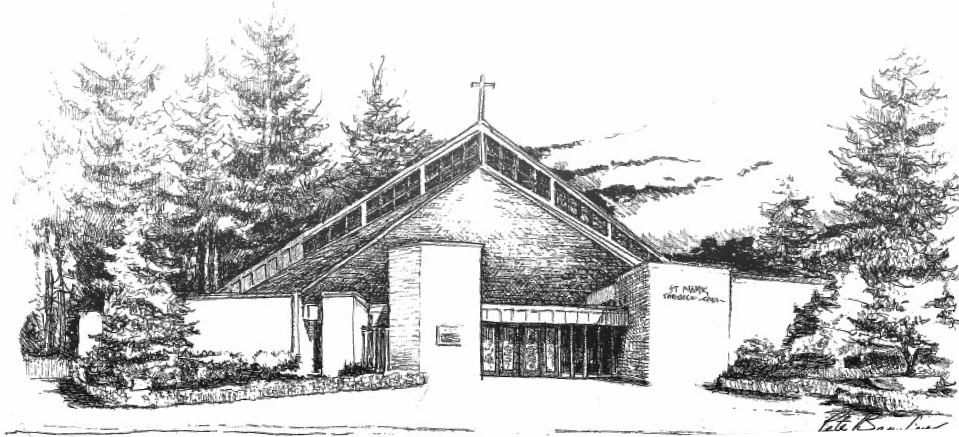


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Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Confessions

Wednesday 5:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 pm

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 24

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am, Mass, Church

9:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

10:30 am Mass, Church

Monday, January 25

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church

Tuesday, January 26

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, January 27

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Helen Freve, RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

Thursday, January 28

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (James Acheson, RIP)

Friday, January 29

9:30 am Mass, School Only, Church (Odette Medawar, RIP)

Saturday, January 30

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (Sapa & Sanya Dornay, RIP)

3:00 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

Sunday, January 31

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

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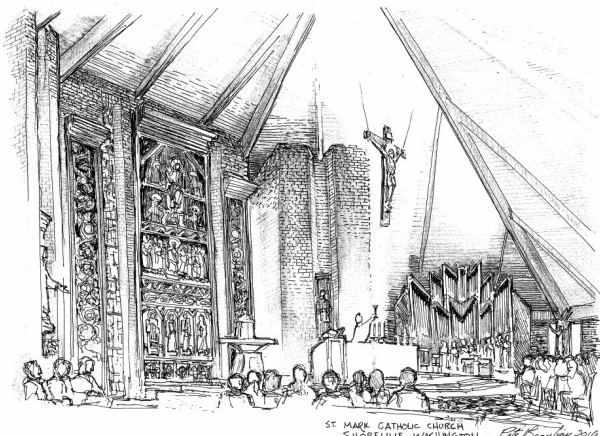
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Stewardship as of January 17, 2021 for
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$10,616

Year to date needed: \$501,990

Actual given year to date: \$434,558

Difference: (67,432)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 93

Amount given online: \$6,042



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place. *Cf. Ps 96 (95): 1, 6*

One of the characteristics of sanctity is **immediacy**. When the Lord called them, the Apostles responded without hesitancy - they dropped everything and followed Him.

In the constitutions of many religious communities, this is enshrined in the daily life of the religious as well as in the vow of obedience. It is not enough to fulfill an obligation eventually - virtue is found in responding to what we ought to do with eagerness, with joy, and with generosity.



How often do I approach the various aspects of Christian life with a sense of reluctance or resistance? I know that they have to be done and I'm going to do them.....but without much love for the work or those around me.

The witness of the Apostles offers encouragement even here - their first response may have been swift, but they often struggled! Only after years with Christ and after His resurrection did they come to fully trust in Him. Let us ask the Lord for that same faith, that we too may share their fervor & fidelity.

Monday, January 25 is the feast of the **Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**.



A famous killer of Christians, he responded to the call of Christ. He eventually became one of the greatest of the Apostles.

Saint Paul presents a two-fold challenge: foremost, how can I accept Christ's call with the fervor of Saint Paul? Secondly, how well do I receive those who have sincerely converted from enemy to fellow Christian?

