



Parish of St. Joseph of the Palisades

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Mass Schedule *St. Joseph*

Monday to Friday
8:30 am English

Monday to Friday
7:00 pm Spanish

Saturday
9:00 am Spanish
5:00 pm English
6:30 pm Spanish

Sunday
8:30 am Spanish
10:30 am Spanish-Main Church
10:30am Spanish-Lower Church
10:30 am Spanish-Com. Center
12:00 pm English
1:30 pm Spanish
6:00 pm Spanish

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday
9:00 am—5:00 pm
5:00—8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday
9:00 am—3:00 pm



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

“Vengan, benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo”. - Mt 25, 34

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IHM Mass Schedule Saturday

4:00 pm Meditation Hour
in the small Chapel

Sunday
10:00 am English
Confession between Masses
12:00 pm Spanish



Scan the adjacent barcode to open the Parish webpage.
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
INTENCIONES PARA DOMINGO CRISTO REY

November 25-26, 2023

ST. JOSEPH'S - 64TH Street

Saturday, November 25

5:00pm English + For the people of the Parish

6:30pm Spanish + Valerie Giacomello
+ Ida Torres

Sunday, November 26

8:30am Spanish Almas del Santo Purgatorio
+ Juan Mendez

10:30am UC + Spanish + Luisa Osorio
+ Leonard Mattsen

10:30am LC Spanish + Julio y Saba de la Rosa
+ Santiago Perez

12:00pm + Margaret Hennessey
+ Cornelius Hennessey

1:30pm Spanish + Richard Moranchel
+ Francisco Grullon

6:00pm Spanish En acción de gracias
Salud de Carmelina Paz

Monday, November 27

8:30am + Giacomina Piccinich
+ Alice Massiana

7:00pm + Sarita Alvarez
+ Rodolfo Rodríguez

Tuesday, November 28

8:30am + Albino Matesic

7:00pm Spanish + Jesús M. Aguilar
Por la salud de Estefani Castaño

Wednesday, November 29

8:30am + Ricardo Lagonterie

7:00pm Spanish + Inirida Orjuela Chilito
+ Celida y Benigno Hernández

Thursday, November 30

8:30am + Joan & Ray Erb
+ Pilar Novoa

7:00pm Spanish + Yolanda Fajardo
+ Catalina Ruano

Friday, December 1

8:30am + Bismarck Mairena

7:00pm Spanish + Adolfo y Alberto González
En acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Saturday, December 2

9:00am Spanish Community Mass

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Sunday, November 26

10:00am + Menelik Saint-Fleur
+ Adam Charneski

12:00pm Spanish + Felix y Clara Martin
+ Nestor Contreras

Sacrament of Baptism - Sacramento de Bautismo:

Sundays with prior registration. Call the rectory for information.

Domingos con inscripción previa. Para información llame a la rectoría.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confesiones:

Saturdays/Sábados: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday/Lunes a Viernes 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Matrimonios:

Registration one year prior to the date of marriage. Call the Rectory for appointment.

Registrarse un año antes de la boda.

Llamar a la rectoría para una cita.

Pastoral Care of the Sick - Enfermos:

Family member must call the Rectory to notify a priest.

Un familiar debe llamar a la rectoría para informar al sacerdote.

Funerals - Funerales:

All deceased Catholics are to have a funeral Mass before being buried. Arrangements made through the Funeral Home.

Todo difunto católico debe ser llevado a la iglesia para la Misa de Funeral antes de recibir cristiana sepultura. Arreglos a través de la funeraria.

Religious Education - Catequesis:

English: Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Academy of St. Joseph

Español: Domingos, 9:15 a.m.

Academy of St. Joseph

Parish Membership - Miembros de la Parroquia:

Every Catholic family should register in the parish.

Todo católico debe registrarse en la parroquia.

Readings for the week of November 26

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36





CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE PALISADES

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Noviembre 16, 2023

Queridos feligreses,

En nombre de la Administración de San Jose, me gustaría agradecer a todos aquellos que donaron tan generosamente a nuestra Parroquia el año pasado.

