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February 3, 2019

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;
Youth Mass 6PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30 & 8 AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM

RECONCILIATION: **Thursdays** 7-8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5 PM or by
Appointment

ADORATION: **Thursdays** 8:30 AM - 8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

REV. STEVEN J. ALBERO, O. PRAEM., PASTOR

REV. ARUL AMALRAJ, O. PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR

DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO

DEACON STEVE MARTINO

DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

HEARING JESUS AS PROPHET

After Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah of an ancient prophet's mission, he says, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Jesus is making a quite remarkable claim, that he sees himself as a prophet like the great prophets in Jewish history, and that his mission like the one described by that ancient prophet in Isaiah chapter 61. Luke makes it very clear that this happened in "Nazareth, where he had grown up" (4:14), and where his fellow Nazarenes were quite startled at his words.

THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING — AND HEARING — A PROPHET

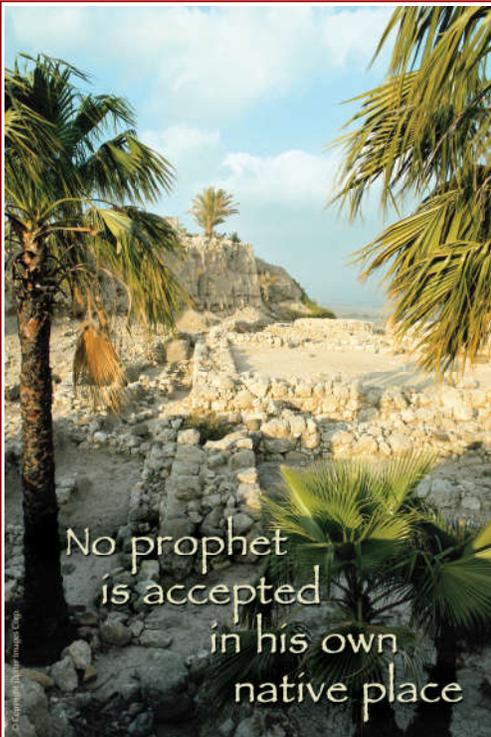
Claiming to be a prophet means claiming to be called by God; it is an awesome responsibility to say, "The word of the LORD came to me" (Jeremiah 1:4) or "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me" (Isaiah 61:1), the saying that Jesus adopted. Nor is it easy for others to hear someone make this claim. Prophets look very ordinary, they don't have physical evidence of a divine call, so it is tempting to respond with, "Who are they, to talk like that?"

The difference is that prophets have learned to see the world as God sees it, and their vocation is to summon people to bring God's justice and God's mercy to that world. This is a difficult, even dangerous task. After all, prophets have to speak truth to power, to the "kings and princes . . . its priests and people" who resist changing their ways. Jeremiah's call is typical: God warns him of dangers to come, even as he promises him deliverance: "They will fight against you but not prevail over you/for I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus faces these same difficulties, as his fellow Nazarenes — who initially admired his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22) — become skeptical, suspicious, and then openly hostile. Jesus understands these reactions: "Doubtless you will say to me..." (4:23), and, just as God promised Jeremiah, Jesus is "delivered" — he passes through the crowd before they attempt literally to throw him out. As we are called to act as prophets in our world today, it is a comfort to know that God will likewise deliver us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

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No prophet
is accepted
in his own
native place

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." — 1 Corinthians 13:13

Sunday, February 3

5:30 PM †Karen Musso Constantini
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Raymond Murphy
11:30 †Frank Castaldi
1:30 PM Pastor's Intention
4 PM †Avila Joy Steciw

Monday, February 4

6:30 AM †Deceased members of the Valyo family
8:00 †Rita Ryle

Tuesday, February 5

6:30 †Joseph Cardile
8:00 †Marion Pettit

Wednesday, February 6

6:30 †Pastor's Intention
8:00 †Joan Marie Griffiths

Thursday, February 7

6:30 †Matthew Scott
8:00 †Lucy Mastronardo

Friday, February 8

6:30 †Edward R. Caruso, Sr.
8:00 †Joan Schauble

Saturday, February 9

8:00 †Emil Maikner

Sunday, February 10

5:30 PM Living & deceased members of the Young & O'Donnell families
7:30 †Rudy Spina
9:00 †Parishioners
11:30 †Mario & Iolanda Melchiorre
1:30 PM Por el alma de Ligia Maria Buitrago
6 PM †Ruth Williamson

HELP WANTED

Fulltime experienced custodian needed at St. Norbert Parish. Experience with a wide range of trades along with routine cleaning and maintenance tasks. Ability to organize, administer and personally perform all work necessary to provide a safe, clean and well maintained environment for our parish campus, buildings, grounds and equipment.