May we ask Saint Paul to pray for us, that like him our hearts & lives may be changed.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, Rome has issued a note for **modified distribution of ashes** during the pandemic.

For anyone who has lived outside of the United States, the coming change might be familiar - instead of imposing ashes on the forehead, ashes are to be sprinkled on the head silently. This has been the traditional practice in Rome & Italy, though many other countries have also maintained the practice.



L'omelia del Santo Padre durante la Santa Messa a Santa Sabina all'Aventino
Nello spirito del Grande Giubileo del 2000 intraprendiamo l'itinerario quaresimale



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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Dear friends,

A brief addendum to my bulletin series on common concerns about vaccines and the development of vaccines against COVID-19. When

I started, there had not been any official publications from Rome or from the bishops. Happily, the Washington State Catholic Conference, the USCCB, and Rome have all since then weighed in - **each offering support of receiving the available vaccines**, albeit with some important considerations & reflections.

“ . . . when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available . . . it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”

- *Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Their writings and commentary are too much to include here, but they are all worth reading. Between the new documents, there is about 12 pages of reading and all of it very approachable. If you have been following along with this series, you'll notice that all three rely heavily on the documents we have been reviewing over the previous weeks.

I hope you will take the time to read these most recent publications from our bishops and from Rome. Though the conclusions are the familiar - that it is morally acceptable to receive the COVID-19 vaccines (though not necessarily obligatory) - the support of our local bishops, the unified message of the United States bishops, and the teaching of the Church through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith are a helpful reassurance to us all. Together may we embrace the encouragement and wisdom of our Catholic faith.

- Father Maurer

COVID-19 vaccine documents

The Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Care

Support COVID-19 Vaccinations, Washington State Catholic Conference, December 12, 2020

<https://www.wacatholics.org/stay-informed/wsccl-charities-catholic-health-care-support-covid-19-vaccinations>

Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines, United States Conference of Catholic

Bishops, December 11, 2020 <https://www.usccb.org/resources/moral-considerations-regarding-new-covid-19-vaccines>

Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,

December 21, 2020 http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Domestic Violence, Part I

Reported domestic violence increased in Washington state throughout 2020. Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It may include physical, sexual, psychological, verbal or economic abuse—either threatened or carried out.

Eighty-five percent of victims of domestic violence are women. While abuse cuts across all ethnic and economic backgrounds, some women face unique obstacles. Women of color may not view the criminal justice system as a source of help. Additionally, in some cultures women may feel pressured to keep problems within the home and to keep the family physically together, at all costs.

The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used (USCCB). When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may wonder how these acts relate to their promise to take their spouse for better or for worse?

We must understand that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises (USCCB). The focus is often on violence against women, although the reverse is possible, 85% of victims of domestic violence are women. This has serious repercussions for children. Even if not directly abused, children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to develop alcohol and drug addictions and to become abusers themselves thus setting the stage for a cycle of violence that may continue from generation to generation.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Theodore Gormley, Jim & Virginia Helbling,
Margarita Andrijic

For the deceased...

Odette Medawar

Mitchel Beatty

Scott Pettersen

Carmen Guballa

Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday,
February 15

Support St. Mark Catholic Classical School There are several on-going ways to support St. Mark Catholic Classical School.

This week we spotlight Office Depot/Office Max. Purchase qualifying school supplies and our school will get 5% back in credit for free supplies. Our school's number is 70107520. All we need to do is tell the cashier as we are checking out.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 31–February 6, 2021. St. Mark Catholic Classical School will host a virtual Open House Tuesday, February 2, 3:00–4:30 pm. If you are new to the school, or interested in our school, join the Virtual Open House! Please call or email the school for the log-in information, (206) 364-1633 or frontdesk@stmss.org

Domestic Violence Resources

The National Domestic Violence Hotline:
(800) 799-SAFE

Washington State Against Domestic Violence:
(844) 762-8483

Lifewire (Eastside)
(800) 827-8840 website: www.lifewire.org

Refugee Women's Alliance:
(206) 721-0243 (17 languages available)

