

St. John Fisher Church

April 11, 2021



2nd Sunday **OF EASTER**

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

-John 20:29

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Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the Parish Office for lost items. Our shelf is filled with items such as eye glasses, umbrellas, cell phones, etc. Items not picked up will be donated to PV Resale.

PV RESALE 310-534-1722

2321 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lomita, CA 90717

Welcome To Saint John Fisher



We are a welcoming Parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation, your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, your self-esteem: you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected by the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher.

Pastoral Council Meeting April 14th

All parishioners are invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, April 14th, at 7 pm via Zoom. For more information or for a Zoom invitation, contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org

Pastor:

- First 15
- Parish Life
 - "Return to Normal" webinar
 - Feedback and Updates
 - SJF Lenten Retreat
 - Holy Week
 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- Encouraging COVID-19 vaccination
- Capital Campaign Outlook

Chair/Vice-Chair

- Approval of March meeting minutes
- Staff Rep brief: Katie Dante
- 2020-2021 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review
- PC Nominating Committee update
- Next meeting: May 5th

Join the Pastoral Council

The SJF Pastoral Council is looking for three adult members and one youth member to fill a two-year term that begins in the late summer. The Council, comprising parishioners that truly represent the diversity of our Catholic community, is a consultative body to our Pastor whose members serve collaboratively. The calling is to help guide St. John Fisher Parish into the future and build a vibrant faith community inclusive of all parishioners. There will be an information session via Zoom this Wednesday, April 14, at 6 pm before the regular Pastoral Council meeting. For the Zoom link, please contact Gayle Plecha at gplecha@sjf.org. If you're interested in joining the pastoral council, please fill out an application, which can be found at sjf.org/about/pastoral-council/ or the parish office. Applications are due in the Parish Office by April 30. If you have any questions, please email Chris Ratliff, Council chair, at cratliff@sjf.org.



Support SJF Electronically

Spring is in full bloom – God's glory is all around us! Help St. John Fisher flourish by making the switch to eGiving. It's a great way to grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the brightest days and the darkest storms. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA436, or text 'Enroll' to 424-352-7722.

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General Dispensation

In light of restrictions on large gatherings, the general dispensation from Archbishop Jose Gomez of all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from obligation of attending Sunday Mass remains in effect.

Mass in Church and Livestream

While all Masses are now in church, St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org. Communion will be distributed after all livestreamed Masses.



Mass Intentions - April 10 - April 18

APRIL 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am Arturo Medrano†

5:00 pm Laura Prendergast†

Fr. Kalu

APRIL 11, SUNDAY

7:30 am Ramon G. Polin†

9:00 am Odette Smith†

11:00 am Bob Orona†

5:00 pm Parishioners

Msgr. Sork

Fr. Park

Fr. Kalu

Fr. Park

APRIL 12, MONDAY

8:00 am Caroline & David† Fausto

5:15 pm Gerhard Fischer†

APRIL 13, TUESDAY

8:00 am Katsuko Fujimoto†

5:15 pm Isabelle Price†

APRIL 14, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Sally McGrath Walen†

5:15 pm Rush Limbaugh†

APRIL 15, THURSDAY

8:00 am Jeanna Glick

5:15 pm Helene Marhefka†

APRIL 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am U.P.C.N Class of 1961

5:15 pm Beverly Mavus†

APRIL 17, SATURDAY

8:00 am Orlando Rebueno†

5:00 pm Kay Bourgeois†

Fr. Park

APRIL 18, SUNDAY

7:30 am Elie Massoud

9:00 am Jose Asentista†

11:00 am Miriam Holden

5:00 pm Parishioners

Fr. Park

Msgr. Sork

Fr. Kalu

Msgr. Sork

Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 4:23-31, John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5, and Luke 24:35-48

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am *

11:00 am

5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday

8:00 am *

5:15 pm

Saturday

8:00 am *

* This Mass will also be livestreamed

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

PROTOCOLS FOR ALL MASSES

Parishioners are required to wear a face mask while attending and must maintain at least 6 feet distance from those who are not part of your household. Also, hand sanitizer will be available as you enter and exit the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Monday, Wednesday through Friday, 4:45-5:10 pm; Tuesday, 7:00 pm; Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Parish Office or visit www.sjf.org for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made with the Priest at least six months in advance.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL/HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call **310-377-5571**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

NEED A CARING LISTENER?

Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at **310-541-1403**.

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev at **310-377-5571** or penhimom@hotmail.com. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.

Home is Holy: Peace be with you!



After he rose, Jesus came to his disciples, saying “Peace be with you.” They had been hiding, afraid, lacking faith, thinking only of themselves. Jesus promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Although the disciples had not remained faithful to Jesus, he remained faithful to them, and gave them his mercy and forgiveness. Even Thomas, who could not believe until he saw Jesus with his own eyes and touched him with his own hands, was blessed and forgiven. As we live through our own time of doubt and fear, we must hold fast to the promises of Jesus. Jesus said “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Like the disciples, we are blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us use this gift to help us be kind and loving to one another. After the 9 am Mass today, children will receive an Easter sticker scene, as we continue our joyous celebration of the Resurrection.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is back!

Beginning on Sunday, April 11, children who wish to participate in Liturgy of the Word for Children will be dismissed from the 9 am Mass to hear the scriptures in a child-friendly format. This program is open to all children, grades 1 through 6. No registration is needed. Children will hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained on the Amphitheater steps outside the Auditorium. All children are expected to wear face masks, and social distancing will be observed. Volunteers needed! Contact Margaret Johnson if you would like to help. Please note that until further notice, the recorded Liturgy of the Word for Children will continue to be presented weekly on the Parish YouTube channel.

Religious Education Update

As schools are reopening, you may be wondering what the plans are for Religious Education classes. At this time Religious Education classes for grades 1-8 are continuing in the home-taught format. As Religious Education classes are scheduled to end in early May, we will not be able to offer in-person classes this year. Registration for 2021-2022 classes is planned to begin in June.

Margaret Johnson | Director of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | mjohnson@sjf.org



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS



Gospel Recap: “Don’t Miss Out, Like Thomas”

Thomas was gone when Jesus appeared to the apostles. Then he had trouble believing the apostles when they told him Jesus came to them. Thomas would only believe when he saw Jesus directly in front of him. The message is that we need our Christian community to really believe in the resurrection. It’s the community that gives us the strength, motivation, and the guidance to act as we believe. Remember that Jesus gave the apostles a powerful mission while they were all gathered together in fear. The same is true for us in our world today. We attend weekly Mass as a community, we go on weekend retreats together, and we are challenged by serving the needy or the less fortunate. If we remember our mission to fully serve Christ, we will find peace by receiving the strength to act as we believe. On the other hand, if we never worship or talk about our faith, or we never serve together with other Catholics, pretty soon we’ll find it harder to believe. And our actions might not show that we believe in a savior who calls us to live radically different lives because he, himself, rose from the dead.



St. John Fisher Returns to Campus

All the grades at SJF have returned to campus ready to serve and to be the light for others. Our eighth graders hosted the first school Mass of 2021 on March 30th, celebrated by Msgr. Sork. The Mass reflected our Catholic Schools Week's theme of "Be the Light." We heard that "the servant of the Lord will be made a light to the nations." Just as Jesus is the light of the world, we are also called to be a faithful light for others. As a school, we are reminded to take our example from Jesus and be the light for others each day.

Speaking of being a light to others, many students did wonderful acts of service during the Lenten Season. St. John Fisher School, led by the fourth grade, collected socks and toiletries to be given to a homeless shelter in Long Beach. Students also shared their artistic talents making Easter cards for the residents at care facilities. Many students did extra chores at home to help their parents. One student purchased and sent baseball gear to the Dominican Republic. Two eighth graders even volunteered their time and talents building houses for those in need. Third graders made crucifixes with the names of people they were praying for. We are thrilled to be back together where we continue to focus on serving others with our time, talent, and treasure.