“Bendito eres, Señor, Dios de toda la creación, por tu bondad tenemos este pan/este vino para ofrecer...” Estas oraciones se rezan en la presentación de las ofrendas en la Eucaristía. Nos recuerdan que las cosas que presentamos a Dios son en realidad, los regalos de Dios para nosotros, dados por su bondad y amor. Por lo tanto, al dar a nuestra Parroquia simplemente estamos devolviendo a Dios algo de lo que Él ya nos ha dado. Por la bondad de Dios tenemos bienes para ofrecer y compartir.

La Parroquia San José de Palisades, donde venimos a adorar a Dios, reunirnos como comunidad cristiana y continuamos profundizando nuestra fe, existe hoy gracias a la generosidad de las generaciones pasadas. Los católicos que nos precedieron “fueron generosos en su entrega al Señor.

Quiero adjuntar un reporte financiero de dos años donde comparamos los ingresos económicos. Como pueden ver, operar una parroquia es una tarea costosa. Los salarios y beneficios totalizan \$725,000; el mantenimiento de nuestras instalaciones que incluye el cuidado de terrenos, reparaciones normales, seguros y servicios públicos, asciende a \$ 509.000; las contribuciones parroquiales a la Arquidiócesis que apoyan nuestras escuelas católicas y muchos otros programas, fuera de las fronteras de nuestra parroquia ascendieron a \$138,000; y los muchos programas espirituales y sociales, dentro de nuestra Parroquia, que profundizan nuestra fe y fortalecen nuestros valores totalizaron \$186,000. En total, el costo normal de operar nuestra parroquia fue de casi \$1,558 millones. Además de nuestros costos operativos normales, la parroquia aborda reparaciones capitales continuas en nuestros edificios que son tan antiguos. Sólo el año pasado la parroquia abordó la necesidad de reemplazar las unidades de calefacción y Aire acondicionado que costaron \$235,000; La restauración progresiva de nuestro Convento por un valor de \$150.000, y otros proyectos varios por un valor de \$42.000. Estos costos y reparaciones continuos son necesarios para mantener nuestros edificios seguros y funcionables.

No fui ordenado sacerdote para recaudar dinero, pero este es un ministerio importante y no se puede ignorar si queremos que nuestra parroquia siga siendo una presencia católica importante en nuestro vecindario.

Les pido a ustedes, mis queridos feligreses ser generosos con nuestra Parroquia no sólo en cubrir los gastos operativos y de renovaciones, sino también porque el ser generosos nos ayuda a ser mejores cristianos y le brinda a la parroquia la oportunidad de ofrecer una amplia variedad de programas y actividades que pueden marcar la diferencia en nuestras vidas y en nuestra Fe.

Nuevamente, les agradezco su apoyo inquebrantable, su generosidad y, sobre todo, sus oraciones en mi Ministerio. Juntos hagamos de la Parroquia de San José, la comunidad que todos deseamos ser.

Dios les pague por su generosidad

Fr. Helber Victoria, Pastor



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November 16, 2023

My dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the entire Administration, I would like to thank all those who gave so generously to our Parish this past year.

“Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread/this wine to offer...” These prayers are prayed at the presentation of the gifts at Mass. They remind us that the things we present to God are in reality God’s gifts to us, given out of His goodness and love. Therefore, in giving to our Parish we are merely returning to God something of what He has given to us. Through God’s goodness we have this money to offer.

St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, where we come to worship God, gather as a Christian community, and continue to deepen our beliefs, exists today, because of the generosity of past generations. Catholics before us “let go and gave themselves to God.”