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Please: No phone calls

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Resource Center Homilies

Gratitude

True Love

How do I know if the Time, Talent and Treasure I offer God in grateful return is "enough?" What is the measure?

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today — the "measure" is the love that we put into each of these aspects of our lives. "If I have all faith so as to move

mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves.

Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul's letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-



seeking and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable; especially then. Love looks like Jesus. It lives like Jesus.

Sometimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him.

We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.

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PRAYERS & READINGS



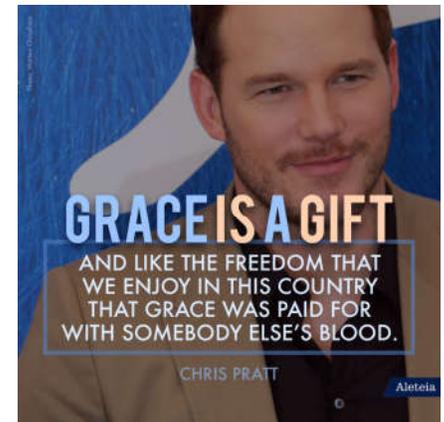
PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Julian D'Orazio, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman,

Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Debra Ulicny, Roberto

Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravec, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Joseph Morelli, Gerry Hughes, James Burroker, Layne McHugh, Deborah Nagle, J.D. Sobota, McKenzie Mahers, Ana Maria Bertsch, Guillermo Lopez, Jimmie Costello

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. Jessica **Flowers** USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Lt. Col. **James Merenda**, USAF; Lt. **Nicholas Prestipino**, USA; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; Maj. **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA; Lt. Col. **Keith Benedict**, USA

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

SCHOOL YOUTUBE

view videos on our channel at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3E2UH_2y2Emje6m96HvJSg/videos

From Fr. Steve

DO YOU HAVE . . .

“FOMO?”

I've recently become aware of this new term: “**FOMO.**” I'm sure many young people know it and may suffer from it. You may know it too.

It stands for “**Fear Of Missing Out!**”

What's it mean? It manifests itself in one of the most current afflictions in our society today: Waiting till the last minute for the best offer, the last-minute decision of whether to go out with friends or see a movie, or maybe your best friend just called to say the plan has changed and now they're going skiing.

FOMO is driving anyone who is planning a dinner party, birthday, Gospel reflection, AbbeyFest, or any event CRAZY! How many tickets have we sold? How much food should we order? The Johnson family was supposed to come, but now the twins are going to a dance and their son just scored tickets to the Flyers game.

Have you ever played FOMO with God?

In this week's Chapter on “Not Perfect, But Chosen” (pages 41-55) of *Into His Likeness*, Dr. Sri says,

“We say we want to follow Jesus, but we set up all sorts of limits around how much we're willing to do....Here's the problem: When we take the initiative and choose Jesus, we tend to do so on our own terms, with many conditions. ...We're afraid of giv-



ing up too much control. We're afraid that we'll miss out on something we want — or that he'll take something away from us.

“But if we reflect on that fact that God took the initiative and that he lovingly chose us first, it helps break down our walls of fear and control. When we see that he, out of love, took the first step toward us and chose us for a mission only we can fulfill, we can move forward in confidence, entrusting ourselves more to him, to the mission put into our hands and to all the wonderful blessings he has in store for us.”

Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee and said to Peter and Andrew who were fishing, “**Follow me and I will make you fishers of men**” (Mk 2:14). As we approach Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6, are you

hearing Jesus' call to you to go deeper and become a disciple of his? To become his apprentice and learn at his feet through the Scriptures? To follow in his footsteps?

Break off the chains of FOMO. Turn off your smart phone or screen. “Take a moment” as Fr. Arul says, to engage in a new

way to Jesus' call. You won't be disappointed.

— Fr. Steve

Question for the week: How has God used certain people or circumstances in your life to draw you closer to him?

NEXT WEEK: “Meeting God in the Valley” pages 61-60 in Dr. Sri's book *“Into His Likeness.”*

If you haven't received a copy of our Christmas book, pick one up in the Narthex for you and a friend.

Flyers photo from <https://www.nhl.com/flyers>

WHEN THE WHISPER SAYS “NO!”

YES YOU CAN¹

“Creating relationships, celebrating. This is what Jesus does, and that way he breaks with another form of complaining, one even harder to detect, one that ‘stifles dreams’ because it keeps whispering: ‘you can't do it, you can't do it.’ How many times you have heard this: ‘you can't do it.’ Watch out! This is like a woodworm that eats you from the inside out. Watch out when you feel ‘you can't do it,’ give yourself a slap: ‘Yes, I can and I will show you.’ The whisper, the interior whisper that haunts those who repent of their sin and acknowledge their mistakes, but don't think that they can change. ...Eleven of the twelve disciples were bad sinners, because they committed the worst sin: they abandoned their Master, others disowned him, others ran far away. The Apostles betrayed him, and Jesus went to look for them one by one, and they are the ones who changed the whole world. It did not occur to any of them to say: ‘you can't do it,’ be-



cause having seen Jesus' love after their betrayal, ‘I am going to be able to do it, because you give me the strength.’ Watch out for the ‘you-can't-do-it’ woodworm, be very careful.