We now look forward to sharing the Eucharist with the second-grade class and their families, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. Ms. Bergan and Mrs. Johnson have done a wonderful job getting the children ready to receive this sacrament. We are proud of all the time and effort that everyone has given to make this a special day for our second graders!



Pray for Sick

Barbara Baldwin, friend of Susan Liberati
Antoinette Dyrek
Linda Lillington, wife of David Lillington
Catherine Partridge, mother of Fred Partridge

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Miriam Holden
Dolly Aldridge	Sadru Hudani
Willie Arechiga	Rosemary Humphrey
Christina Avila	Ted Irons
Paul Belfy	Maureen Landon
Cheryl Benyi	Dave Matson
Jane Bodine	Frank McCormick
Raymond Bodine	Michael McCormick
Emma Breslin	Maura McGuinness
Andrew Castelo	Thadd McNamara
Michelle Clarke	Clare Nolan
Ray Curran	John Peoples
Joseph A. Diresta	Marcy Rafanelli
Don Duperon	Dr. Kenneth Sax
Eugenia Eyherabide	Mary Lou Schmidt
Gloria Fink	William H. Sheridan
Susan Gerard	Joan Sing
Espie Gonzalez	Judy Ann Tan
Jeanne Glick	Alice Valdes

Pray for Deceased

Manuel Aganon, friend of Jesus Dolores
Dale Bowman, friend of Ray Mathys
Maribel Griffith, friend of Jesus Dolores
Maria De Jesus Padilla, mother of Katherine Padilla

Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Private Miranda Grosso, USA
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret
Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA
Kenny Soto, AFRC
Ben Soto, AIRF
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA
Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, USA
Lance Corporal John McElhone, USMC

If you have a loved one deployed overseas serving in the Military and would like his/her name on the prayer list and/or picture on the Military Board, please contact the Parish Office **310-377-5571** or Howard Schneider **310-378-2665**. Pictures should be approximately 4" x 5," and may be dropped off at the office, ATTN: Military Board. IMPORTANT: Please include a contact name and phone number. The Military Board is in the church narthex.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

March 2020 \$144,860

March 2021 \$164,605

Thank You for your continued generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration

We need more volunteers who could spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be exposed every Wednesday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. We still need additional volunteers for the following hours: Wednesday: 3 pm; Thursday: 10 am; and Friday: 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute adorer, please call Carlyn Quinto at **310-480-2291** or email at carlynquinto@earthlink.net.



Video Ministry Volunteers Needed



If you have an interest in Windows computers and Audio and Video Technology this may be the volunteer opportunity for you! The SJF Video Ministry is looking for volunteers interested in "Livestreaming" the 8:00

am Daily Mass. We are also looking for volunteers to help provide technical support to help sustain the video system. With our COVID-19 safe training, volunteers are taught how to operate the video system to effectively stream Mass. If you have questions, or to volunteer, please contact David Bloodgood at dabldgd@cox.net.

Bulletin Ad Space Available

Over the next few weeks, we will be working on setting up new advertisements for businesses in our weekly bulletin. Placing an ad in our bulletin raises visibility for your business in the community, and functions as a charitable donation to the parish also, which helps us tremendously. We thank all of our current and future advertisers for their support, and encourage our parish members to patronize their businesses. If you are interested in learning more about placing an ad in our bulletin, please contact Travis Lawmaster at **310-684-3118**, or by email at tlawmaster@4Lpi.com.



Holy Land Artifacts

Sunday, April 11th our brothers and sisters representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly declined, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help

them very much and also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

Did you know? 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish offices or online at: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>. *Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, mjohnson@sjf.org.*

Is God Calling you to be a Sister?

Meet the Sisters and find out! Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to an online *Religious Vocation "MEET THE SISTERS" Prayerful and Reflective Discernment Retreat* with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, April 17th 9:30 am - noon. Contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. srllaguna@doc1633.org for the Zoom link or sign up at www.Daughters-of-Charity.com/retreats/. For any questions please call **213-210-9903**.