Attached is a two-year comparison of our financial position. As you can see, operating a Parish is an expensive undertaking. Salaries & benefits total \$725,000; maintaining our facilities which includes the care of grounds, normal repairs, insurance and utilities, amounts to \$ 509,000; the Parish assessments to the Archdiocese which supports our Catholic Schools and many other programs, outside of the borders of our Parish totaled \$138,000; and the many spiritual and social programs, within our Parish, that deepen our faith and strengthen our values totaled \$186,000. In all, the normal cost to operate our Parish was nearly \$1,558 million. **In addition to our normal operating costs, the parish addresses on-going capital repairs to our aging buildings. This past year alone the parish addressed the need to replace the heating & cooling units costing \$235,000; The restoration of our Convent totaling \$ 150,000, and various other projects costing \$ 42,000. These much needed, on-going capital costs are required to keep our buildings safe and insurable.**

I was not ordained a priest to raise money, but this is an important ministry and one that cannot be ignored if we want our Parish to remain an important Catholic presence in our neighborhood.

I appeal to you, my fellow parishioners, to be generous. Being generous to our Parish not only helps to meet both its operating and capital expenses, but it also helps us. It makes us more giving and less self-centered, and it gives us a parish with a wide variety of programs and activities that can make a positive difference in our lives.

Again, I thank you for your unyielding support, your generosity, and most all your prayers.

Together let’s make Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish all that it could be!

Dios les pague por su generosidad

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St. Joseph of the Palisades Church FINANCIAL REPORT

	<i>FISCAL YEAR-END</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR-END</i>
	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS	587,979	627,244
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	10,971	13,002
EASTER COLLECTION	4,880	13,697
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES	22,634	27,918
FUND RAISING & CHURCH PROGRAMS (net)	20,911	39,627
RENTAL INCOME	190,127	232,662
DONATIONS & GIFTS	58,260	42,494
CANDLE INCOME	35,898	33,787
INTEREST INCOME	147,838	168,264
ALL OTHER INCOME	<u>23,619</u>	<u>36,628</u>
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	<u>1,103,117</u>	<u>1,235,323</u>
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	786,332	724,545
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE	204,253	136,446
CONTRACTED SERVICES	68,588	164,848
UTILITIES	140,564	112,098
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	153,420	137,796
PROPERTY INSURANCE	76,773	95,642
REAL ESTATE TAXES	10,426	8,090
PARISH PROVISIONS	23,890	22,210
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	44,425	78,036
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENSE	12,767	13,902
PARISH PROGRAMS	25,091	29,550
ALL OTHER COSTS	<u>14,929</u>	<u>34,809</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,561,458</u>	<u>1,557,972</u>
COVID PAYROLL GRANT	80,186	-
CAPITAL RENOVATIONS (net)	<u>-</u>	<u>360,882</u>
<u>(DEFICIT)</u>	<u>(378,155)</u>	<u>(683,531)</u>

Parish of St. Joseph of the Palisades
West New York, New Jersey

70th Anniversary Gala of



Immaculate Heart
of Mary Chapel

December 9

Mass: 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

Gala immediately following in the
St. Joseph's Community Center

Ticket: \$75.00 (*Available in the Parish Office*)

For more information, call (201) 854-7006.



Cristo Rey



Canción de Entrada

Oh Puertas

Estrillo:

*Oh puertas levanten sus dinteles,
que se eleven las puertas eternas!
Oh puertas levanten sus dinteles,
para que pase el rey de la gloria!*

1- Digan: Quién es el rey de la gloria?
El Señor, el fuerte, el poderoso...(bis)
{El Señor, nuestro Dios}.

2- Digan: Quién es el rey de la gloria?
El Señor, creador de todo el universo....(bis)
{El Señor, nuestro Dios}.

3- Digan: Quién es el rey de la gloria?
El Señor, valiente, Dios de los ejércitos...(bis)
{El Señor, nuestro Dios}.

Liturgia de la Palabra – Pág. 161 (Año A)

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 34, 11-12. 15-17

Salmo Responsorial: **El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.**

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15, 20-26. 28

Evangelio: Mateo 25, 31-46

Canción de Ofertorio (442)

Aleluya, El Señor Es Nuestro Rey

Estrillo:

¡Aleluya, aleluya! El Señor es nuestro Rey...(bis)

Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo porque ha hecho maravillas: u diestra le ha dado la victoria, su santo brazo.