“Friends, each of us is much more than our labels which people attach to us; each is much more than the adjectives that they want to give us, each is much more than the condemnation foisted on us.² And that is what Jesus teaches us and asks us to believe. Jesus' approach challenges us to ask and seek help when setting out on the path of improvement. There are times when complaining seems to have the upper hand, but don't believe it, don't listen to it. Seek out and listen to the voices that encourage you to look ahead, not those that pull you down. ... And every time the woodworm comes with ‘you can't do it,’ answer it from within: ‘I can do it,’ and focus on the horizon.”

¹ Pope Francis homily at the Panama prison, 1/23/19: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190125_omelia-penitenziale-panama.html

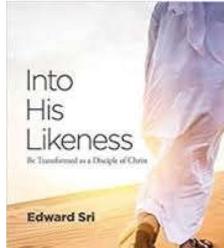
² Photo: Pope Francis hearing Confessions in Panamanian Youth Prison, Vatican Media/National Catholic Register

News & Events

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS . . .

FAITHFUL CONNECTIONS

Start making your plans for our **Faithful Connections** Lenten small groups. Signups will be held the weekends of **Feb 16 & 17** and **23 & 24** in the Narthex. This year, the small groups will reflect on the Sunday Gospels as they relate to Dr. Edward Sri's book *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ*. Faithful Connections groups will start the weekend of Mar 2 & 3. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext 131



CAFFE FAMILY LIFE PRESENTS . . .

PARENTING JOY

Join Lisa Corcoran for the **5 Steps to Bring the Joy Back to Parenting** Monday, Feb 25 from 6:30 – 8 pm in the St. Norbert Dining Hall with optional evenings on Monday nights Mar 4 – Apr 1. Parents will learn to:



- ♦ **Understand** the motive behind your child's behavior
- ♦ **Motivate** through encouragement
- ♦ **Develop** active listening skills
- ♦ **Disciple** without yelling
- ♦ **Solve** problems effectively

Husbands and wives are encouraged to attend together.

COST: Opening night ONLY \$25 per person/\$35 per couple; **5 Week Seminar:** \$125 a person/\$235 per couple; **Drop-ins** welcome: \$30 per class. Scholarship opportunities: contact Mark Griswold at mgriswold.parish.stnorbert.org

REGISTER:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3045a9>

CONTACTS: Lisa Corcoran at mom9x@verizon.net

Also view parentingplaybook.net

Mark Griswold at 610.644.1655 ext 114 or

mgriswold@parish.stnorbert.org

GIVING TREE TEAM . . .

CHRISTMAS THANKS

Dear Parishioners: I was not prepared for the power of the words and feelings expressed in letters from the women's shelter we helped with our Christmas Giving Tree. As I read, I could picture each woman and tried to imagine her life and situation as best I could. Their sincere gratitude was surely there but, also, their thankfulness that we had remembered "her child, children, her family." Thank you, Mary and Jesus, for prompting me to open the envelope today! We are blessed by these women.

— Carol Coyne Shannahan

Thanks from the Kurtz Family: For yet another year, you have blessed our family beyond belief! We are truly grateful for the generous shower of gifts and all the special "touches" you included in your notes, gift cards

and that awesome lemon bread that no one can resist. You are all such a witness to the spirit of unselfish sacrificial giving. We pray that this New Year holds abundant blessings for you and your families! With tons of gratitude we thank you.



Thanks from St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter For

Homeless Families: We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all your parishioners for your generosity. Our cupboards and closets are full again because of your faithful giving. When a family is ready to move into their own home, we can assist them with gift cards for groceries and household items they may need. May your families have a year full of many blessings.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT . . .

FOR EVERYONE

PROMISE TO PROTECT



Everyone can benefit from knowing the warning signs, changes in behavior, and how to protect our children from any kind of abuse. Our Safe Environment class is a must for parents, grandparents and anyone working with children. Sign up now for the **Feb 20, 7-9:30 PM** St. Norbert Safe Environment class in the School cafeteria. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext 131

REGISTER: www.virtus.org



CLOSED . . .

