



# Saint Athanasius Church

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### MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

**Saturday (sábado): 9:00 AM** (English)  
1st Saturday of the month ONLY

**Vigil 4:30 PM** (English)  
**6:30 PM** (Español)

**Sunday (domingo): 8:00 AM** (English)  
**9:30 AM** (Español)  
**11:00 AM** (English-Livestream)  
**1:00 PM** (Español-Transmisión en vivo)

### Daily Masses/Misas Diarias:

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM** (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

**Wednesday/miércoles: after the 9 AM Mass**  
**Saturday/sábado: 5:30 PM** (Bilingual)  
or by appointment with the Priest/*Por cita.*

To reach a priest after office hours in an EMERGENCY situation, such as a death or the need for the Last Rites, please call: (650) 582-5833.

Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted  
in his own native place.

Luke 4:24

JANUARY

30  
2022



FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13  
Lk 4:21-30

# SAINT ATHANASIUS

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The “fulfilled in your hearing” statement of Jesus today is also the conclusion of last week’s Gospel, with the words of Isaiah about the breadth of God’s mercy and justice at its heart. The response of the crowd in the synagogue is united: *all* are amazed, but *all* likewise ask if he’s not merely the son of Joseph the humble carpenter. Jesus calls them out for seeming to think that he ought to be doing his ministry only locally, and—selfishly—only for them. (After all, they know where he comes from!) When Jesus essentially replies “nope” through some proverbs and prophetic stories, *all* the crowd gets angry at his implication that the fulfillment in Jesus is for everyone, not just for them. When our “take care of your own” reflex kicks in, we would do well to recall that this isn’t the attitude of Jesus, nor is it the attitude of his mission that we continue to this day.

### YOU’VE BEEN WARNED

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God’s prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God’s prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God’s prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn’t promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah’s strength.

### JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit’s anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he’s a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and “local boy” pivots to “who does he think he is?” You couldn’t blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob’s midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we’ve been warned. But we’ve also been assured of God’s care.

Today’s Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat (29) 4:30** Elwood Brown -- Deceased (†)  
**6:30** Geronimo Perez Torres -- Deceased (†)

**Sun (30) 8:00** Danilo Fidel -- Healing (H)  
Lilian Cheah -- Healing (H)  
**9:30** Vidal Preciado -- Thanksgiving (T)  
Alicia & Daniela Preciado -- Thanksgiving (T)  
**11:00** Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)  
Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)  
Patrick Cang -- Deceased (†)  
Michael Scriven -- Deceased (†)  
**1:00** Geronimo Perez Torres -- Deceased (†)

**Mon (31) 9:00**

**Tues (01) 9:00** Evelyn Chuakay-Ong -- Death Anniv. (†)

**Wed (02) 9:00** Vincent Morris -- Deceased (†)  
**6:30**

**Thurs (03) 9:00**

**Friday (04) 9:00** Lucelina Lucas Cardoso -- Deceased (†)

†—Deceased; T—Thanksgiving; H—Healing;  
S.I.—Special Intentions; B—Birthday; S—Sick

### Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of January 30

Elwood A. Brown	Veronica Flores
Mario D’Aura	Dolores T. Ruiz
Manuel Fernando Januario	Manuel T. Salas
Mary Freitas	Ralph Adams
Delfin M. Laudato	Carmen De Sanchez
Joao F. Rosa	Harry E. Garvin
Michele Carl Rossi	Elpidio Velasco
Theodore Cruz	

### REST IN PEACE



### Please Pray for the Sick

Theresa and Clyde Thirbenny, Kevin O’Leary, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso, Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto, Josephine Sierras, Vi Brietich, Stacy Goodman, Michael Fernandez, Flavio Mauricio, and Teresa Altman.



### PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION

Come pray with us for the end of abortion in our country. A group of volunteers meets every week for peaceful prayer and witness.  
**WEDNESDAYS, 11 AM - 12 PM** at Planned Parenthood located at 2500 California St., Mountain View.  
For more information please contact Cris at (650) 279-5909 or [cfgoodman13@gmail.com](mailto:cfgoodman13@gmail.com).

### STAY CONNECTED!

If you would like to receive weekly newsletters from us via e-mail, please send us your e-mail address to: [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net)



This Weekend's 2nd Collection is for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**. We appreciate your generosity and support.



Thank you for your continued support. If you are not able to join us in-person, please make your Sunday offering online, scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/athanasius>

You can also mail in or drop off your Sunday contribution to the Parish office.

