

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**February 6, 2022**

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## Worship Schedule

Daily Mass 7:30 AM Mon-Thurs  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

Confessions After Daily Mass,  
approx. 8:00 AM  
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday  
8:00 - 9:00 AM  
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month  
1:00-3:00 PM  
September - June

**Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,  
“Whom shall I send?  
Who will go for us?”  
“Here I am,” I said;  
“send me!”

ISAIAH 6:8

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 5

8:00 AM The Intentions of the Coffey Family

4:00 PM Dick Blais  
by Kathy and Caroline

Sean Costello  
by Cindy Clarke

### Sunday, February 6

8:00 AM People of the parish

10:00 AM Mrs. Theresa Balzer  
by the Harris Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, February 7

7:30 AM John Ferrari  
by Mike & Kathleen O'Connor

### Tuesday, February 8

7:30 AM Dick Blais  
by his wife, Helen

### Wednesday, February 9

7:30 AM Sean Costello  
by Leo and Connie Courcy

### Thursday, February 10

7:30 AM Maria Mai Thi Cai  
by Her Daughter

### Friday, February 11

No Mass on Fridays

### Saturday, February 12

4:00 PM Judith Maldonado  
by Susanne and Dan Tracy

Pete Cadwell - 4th Anniv.  
by His Wife - Jane Cadwell

### Sunday, February 13

8:00 AM People of the parish

10:00 AM Mona Pepin  
by The Beatrice Family

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

Sanctuary Lamp - Fr. David Harris  
from a grateful St. Christopher Parish  
Family

### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during February, will be offered for the people of the parish

*Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.*

*Votive candle suggested offertory is \$3.00*

## Fifth

Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

February 6, 2022

“Put out into deep water  
and lower your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:4



### The Miraculous Draught of Fishes

c. 1520  
Attributed to Ugo da Carpi (Italian, c. 1480–after 1525) after Raffaello Sanzio, called Raphael (Italian, 1483–1520)  
Art Institute of Chicago

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Isn't it comforting to know that others have struggles with low self-esteem? Today Isaiah calls himself a man with “unclean lips.” Paul is “not fit to be called an apostle.” Simon Peter tells Jesus (perhaps unnecessarily) “I am a sinful man.” All of these may be true, but God chose these three—unclean, unfit, sinful—as important, essential messengers in the work of salvation. We all can remember this whenever we are tempted to view ourselves as unqualified for (or excuse ourselves from) sharing the Good News. Having a low opinion of ourselves isn't humility. Truth be told, it's a kind of arrogance to think that God cannot work through us. It's a good thing to be aware of and honest about our failings or limitations, but we also give glory to God by acknowledging what we are able to do, by sharing the gifts that God has granted us.

## RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a “call” as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a “spillover” from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

## SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8  
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8  
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]  
Luke 5:1–11

## Spring Anniversary Mass

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by April 8, 2022. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you this spring at the Wedding Anniversary Mass!

## Year End Tax Statements

Tax statements acknowledging contributions for 2021 were mailed (or emailed) on Thursday, January 13 to any contributor that received a statement last year. If you are in need of a statement for your yearly taxes and have not received one, please call the rectory at 882-0632. Saint Christopher Parish is grateful to all our generous and faithful parishioners.

## Saint Christopher Academy Accepting Applications for Fall 2022

Families looking for an outstanding prekindergarten through grade 8 Catholic education are invited to apply to Saint Christopher Academy for the Fall of 2022. At Saint Chris, we value academic excellence and spiritual development within a caring, joy-filled community. Our dual Nashua campuses serve grades pre-k to grade 5 at our lower campus and grades 6 to 8 at our nearby upper campus. Students benefit from the distinctly age appropriate experiences at each location and have access to more advanced academic programs and a broader range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities. To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310

## Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer to drive our van to pick up supplies and donations on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If anyone is interested, please contact Maryellen Keigher at 603-882-6372.

Suggested food items for February are: Scalloped potatoes, baked beans, brownie mix, canned carrots, mustard, ketchup, 1 lb can or jars of coffee, shampoo and conditioner. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations. Thank you!!