WEEKEND OFF

Our Kingdom Junction tot's ministry will be closed President's weekend, **Sunday, Feb 17**, during the **9 AM** Mass. We will be open all other Sundays. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are

SAVE THE DATE

50+ GROUP
Mardi Gras
Happy Hour
Mar 5, 4-6 PM
Lumbrada Cocina Mexicana
821 W. Lancaster Ave, Devon
CONTACT: Jane Donegan 610.687.5174

BETHESDA DRIVERS NEEDED

To deliver casseroles in Philly. Approximately 2 hours 1 day a month. **CONTACT:** Carol Woolsey 610.293.0277 or carolawoolsey@gmail.com

Around Our Parish

Principal for the Day **Charlie Murray** 2nd Grade (1) set an aggressive schedule starting with a faculty breakfast, reading to the PreK and Kindergarten classes (2), visiting the parish office, lunch with friends, a special basketball game with all students and declaring a “Dress Down Day” for Friday. Close to 20 retreatants participated in a spiritually moving **50+ Group Retreat** with Fr. Jim McGuinn (3). Our **15th Xanten** retreat for teens was an “Overflow” of grace for all (4). Check out the **School Broadcast Club** (5) weekly news reports at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3E2UH_2y2Emje6m96HvJSg/videos



seeking 2-4 additional volunteers to help in this important effort for our children. **CONTACT:** Kim Savage at 610.513.9094 or Joanne Williamson at auntjoey33@aol.com

50+ GROUP TOUR VISIT THE BARNES

Join the **50+Group** for a Barnes Foundation tour **Saturday, Apr 27, 10 AM – 2 PM**. Self-guided tour at your own pace. **COST:** \$33 per person. **LUNCH:** On your own. **TRAVEL:** Car or train. **DEADLINE:** Thursday, Apr 11. **CONTACTS:** Jane Donegan 610.687.5174 or Carol Coyne Shannahan 610.715.4622



REGISTRATION

Barnes Tour, **Thursday, April 27 10 AM-2 PM**

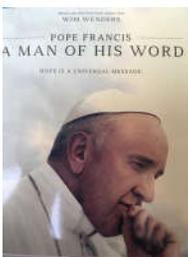
Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Total Enclosed: _____ (\$33/person, cash or check payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group)
DROP OFF OR MAIL completed form with payment to the Parish Office (50 Leopard Road, Paoli PA 19301) no later than **Thursday, Apr 11**. If the Office is closed, just use the mail slot next to the front door.

50+ GROUP EVENT: MOVIE NIGHT



Join the 50+ Group to view the acclaimed movie, **Pope Francis: A Man of His Word** on Friday, Feb 22. **6 PM** Narthex – pizza & refreshments; **6:45 PM** Oratory – movie; **COST:** \$10/person. **CONTACT:** Linda Schiavone linda@schiaivone.com

and Vince Schiavone vincent@schiaivone.com

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY...

EXPERIENCING LOSS?

The Spring sessions will be held on Tuesdays, **April 7 ending May 14**, from **7-8:30 PM**, at **St. Norbert's**. Held in conjunction with St. Patrick's of Malvern. **CONTACT:** Sharon at 301.775.5709 or sholea44@gmail.com





ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS COFFEEHOUSE

Faith, fellowship and coffee returns on **Thursday, Feb 28, 7 PM**, at Bur-lap and Bean Roast House, 204 S. Newtown Street, Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Deacon **John**

Lozano will talk about discipleship and lead a discussion with plenty of time for fellowship and coffee (or tea, hot chocolate, snacks).

This coming **Saturday, Feb 9**, at **11 AM**, there will be a Memorial Mass for **Joe Abraham**, our core team leader who passed away two years ago this Feb. He had such an impact on the parish and young adult ministry. Come and join us!



Don't forget, we meet **Tuesdays** at **7 PM** in the St. Norbert Parish Office lower level.

CONTACT: Natalie at natalie.m.murray@gmail.com and join us at facebook.com/groups/NorbsYA/

50+ GROUP TECH HELP . . .

SCREEN SAVVY?

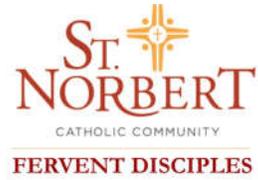
Questions and problems with your laptops, tablets/pads, smartphones and watches? Come for a One-on-One assistance hour **Saturday, Feb 9, 10-11 AM**, St. Norbert School Dining Hall, with Computer Science Club school students. **RSVP:** To reserve your spot contact Mary Galloway at marygalloway@aol.com




Mardi Gras Madness

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • 6:00 - 10:30 PM
BARN AT LISETER

THIS WILL BE A CELEBRATION LIKE NO OTHER WITH LIVE MUSIC, DELICIOUS FOOD AND COCKTAILS, AND SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS. ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S OPERATING EXPENSES SUCH AS ENHANCEMENTS TO OUR ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR OUR FACULTY.



**We Are No Longer
Pasta & Pancakes**

**We Are
Service To
Our Parish
Our Vets at The
VA Hospital in
Coatesville
And The
Less Fortunate**

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