NW Catholic Magazine

Northwest Catholic magazine and NWCatholic.org brings a message of hope that the world so desperately needs, especially in this time of social separation. Northwest Catholic is sent, free of charge, to every registered Catholic household in western Washington. Our donations help to share the gift of faith with others. Thank you for your support! Just use the envelope in our January envelope pack or give online through the secure site at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/nwcc.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Funeral Mass Announcement

Join us, virtually, in prayer for the repose of the soul of

Carmen Guballa

Friday, February 5 at 12 noon

Rosary preceding at 11:30 am

Rosary and Mass will both be live streamed on Facebook

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fulcrum Foundation Celebration of Light

The Fulcrum Foundation's Celebration of Light 2021 is a virtual fundraising event for Catholic education.

Fulcrum supports the 72 schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Since its founding in 2002, Fulcrum has disbursed over \$38 million in grants to students, educators and schools across western Washington.

Catholic education changes lives. Fulcrum believes everyone who wants a Catholic education should be provided that opportunity.

Please support the mission of the Fulcrum Foundation!

To give just go to the secure website: <https://give.fulcrumfoundation.org/give/316420/#!/donation/check-out> on or before Friday, January 29.

Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a collaboration of over 100 congregations of Catholic sisters dedicated to offering education, supporting survivor services and engaging in advocacy to eradicate modern-day slavery. They work to inform the public, prevent the assault on human dignity and assist survivors to live fulfilling lives while striving toward a world without slavery.

Their core values include: belief in the inherent dignity of each human being; commitment to those who are poor and vulnerable; establishment of right relationships to promote the common good; defense of the basic rights of workers; solidarity with one another and the willingness to enter into another's joys and sorrows.

Join them in their work! For more information please go to <https://sistersagainstrafficking.org/about/>

St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters continues Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm (following the 6:30 Mass) **in the church and also streamed online for those who cannot attend.** Everyone is welcome, please join us! The topic this week is **The Season of Lent** presented by Deacon Kirk Altenhofen. If you have any questions, or need more information, please email kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2021

Lent begins on February 17 and with it an opportunity to put faith into action through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. It offers simple yet powerful ways for all of us to bring Lenten spirituality to life. Every Lent we can do something amazingly holy and just.

Through our annual Rice Bowl giving we support Catholic Relief Services; the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; migration and refugee services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network; Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church and more. Learn more about the ministries benefited by CRS Rice Bowl at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Sacred Heart Radio

Sacred Heart Radio, 100.3 FM and 1050 AM, is listener supported Catholic radio. You have likely listened to the Mass at 9:00 am on weekdays, but have you explored any of the other programs? Miracle Hunter is Saturday at 4:00 pm and delves into the fascinating world of miracles as it takes listeners on a hunt that explores some of the greatest mysteries and marvels of the Catholic Church.

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449

Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115

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Operation Nightwatch

The mission of Operation Nightwatch is to reduce the impact of poverty and homelessness in-keeping with Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors. Their vision is to imagine no tents, no litter, no people alone under a bridge, no seniors without homes—all because there are friends, housing, health care and treatment for all. At Operation Nightwatch they believe all this is possible, not simply because we imagine it, but because God loves all.

Sock it to Homelessness

Socks are critical to the comfort and well-being of people experiencing homelessness. Just imagine what it must feel like to have nasty, wet socks on your feet 24 hours a day because you have only one pair. Wet, cold feet can increase the risk of many diseases and hypothermia. Socks won't solve the homeless crisis but socks can help those experiencing homelessness be healthier, hopeful and know there are neighbors like you, who care; especially in the middle of a pandemic.

Nightwatch has a goal of collecting 20,000 pairs of socks in the next six months. For more information, or to schedule a drop-off email: info@seattlenightwatch.org or call (206) 323-4359.

Operation Nightwatch is located at 302 14th Ave. South in Seattle.

Nine Days For Life Novena

At every stage and in every circumstance we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities but to perfection in love.

Nine Days for the Protection of Life began on January 21. Each day is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

For more information, and to get involved, please visit <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2021-english/>

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is a rich source of grace. Also known as confession, it was instituted by Jesus Christ to offer us forgiveness for offenses committed against God.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his church, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future.