El Señor da a conocer su victoria,
revela a las naciones su justicia:
se acordó de su misericordia
y su fidelidad a favor de la casa de Israel.

Tocad la citara para el Señor, suenen los instrumentos: con clarines y al son de trompetas aclamad al Rey y Señor.

Canción de Comunión

Tu Reino Es Vida

Estrillo:

*Tu reino es vida, tu reino es verdad.
Tu reino es justicia, tu reino es paz.
Tu reino es gracia, tu reino es amor;
Venga a nosotros tu reino Señor}...(bis)*

1- Dios mío, da tu juicio al rey,
tu justicia al hijo de reyes,
{para que rijas tu pueblo con justicia,
a tus humildes con rectitud}...(bis)

2- Que los montes traigan la paz,
que los collados traigan la justicia;
que él defienda a los humildes del pueblo,
que socorra a los hijos del pobre;
que él defienda a los humildes del pueblo
y quebrante al explotador.

Que dure tanto como el sol,
como la luna de edad en edad;
que baje como lluvia sobre el césped,
como rocío que empapa la tierra.
Que en sus días florezca la justicia
y la paz hasta que falte la luna.

Canción de Salida

Tu Reinará

1-Tu reinaras!

Este es el grito que ardiente exhala nuestra fe.
Tu reinarás! Oh Rey bendito!
Pues Tú dijiste Reinaré.

Estrillo:

*Reine Jesús por siempre, reine su corazón;
en nuestra patria, en nuestro suelo,
que es de María la nación;
en nuestra patria, en nuestro suelo,
que es de María la nación.*

2-Tu reinarás! Dichosa era,
dichoso pueblo con tal Rey;
será tu cruz nuestra bandera,
tu amor será nuestra ley.



Christ the King Sunday



Entrance

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who set us free,
And hail him as your heav'nly King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and
rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save. His
glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died,
eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
rich wounds ye visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but
down-ward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Liturgy of the Word. Page 160 (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Homily

Offertory

The King of Glory

Refrain

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory; How shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.

Refrain

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people curing their illness.

Refrain

Sing then of David's son, our savior and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.

Refrain

Communion

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King, who is the
world's salvation, all praise and homage do we bring and
thanks and adoration.

Refrain

Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus Ruler!

Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Your reign extends, O King benign, to ev'ry land
and nation; for in your Kingdom, Lord divine,
alone we find salvation.

Refrain

To you, and to your church, great King, we pledge
our heart's oblation; until before your throne we
sing in endless jubilation.

Refrain

Recessional

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King
adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph
ever more:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our savior, reigns, the God of truth and
love; When he had purged our sins, He took his
seat above:

Refrain

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and
heav'n; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus
giv'n:

Refrain

St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish

Cordially invites you to:

Advent Retreat

“Preparing Our Hearts to Welcome the Christ Child”

Presented by: Rev. Msgr. Robert Harahan



Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Parish Auditorium

320-64th Street, West New York, NJ



“Welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, grow with him and in this way improve the world.” - Pope Francis

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SOLEMNIDAD DE NUESTRO JESUCRISTO REY DEL UNIVERSO

Queridos Hermanos en el Señor la Vida y el Amor, saludos y bendiciones. Que alegría poder compartir una vez más una pequeña reflexión para nuestro crecimiento espiritual y personal.

Estamos en el mes de Noviembre y avanzamos este hermoso y fresco (ya más frío) tiempo de otoño, con nuestras familias y comunidades en medio de celebraciones, momentos especiales y tantas alegrías y retos que nos presenta el Señor para tener un corazón agradecido.

Noviembre es el mes de los Santos, Difuntos y sobre todo en nuestro contexto nacional es el mes de la Acción de Gracias. Junto a lo anterior el Santo Padre nos ha pedido, en particular, rezar como intension específica durante este mes “que oremos por su Ministerio y Servicio”. Así que vamos a unir nuestros corazones, deseos e intensiones a las del Santo Padre y oremos por nuestra Iglesia, necesitamos orar, orar incansablemente. Este domingo es el domingo de Cristo Rey, con el cual concluimos nuestro Año Litúrgico y proclamamos Cristo como Rey del Universo.