## For Vocations

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at mmason@rcbm.org.

## Feast of St. Joseph

Bishop Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The morning will follow the schedule below:

- 7:30 AM - Rosary
- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 9:00 AM - Breakfast and Fellowship
- 9:30 AM - Keynote

Registration is \$12 per person and must be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/StJosephBreakfast>.

St. Christopher's would like to welcome the following parishioners to our parish and their new spiritual home:

- Margaret "Peg" Bennett

Kevin & Kayla  
Lundbohm and  
their son, Luke



## We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

### Rectory Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-3:00  
Friday 9:00-12:00

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**January 30, 2022 Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,955.00
Loose Offertory	\$210.00
Faith Direct	\$2,516.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,681.75</b>

Seminarians	\$40.00
Total-to-date:	\$1,501.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00
Total-to-date:	\$941.00
Fuel Collection	\$50.00
Total-to-date:	\$3,391.00
Catholic Education	\$400.00
Total-to-date:	\$435.00
Immaculate Conception	\$40.00
Total-to-date:	\$810.00
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Christmas	\$60.00
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**Saint Christopher Academy  
18th Annual Auction**

Plans are underway for the Saint Christopher Academy 2022 Auction, "In the Winner's Circle with Saint Chris"! After COVID forced the event online for the last two years, we are excited to be planning our LIVE Auction for April 2, 2022 at Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH. Over 200 parents, friends, and alumni of Saint Chris will gather for a fabulous Kentucky Derby themed evening of raffles, silent and live auctions. The Auction is the Academy's largest fundraiser and will benefit enhanced academic and financial aid programs for our 516 pre-kindergarten to grade 8 students on two campuses. Tickets to the event, as well as sponsorship, advertising, and donations opportunities are available by visiting the Auction website at <https://stchrischoolnh.ejoinme.org/Auction2022>.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers**

**VBS is coming soon and we need to add you to our crew and get this trip rolling!**

**Theme:** Monumental 2022!

**When:** July 25-July 29, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 AM -11:30 AM

**For:** Kids entering grades K to Grade 5

Come join us for a rockin' good time amid the colorful canyons of the Southwest!... where we explore God's awesome strength along the sunbaked trails! Dancing, music, crafts, snacks and games galore as we hear and learn how to form a rock solid faith in God for the journeys ahead! We will need lots of volunteers, so please email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) if you are age 18+ and want to help us make an amazing trek! Youth volunteer slots will be filled as soon as we have our 18+ crew assembled!

**Christ In Us Family Faith Program**

**Next in person Class is February 13th!**

**Rolling registration for this program for Grades K-Grade 6**

Our parish students in public school grades K to grade 6 AND their families gather once a month in the Church hall for a light breakfast. Students will participate in a grade level lesson while their parents participate in a program just for them. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey! Students will continue with self paced lessons at home each week and submit completed work online. Registration forms can be found on our parish website at [stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org) Questions? Email Chris Mercurio at [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org).



**Saint Christopher  
ACADEMY**

Saint Christopher Academy is a pre-kindergarten through grade 8 Catholic school located on two nearby locations. At SCA, student are immersed in an authentically Catholic, academically excellent education within the embrace of a safe, joy-filled community.

Visit us online at [SaintChrisAcademy.org](http://SaintChrisAcademy.org)

**Now accepting  
applications for  
2022-2023!**



**Our Family Faith class has been busy!**

Our January Family Faith class had us celebrating prayer and celebrating LIFE! Our families gathered for breakfast, class and lots of fun! In honor of the National Day of Prayer for the legal protection of the unborn, we collected baby items to be donated to Gianna's place and made a "stained glass" banner reminding us of the importance of prayer.

