 PM AFRICAN PARISHIONERS**  
**2:00 PM MISA**  
† **José Guadalupe Carrasco**  
**5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR**  
**5:00 PM MASS**  
† **Marjorie Cavanagh**  
**6:00 PM LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY**  
**7:30 PM MISA**  
† **Ruth Valdez**  
† **Arcadio García**  
† **Rafael Martínez**

## Thank You

A special thank you to all the team members for sharing their skills, talents, and time since September assisting with the 2012/2013 R.C.I.A. class. Their combined efforts and hard work through the months helped in making the Easter Vigil a wonderful and blessed evening for all.

Special mention and thanks to Joan Marie Tummings and Pauline Bullard Moore for the great breakfast they planned, prepared, and served last month, on the day of the Rite of Election for the entire R.C.I.A. group.

Thanks and blessings to all,  
Linda and Michael,  
Adult Faith Formation



## 4th annual Catholic

**Earth Day:** Come and reflect on simple acts to care for God's creation.

Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 2:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. at Ignatius House Retreat Center, (6700 Riverside Dr. NW, Atlanta) for a Catholic Earth Day of reflection.

All are welcome to reflect on the diverse actions taken by local churches and religious activists to address climate change through stewardship, advocacy, spirituality, and justice.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception.

**Register at**  
<http://bit.ly/UIYWKs>

## Confirmation Classes: May 5th – June 30th

### Who may apply?

- Baptized Catholic adults 18+ who do not have any other impediments to receiving the Sacraments (such as irregular marriage/need for annulment.)

### Required Documents:

Certificate of Baptism – MUST be provided on the first day of class without which you can not participate. There are no exceptions! Contact the parish (or diocese) where your Baptism took place and request a certificate in time before class date.

### Sponsor:

Each person must have one sponsor who is an active Catholic. Each sponsor is to attend all the preparation sessions in a supportive role.

### Class Schedule:

All classes will take place in the Adult Faith Formation Building.

#### Sundays

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. in English  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p. m. in Spanish

Two Monday night classes on 5/13 and 6/17 are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation building for both English and Spanish students.

### For more information:

Michael Okuto 770 432-8579 Ext. 122  
mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org OR  
Linda Veit 770 432-8579 Ext. 131  
lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

**Quién puede aplicar?** Católicos mayores de 18 años que ya hayan sido bautizados y que no tengan impedimentos (matrimonio irregular o anulación)

### Documentos requeridos:

Certificado de Bautismo – deben traerlo el primer día de clases (5 de mayo). No excepciones. Contacte a su iglesia de bautismo y solicite una copia de este certificado con anticipación para que lo tenga a tiempo para la clase.

### Padrinos:

Cada persona debe traer un padrino o madrina (sólo uno). El padrino debe asistir a todas las clases.

### Horario de Clases:

Todas las clases tendrán lugar en el edificio de Educación Religiosa para Adultos

#### Domingos

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. en inglés  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p. m. en español

Dos clases en noche de lunes (13 de mayo y 17 de junio) de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en el edificio de Educación Religiosa para Adultos para estudiantes de ambos grupos (ingles y español)

### Para más información:

Michael Okuto 770 432-8579 Ext. 122  
mokuto@stthomastheapostle.org OR  
Linda Veit 770 432-8579 Ext. 131  
lveit@stthomastheapostle.org

## Church Library

As we continue the celebration of the Easter season, let us pray for Pope Francis!



Come research our encyclical section, memoirs on Popes John Paul II and John XXIII, and books written by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI. Get to know how Pope Francis is a first in many things: The first non-European to be elected in almost 1300 years and a Jesuit, the first member of any religious order in nearly two centuries.

Our library is located in the Adult Faith Formation Building and is open whenever the building is open! Check out books on the honor system; you have two months to return them!

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