Friday Mass <b>January 21</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>
Saturday/sábado <b>January 22</b>	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>\$294.00</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>\$409.00</b>
Sunday/domingo <b>January 23</b>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>\$928.00</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>\$959.00</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>\$962.00</b>
Mail In/Por Correo	<b>\$80.00</b>
Online Giving	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,229.00</b>
Goal/Meta	<b>\$6,000</b>
Variance/Diferencia	<b>&lt;\$1,771.00&gt;</b>
2nd Collection/Church in Latin America	<b>\$1,685.84</b>



Next Weekend's 2nd Collection is for our **PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND**. Thank you for your generosity and support!



**SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION**

Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church? How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)? How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way? For more information, visit <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

**BULLETIN EMAILS**

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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

February 4, 2022

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
After the 9:00 AM Mass.

**Benediction at 11:00 AM**

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**  
Weekend Retreat Ages 18-35

- February 4 - 6, 2022 | Men's Discernment Weekend
- February 11 - 13, 2022 | Women's Discernment Weekend
- March 4 - 6, 2022 | Retiro de Discernimiento para Hombres
- March 11 - 13, 2022 | Retiro de Discernimiento para Mujeres

Retreat is Free

**Registration is open for our annual Discernment Weekends!**

What does it mean to have a vocation and discern it? How do you know when you are called to marriage or consecrated life? We know you have these questions, and we want to help you find some answers!

The Diocese of San Jose Vocations Office invites young adult men and women aged 18-35 to a weekend retreat on vocations and discernment. Our prayer for you is that by fully engaging in the opportunities provided on this retreat, you will find more clarity on where God is leading you; to help you better understand God's movement in your heart. Register at:

<https://www.dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/>



St. Athanasius Church

Sanctuary Back Wall Renovation

Construction work to renovate our church sanctuary is scheduled to begin around **February 10th**. There's a poster at the back of the church that illustrates the design.

Note that when work is in progress, the 9 AM weekday Mass will be held in the Parish Hall. Weekend Masses will not be affected.

Thank you!



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**(January 30 - February 5)**

**Catholic Schools Week Holy Hour of Prayer: January 31 at 9am**, please join the Diocese of San Jose Catholic Schools to celebrate Catholic Schools Week virtually. The Holy Hour of Prayer will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. Livestream is available here at DSJ Facebook.

Our Catholic schools form students to be saints and scholars. Our students receive more than an exemplary education- they become part of a community that supports their social, emotional, and moral development. Check out our website <https://www.dsj.org/catholic-schools/open-house/> to locate a school and upcoming open house near you.

## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La afirmación “se ha cumplido al oírlo” de Jesús hoy es también la conclusión del Evangelio de la semana pasada, con las palabras de Isaías sobre la amplitud de la misericordia y la justicia de Dios en su centro. La respuesta de la multitud en la sinagoga es unánime: todos se asombran, pero todos se preguntan igualmente si no es simplemente el hijo de José, el humilde carpintero. Jesús les reprocha que parezcan pensar que debería ejercer su ministerio sólo a nivel local y, egoístamente, sólo para ellos. (Después de todo, ¡ellos saben de dónde viene!) Cuando Jesús responde esencialmente “no” mediante algunos proverbios e historias proféticas, toda la multitud se enfada por su implicación de que la realización en Jesús es para todos, no sólo para ellos. Cuando nuestro reflejo de “ocúpate de los tuyos” se pone en marcha, haríamos bien en recordar que esa no es la actitud de Jesús, ni la de su misión, que continuamos hasta hoy.


La apertura de la lectura seleccionada de Jeremías es seguramente una de las más reconfortantes de la Escritura. Imagínate. Dios me conoció antes de mi concepción corporal; Dios me dedicó antes de mi nacimiento o de cualquier rito de dedicación humana; ¡Dios me nombró profeta! Luego viene el uh-oh. A Jeremías se le advierte que su nombramiento como profeta traerá oposición, contra la cual los profetas de Dios deben levantarse. De alguna manera, el nombramiento como profeta de Dios parece que debería ser un poco más feliz, como el glamur que podríamos pensar que vendrá de tener amigos en las altas esferas. Sin embargo, al igual que hay muchas fuerzas en el mundo que se oponen a la voluntad y la bondad divinas, también se oponen a los profetas de Dios. Una segunda ronda de garantías llega a Jeremías, una promesa de que Dios estará con Jeremías para fortalecerlo. Dios no le promete una vida libre de turbulencias, pero sí promete ser la fuerza de Jeremías.