## First Communion and Confirmation

Our Spring classes have begun. If you have a student interested in preparing for Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Communion, please email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) for program information. Sacrament preparation registration forms are available at [stchrisparishnh.org](http://stchrisparishnh.org)

**First Communion (grade 3):** These students recently completed classes in Confirmation prep and will continue their studies to receive both Confirmation and First Communion on May 18th. Student and a parent attend class together. Class is 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

**Confirmation:** Students in this class have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Communion and will prepare to receive Confirmation on May 18th. A parent and student attend class together. Classes are held after the 10:00 AM Mass, from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM.

## Project Rachel Ministry

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call or email - Phone: 603-663-0192; email: [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org) - for Project Rachel in New Hampshire. Spanish speakers may visit [EsperanzaPosAborto.org](http://EsperanzaPosAborto.org).



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**Following the  
10:00 AM Mass**

*Please join us!*

## Catholic Schools Collection

The annual Catholic Schools collection will take place this weekend of February 5 and 6. This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support. The proceeds from this collection remain in the parish to offset costs for Diocesan Catholic schools.

## Summer Camp Scholarships

We are pleased to announce Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. The full scholarships granted to those in financial need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish. Please contact the parish office to request a letter of recommendation and application. The deadline for submission of recommendations is March 11, 2022.

## St. Christopher Online Giving

Winter weather means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church. Unfortunately, parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at [www.StChrisParishNH.org](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org). We are most grateful to all those who make every effort to give consistently whether electronically or through the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families,  
For the selfless acts they perform,  
For us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord  
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:  
LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);  
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);  
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:  
Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte (USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:  
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:  
Maj. Rob Strob

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:  
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre  
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and  
Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:  
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)  
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:  
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:  
Cpt. Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:  
Major Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:  
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast  
Guard)

*To add to our military prayer list,  
email [bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org) or  
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

**St. Christopher Parish  
Community Outreach**

**Parish Prayer Line**

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?  
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --  
24/7 from us to Heaven!

**Go online to**

[www.stchrisparishnh.org](http://www.stchrisparishnh.org)

**Send email to**

prayerhotline@  
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**Prayer Shawls**

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

**Outreach Ministry**

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

**Senior Companions**

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.



**Saint Josephine  
Bakhita**

**(c. 1869 – February 8, 1947)**

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

**Reflection**

Josephine's body was mutilated by those who enslaved her, but they could not touch her spirit. Her Baptism set her on an eventual path toward asserting her civic freedom and then service to God's people as a Canossian Sister.

She who worked under many "masters" was finally happy to address God as "master" and carry out everything that she believed to be God's will for her.

**Welcome! Please use this form to register!**

*St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at [www.StChrisParishNH.org](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org).*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

### Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

*Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25-40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

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## About Our Faith: What are the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit?

You probably had to memorize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of your Confirmation preparation. You may have accidentally thrown in a few fruits of the Holy Spirit on a Confirmation class quiz: wisdom, fortitude, knowledge... peace...or was it piety?... generosity...is that a gift or a fruit...?

Let's have a refresher.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven specific graces He gives us, particularly in the Sacrament of Confirmation. According to the Catechism, they are permanent dispositions that help us respond to the promptings of the Spirit:

### **Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord**

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are the result of a life lived according to the Spirit. They are the natural outcroppings of a branch closely united to the Vine, Who is Christ. In the true vine discourse in the Gospel of John, Christ said that those who abide in Him will bear much fruit and glorify the Father.

St. Paul lists the twelve fruits in his letter to the Galatians, and this number has been confirmed by the tradition of the Church:

### **Charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity**

Ever notice how someone who strives after holiness just glows with these attributes? Like fire producing light and heat, a soul on fire with the Holy Spirit naturally emits these traits. Not that we are always patient, kind, and good every moment of every day, but if we keep working to remove the barriers of sin, these fruits will surely shine.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

## Prayer to Saint Michael

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## Prayer for Vocations

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

## Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

In the Words of  
*Pope Francis*

*"All human suffering is sacred to God. Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name."*

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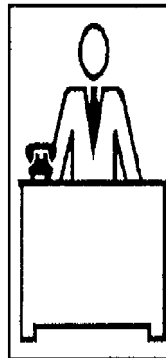
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