Al respecto de esta Solemnidad, el Papa Benedicto XVI nos enseñó: “El último domingo del año litúrgico, se celebra la solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Desde el anuncio de su nacimiento, el Hijo unigénito del Padre, nacido de la Virgen María, es definido “rey”, en el sentido mesiánico, es decir, heredero del trono de David, según las promesas de los profetas, para un reino que no tendrá fin (cf. Lc 1, 32-33). La realeza de Cristo permaneció del todo escondida, hasta sus treinta años, transcurridos en una existencia ordinaria en Nazaret.

Después, durante su vida pública, Jesús inauguró el nuevo reino, que “no es de este mundo” (Jn 18, 36), y al final lo realizó plenamente con su muerte y resurrección. Apareciendo resucitado a los Apóstoles, les dijo: “Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra” (Mt 28, 18): este poder brotar del amor, que Dios manifestó plenamente en el sacrificio de su Hijo. El reino de Cristo es don ofrecido a los hombres de todos los tiempos, para que el que crea en el Verbo encarnado “no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna” (Jn 3, 16). Por eso, precisamente en el último libro de la Biblia, el Apocalipsis, él proclama: “Yo soy el alfa y la omega, el primero y el último, el principio y el fin” (Ap 22, 13). Vamos pues mis queridos hermanos a reflexionar este Domingo y esta semana unidos en oración y corresponsabilidad sin desanimarnos con Jesucristo Nuestro Rey.

Que este bello y fresco tiempo sea una oportunidad para “abrasar” nuestros corazones el fuego de su Espíritu y nos inspire a caminar con nuestra Iglesia, siempre en misión, con un Corazón Agradecido, alegre y compasivo.

En Cristo,
P. Édinson E. Ramírez.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Brothers in the Lord Life and Love, greetings and blessings. It is a joy to be able to share once again a small reflection for our spiritual and personal growth.

We are in the month of November and we are moving along in this beautiful and cool (already colder) time of autumn, with our families and communities in the midst of celebrations, special moments and so many joys and challenges that the Lord presents to us so that we may have a grateful heart.

November is the month of All Saints, All Souls and especially in our national context, it is the month of Thanksgiving. Along with the above, the Holy Father has asked us, in particular, as a specific intention during this month “that we pray for his Ministry and Service”. So let us unite our hearts, desires and intentions to those of the Holy Father and pray for our Church. We need to pray, pray tirelessly.

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, with which we conclude our Liturgical Year and proclaim Christ as King of the Universe. Regarding this Solemnity, Pope Benedict XVI taught us: "On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is celebrated. From the announcement of his birth, the only-begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, is defined as "king"; in the messianic sense, that is, heir to the throne of David, according to the promises of the prophets, for a kingdom that will have no end (cf. Lc 1, 32-33). The royalty of Christ remain concealed until his thirtieth year, while living an ordinary existence in Nazareth.

Later, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new kingdom, which “is not of this world” (Jn 18:36), and in the end he fully realized it with his death and resurrection. Appearing risen to the Apostles, he said to them: “All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Mt 28:18): this power springs from love, which God fully manifested in the sacrifice of his Son. The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to men and women of every age, so that whoever believes in the Incarnate Word “may not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). That is why, in the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, he proclaims: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev 22:13).

Let us, then, my dear brothers and sisters, reflect this Sunday and this week, united in prayer and co-responsibility, without being discouraged by Jesus Christ our King.

May this beautiful and fresh time be an opportunity to "sear" our hearts with the fire of His Spirit and inspire us to walk with our Church, always on a mission, with a grateful, joyful and compassionate heart.

In Christ,
Father Édinson E. Ramírez

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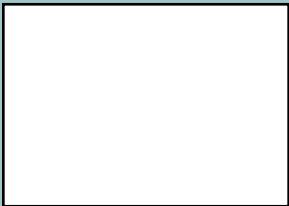
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