### JESÚS, HIJO DE JEREMÍAS


En la sinagoga de Nazaret se produce un giro similar. Cuando Jesús habla de la unción del Espíritu sobre él, la unción descrita en Isaías, la multitud se asombra, y parece que incluso quiere atribuirse el mérito, ya que es un chico del pueblo. Entonces Jesús dice unas palabras de amor duro, y el “chico local” pivota a “¿quién se cree que es?” No se podría culpar a Jesús, en ese momento, si recordara las palabras de Jeremías, su antepasado profético. Aunque la multitud expulsó a Jesús de la ciudad y lo subió a una colina para arrojarlo a la muerte, aún no había llegado su hora. La fuerza y la protección que Dios promete a los profetas le llegó a Jesús ese día, cuando pasó por en medio de la multitud, ileso. Pasó en medio de ellos para continuar la obra para la que el Espíritu le había ungido. Para nosotros, que seguimos la herencia profética de Jesús en este día, hemos sido advertidos. Pero también se nos ha asegurado el cuidado de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 ó 13:4-13; Lc 4:21-30


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La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para la **Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul**. Agradecemos su generosidad.




La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana es para nuestro **Fondo de Mantenimiento**. Se les agradece su generosidad.




**SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATOLICAS**  
(30 de enero - 5 de febrero)

Los invitamos a unirse a la **Hora Santa de Oración de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas: el 31 de enero a las 9 AM**, para celebrar la Semana de las Escuelas Católica. La Hora Santa tendrá lugar en la Catedral Basílica de San José. La transmisión en vivo estará disponible en DSJ Facebook.

Las escuelas católicas se enfocan no solamente en la formación académica de los estudiantes sino que también se les infunde el deseo por alcanzar la santidad y salvación de su alma. Los estudiantes de nuestras escuelas católicas se vuelven parte de una comunidad que apoya su desarrollo social, emocional y moral. Visiten nuestra página web para averiguar cuándo será el *open house* de la escuela más cercana a usted <https://www.dsj.org/catholicschools/open-house/>.



**ADORACION DE PRIMER VIERNES**  
**4 de febrero del 2022**  
Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento  
**empieza a las 7:30 PM**  
Dentro de la Iglesia



**BAUTIZOS EN ESPAÑOL**  
La próxima fecha para bautizar será **el 19 de febrero a las 11 AM**  
(Se requiere previa registración).  
Llame para una entrevista inicial (650) 961-8600.

**DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO**  
**Sábado 12 de febrero - de las 10 AM a las 12 PM**

No se necesita registración previa. **NO** puede venir en persona? Puede mandar algún familiar o amigo a recoger su despenza por usted.



St. Athanasius Church  
Sanctuary Back Wall Renovation

El trabajo de construcción para la renovación del santuario de la Iglesia esta agendado para iniciar el **10 de febrero**. En la parte trasera de la Iglesia hay un poster con el diseño. Cuando la construcción inicie las Misas entre semana de las 9 AM serán trasladadas al salón parroquial. Las Misas de fin de semana no se verán afectadas.

¡Gracias por su comprensión!

**Mission Statement for St. Athanasius Parish --“St. Athanasius Church’s mission is to build disciples of Jesus Christ and assist them in responding to God’s call to love and to serve”**

**Misión de la Parroquia de San Atanasio -- "La Misión de la Iglesia de San Atanasio es construir discípulos de Jesucristo y ayudarles a responder el llamado de Dios a amar y servir"**

**FAMILY PRAYER HOUR** Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There’s little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 PM for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

**ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Athanasius Bereavement, Comfort, and Support Ministry meets every 4th Friday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We hope that you will be able to attend. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us as we share our losses, and develop coping strategies.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass in the church. Benediction will be at 11:00 AM.

**EXPOSICION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO**

El primer Viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM dentro de la Iglesia.

**ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

If you have missed connecting and praying with your fellow parishioners, we invite you to visit the St. Paul Discipleship Group virtual meeting **Tuesday nights from 8:30 PM -10:00 PM**. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization in particular, and the daily readings. Email us at [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net) for the Zoom meeting details.

**SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our Mountain View area through our Emergency Assistance program. The Food Pantry is closed due to COVID-19 because the room is too small for safe distancing. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our virtual board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM to see how we carry out our mission. Please leave your contact information on our Helpline (650) 562-1000 or at the Parish Office (650) 961-8600.

**JOVENES PARA CRISTO**

Nos reunimos todos los viernes a las 7 PM en la Iglesia, compartimos temas para profundizar nuestra fe, alabanzas y adoración al Santísimo.