The sacrament involves five elements:

- † **Contrition:** We are sincerely sorry for offending God and have a firm resolve not to repeat our sins.
- † **Confession:** We speak about our sins aloud to a priest.
- † **Penance:** The priest prescribes an act of penance as a part of our healing.
- † **Act of contrition:** We offer a prayer in which we express to God our sorrow for sin.
- † **Absolution:** The priest says the words through which "God, the Father of mercies" reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the cross and grants his forgiveness.

In this sacrament of mercy, we seek the grace of forgiveness and the strength to let go of patterns of behavior that prevent us from knowing, loving and serving the Lord Jesus fully.

Don't worry if it's been a long time since your last confession, or if you are uncertain about how to approach the Lord in this sacrament.

Jesus wants you to receive his peace, just as he wanted his apostles to receive it.

As we approach Lent we can experience God's tender mercy by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

"God never tires of forgiving us, and through the ministry of a priest he offers us an embrace that regenerates us and allows us to continue in our journey."

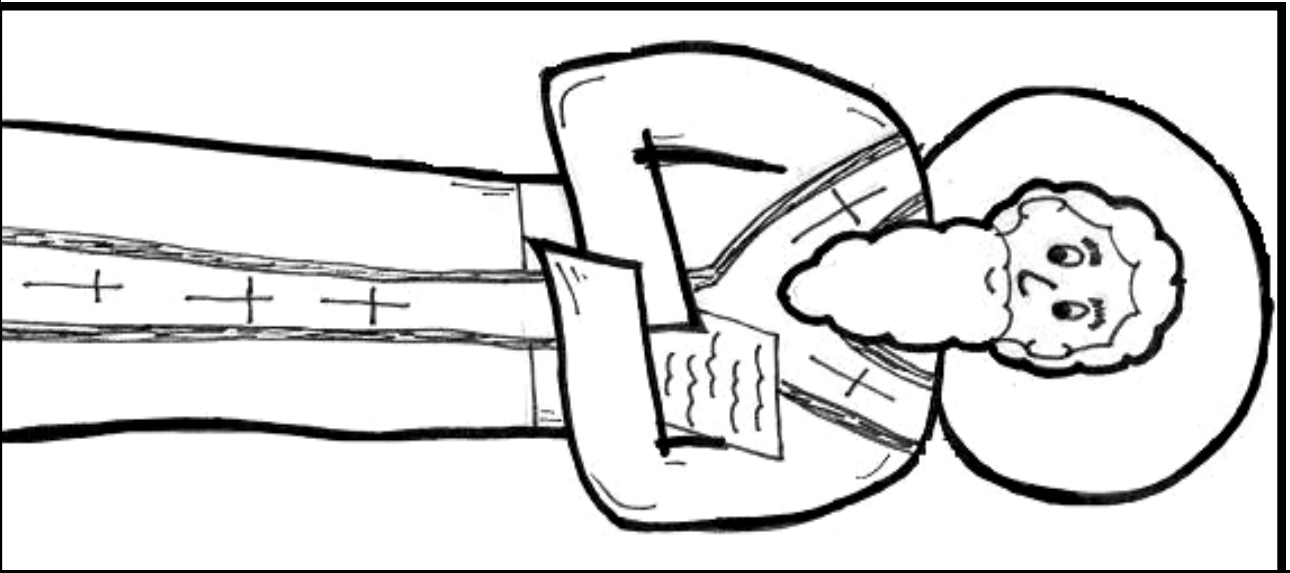
~Pope Francis

Saint Basil the Great

A monk named Saint Basil thought up a plan to help people who were being robbed.

Saint Basil asked some rich men to give jewels and money to the robbers so they would leave the poor people alone. Saint Basil was surprised when those mean men wouldn't take the money! They learned that they were being bullies and gave all the money back.

Saint Basil didn't know how to give all the money to the right people, so he baked a cake with the jewels baked inside. Everyone shared the cake and got to keep the jewels from their slide. Yum!



Catholic Kids Bulletin

January 24, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



What color is the priest wearing today?
It is Ordinary Time.

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Teach me
your ways,
O Lord.

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We are united with Christ, and through our sharing in this mystery, with each other.