Position Available - St. John Fisher: Director of Religious Education

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for the catechetical program for preschool through grade 8, sacramental preparation for First Penance/Eucharist in coordination with the parish school, and Sunday Liturgy of the Word for children. M.A. in religious studies or equivalent required. Master catechist certification preferred, as well as experience as coordinator of a catechetical program. Computer skills in Word, Excel, Outlook, Zoom, and YouTube are highly desirable. This is a full-time position with benefits available. To request a detailed job description or to apply, please contact Gayle Plecha, Parish Administrator, at gplecha@sjf.org.

Shoe Donation Drive

The Saint John Fisher Military Ministry recently learned of some local Rotary Clubs collecting used shoes for the homeless in the South Bay. Since there are many of our veterans suffering through hard times that this can potentially assist, the Military Ministry is helping the Rotarians in this worthwhile cause. We are asking for parishioners with extra pairs of shoes of any size, to please deposit them in a receptacle outside of the Church on April 17th & 18th. Starting Monday, April 19th until noon on Friday, April 23rd a secondary deposit site will be available outside of the parish office. If you cannot bring the shoes to the parish, please call Kit Ruona at **(310) 541-1758** and he will be available to pick them up.



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 4/11
3 pm Divine Mercy Sunday - Church
Monday, 4/12
Tuesday, 4/13
9:30 am Senior Fitness - via Zoom
Wednesday, 4/14
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 6 pm Pastoral Council Info Session - via Zoom 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting—via Zoom
Thursday, 4/15
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9:30 am Senior Fitness - via Zoom 10 am Seekers – via Zoom 5:50 pm Divine Mercy - Church
Friday, 4/16
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
Saturday, 4/17
Sunday, 4/18

Save the Date!

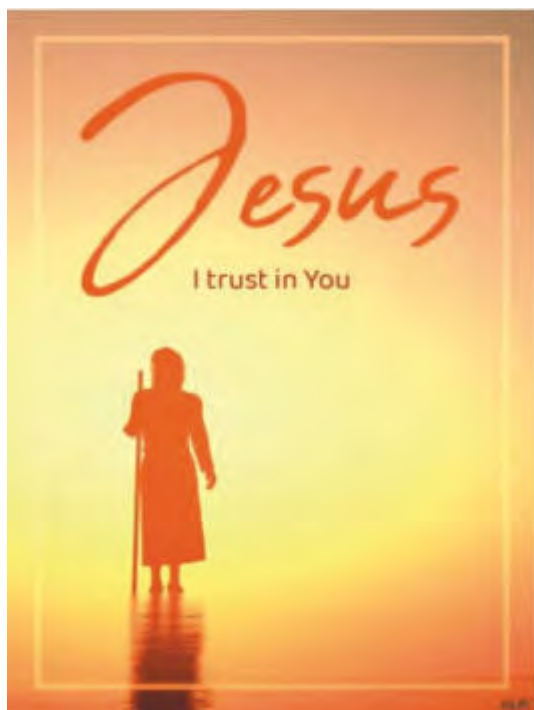
Book Club Meeting	April 20
Great Adventure Bible Series: Psalms, A School of Prayer (ZOOM)	April 20
The Salvation Story	April 28
South Bay Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue Conference	May 4
Walk with Christ- Outdoor Stations of the Cross	May 5
Book Club Meeting	May 18
Military Ministry Collection	May 22-23
Walk with Christ - Outdoor Stations of the Cross	June 2
Book Club Meeting	June 15
Food Pantry Donation Collection	June 26- 27

If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to info@sjf.org or your group's pastoral staff liaison for approval:

- Event or group name (optional: a few words of description)
- Meeting date and time
- Meeting place
- Point of contact

Your event or meeting may run for up to 4 bulletins. Space limitations prevent permanent or standing announcements.

Do you want to maximize participation in your SJF event? Ministry and event leaders, you will find many great ideas for how and where to publicize your event. Visit www.sjf.org→News & Media (pull-down menu)→Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!





Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing some of your sacraments such as First Communion or Confirmation? Our RCIA program runs from August through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Adult Inquiry sessions are offered year around on Zoom and generally take place the first Monday of each month (except for Holidays). Our next Inquiry session is Monday May 3rd at 7p.m. on Zoom. The topic is Questions Asked About the Church. If you are interested in joining our Inquiry session, please email Misty at mjesse@sjf.org.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

SJF On-Line Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

Current Offerings: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew, Book of Ruth, Gospel of Mark

Location: SJF Website – www.sjf.org – Faith Formation

Psalms: A School of Prayer

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesdays April 20th – June 29th

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Facilitator: Misty Jesse & Stephanie Tellez-Riley

Contact: mjesse@sjf.org

RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: Questions Asked About the Church

Date: Monday, May 3rd, 7:00pm

Pre-Baptism Class

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team

Date: 2nd Monday of the month

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Call: Parish office for registration

Growing in the Word: The Salvation Story

Date: April 28th

Location: SJF Website-www.sjf.org-Faith Formation

Faith Rituals & Celebration: A Woman's Significance

Location: Zoom

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 4th, 9am-11am

Registration: \$20 fee, South Bay Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue

Website: www.sbcjwd.com

A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group

Date: 5 weeks, Tuesday evenings

Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573

Reflecting on the Gospel

Christ took his wounds into the grave and did not disown them in his resurrection. Because of his wounds, Jesus is now credibly in touch with wounded humanity: with the wounded body and spirit, those hurt by society, the victims of domestic and global violence, those suffering from their own addictions, those abused by our disregard and complacency. And we know only too well our own woundedness. Such wounds reveal our need for one another and, therefore, the potential for the building of a compassionate, healing community that witnesses to the love of the Wounded Healer.

Growing in the Word: The Salvation Story

In our Christian faith we often hear references to "salvation". Many associate the term "salvation" with the New Testament and Jesus Christ;



however, the story of salvation encompasses the entire Bible revealing God's great love and desire to be in relationship with humankind. Join us for this sweeping presentation which travels through the ancient Biblical world providing spiritual inspiration and a message of hope for all time. To access please go to the St. John Fisher website at www.sjf.org, click on the Faith Formation tab and then Bible Studies. The release date for The Salvation Story is Wednesday, April 28th.

Faith Rituals and Celebrations: A Woman's Significance, May 4th

The South Bay Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue fourth annual conference will be virtual on Zoom. This year's presentation will showcase two amazing speakers, Janet Whitaker Sullivan and Rabbi Cassi Kail. For more information and to register for the conference please visit us at www.sbcjwd.com. The program will run from 9:00am to 12:00p.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. We hope you can join us!

Psalms: A School of Prayer

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Christ prayed them, as



did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a personal encounter with God. Join us this spring for an eleven-week Great Adventure Study on the Psalms: A School of Prayer. This online facilitated study will be offered Tuesday evenings beginning April 20th through June 29th from 7p.m. to 8:30pm using Zoom. Registration is \$30, which includes the workbook for the program. Check is payable to St. John Fisher; please include "Adult Faith" in the memo line. To register please contact the Office of Evangelization at 310-377-4573, or email Chris Acherman at cacherman@sjf.org.

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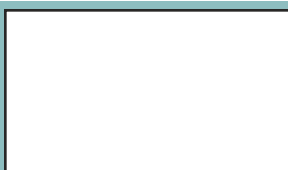
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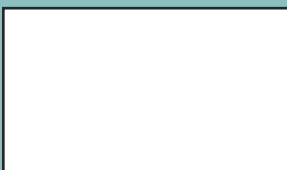
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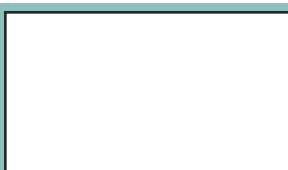
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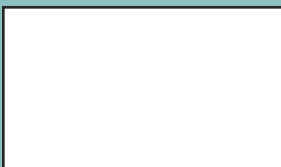
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