**HIJOS DE MARIA SANTISIMA**

Somos un grupo de oración familiar, nos reunimos los jueves de 7 - 9 PM en la Iglesia para compartir temas, rezar el rosario, y adoración al Santísimo.

**JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS**

Los invitamos a venir los lunes de las 7 a las 9 PM en la Iglesia para alabar al Señor, y escuchar testimonio y temas para profundizar nuestro conocimiento en nuestra fe.

**Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation for Children, Teens and Adults**

Our Faith Formation and Sacrament preparation programs seek to empower families to deepen their faith in Jesus through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations. Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Grades 2-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a one-year process. Out of an abundance of caution we will conduct our classes via Zoom until further notice.

For more information, please contact our Parish Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext. 100.

**Baptism of Children** (English & Spanish)

Parents are invited to contact our parish office at (650) 961 - 8600 Ext. 100 to set up an appointment for an initial interview with one of our priests. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. No Baptism date can be set until the interview with the priest. Children age 7 or above are required to participate in our Children’s Faith Formation program to prepare for this sacrament. All Baptisms are indoors the **3rd Saturday of the month**.

**10:00 AM in English**

**11:00 AM en español**

*Favor de llamara al a oficina (650) 961-8600 Ext. 100 para hacer una cita para una entrevista inicial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Todos los Bautizos son dentro de la Iglesia el 3er sábado del mes.*

**DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO**  
Saint Athanasius Church

**Saturday, February 12 / sábado 12 de febrero  
from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

No Registration Needed Beforehand - Registration will be done on-site. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office at [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net)**

*No se necesita registraci3n previa, las registraciones se hacen el día de la distribuci3n. Si le gustaría ser voluntario para las distribuciones de comida, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina a [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net).*

**ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS**

BIRTH AND BEYOND (331) 444-5433  
12 N White Rd #5, San Jose, CA 95127

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

For burial information and pre-planning assistance, please call (888) 715-2150.



**Office for the Protection of  
Children and Vulnerable Adults / Oficina  
de Protecci3n de Niños y Adultos  
Vulnerables**

Diocese of San Jose: Anthony Gonzalez (408) 983-0113

**Emergency Line:** (408) 983-0144 or [www.opcva.ethicspoint.com](http://www.opcva.ethicspoint.com).

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

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**LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1: THE NEW EVE**

This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.



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The 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade comes at a historic moment. The nation stands on the precipice of potentially overturning Roe v. Wade. At the same time, the Governor and state legislators have issued calls to make California a “sanctuary” destination for women seeking abortions from in and out of state. However, asking to increase the number of abortions in California completely misses a vital, life-affirming point. California is already uniquely situated to respond actively to the needs of women, children, and families. Over the years, the California Catholic Conference has supported the state’s dynamic efforts to

build programs for our most vulnerable populations, lifting families out of poverty and affirming the inherent dignity of each person.

Furthermore, the Catholic Church is the largest provider of private social services in California. We serve millions of the most at-risk families through our Catholic Charities and diocesan ministries, our Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, and our Catholic schools and parishes.

**With Pope Francis, we believe that abortion attacks the “sacredness of human life,” and that “it is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” At this pivotal moment, we, the Bishops of the Dioceses of California, commit to a vision for our state that honors women with life-affirming support and practical resources so that all families can thrive, and so that no woman feels trapped into the devastating decision to end a life by abortion.**

<https://www.dsj.org/california-bishops-commit-to-working-for-better-futures-for-californias-women-children-and-families/>





# St. Athanasius 2022 ADA

Diocesan Goal = \$63,684 + Parish Goal = \$70,000  
 Total Goal = \$133,684

## A Message From Bishop Cantú

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your continued prayers, support, and perseverance as we faced many challenges in the past year. This year, as we gather as a community around the Lord's Table, I invite you to contemplate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist joins us to Christ's sacrifice and provides us with infinite blessings.

With Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, suffering became sacrificial and can be deeply meaningful when we open our hearts wide to Christ and offer our hearts and lives to the Lord with faith, hope, and love. Having shared in Christ's sacrifice, we are called to bear fruit and are sent forth as missionary disciples, knowing that the Lord has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn: 4:19).

In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis reminds us that the Church "is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink amid their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach" (No. 28).

As we continue to journey together in hope while "Growing Together in Faith," I invite you to support the mission of the Diocese. Your generosity allows our clergy, religious and lay ministers to serve this and future generations of our diverse community, shining the light of Christ throughout the Santa Clara Valley.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Oscar Cantú  
 Bishop of San José



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Hope  
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