The Eucharistic Prayer is spoken by the priest on behalf of the whole community. All of us, as members of the priestly people of God, offer this prayer to the Father together. We bring before God the world and all its activity, by bringing our own lives and offering them along with the bread and the wine for transformation. In the prayer at the preparation of the bread and wine, the priest asks God to receive the “fruit of the earth and work of human hands.” When we bring the work of our hands — our daily love and labor, our family joys and sorrows, our needs as communities and nations — God takes these gifts and transforms them.

The bread and wine we offer to God is given back to us, to be our heavenly food, the very Body and Blood of Christ. The sacrifice of Christ, offered once for all on the cross, is renewed in this mystery, and through our Eucharistic sharing, we participate in that same sacrifice. Christ’s presence in this sacrament is not merely a symbolic representation of our unity as a community, or a reminder of his love. In the Eucharist, the dying and rising of Christ become tangible, and Christ is truly present in our midst: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We call this presence the “Real Presence.” When we receive Holy Communion, we truly partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord, offered for our salvation. We are united with Christ, and through our sharing in this mystery, with each other.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle
Read the whole pastoral letter at NWCatholic.org

Thomas à Kempis on the Eucharist

I desire, Lord, to give myself to You as a voluntary offering and to be Yours eternally. With a sincere heart I give myself to You this day, as Your servant forever, wishing to serve You in obedience and as a sacrifice of endless praise. Receive me together with this Holy Sacrifice of your precious Body, which today I offer You in the presence of Your unseen angels attending You in heaven, that it may benefit my salvation and that of all Your people.



Thomas à Kempis,
(1380-1471)

For Reflection

What do I have to offer when I come to the altar?

What successes, gifts, and talents can I offer?

What sins and failures do I need to place on the altar to be transformed by God?

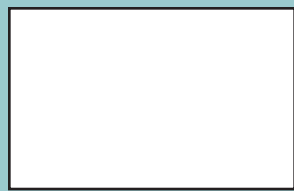
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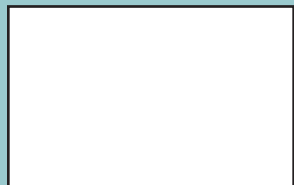
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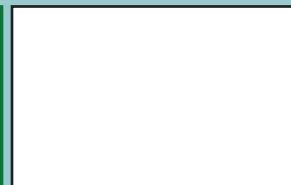
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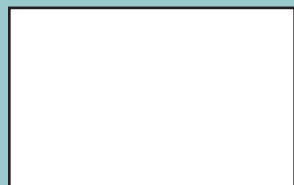
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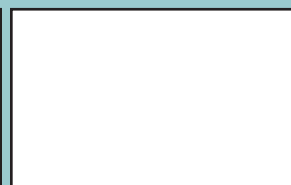
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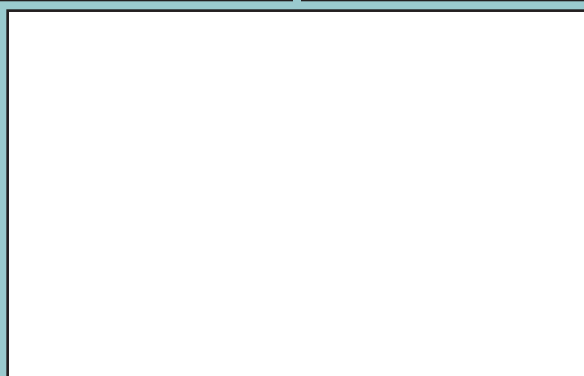
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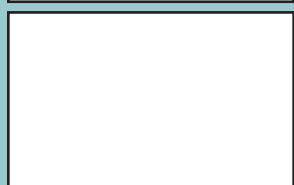
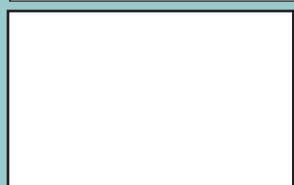
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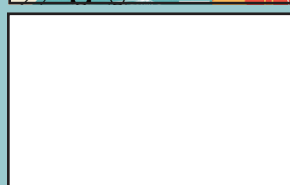


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