



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The  
Light

MARCH 1, 2026

TI SUNDAY OF LENT  
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TI DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



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JUNTOS, ADORANDO AL SEÑOR, FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS, SIRVIENDO EN NOMBRE DE JESÚS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English
5:30 pm	Español

### SATURDAY

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English ( <i>Saturday Vigil</i> )

### SUNDAY

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English
7:00 pm	Italiano ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Montefi</i> )

### WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the church.



### ST. JOSEPH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Visit [www.cotlf.org/adoration](http://www.cotlf.org/adoration) for more details



## CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

P. (305) 446-9950  
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## SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### School Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:15 am - 3:15 pm

### Address

2701 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

(305) 446-1738  
[www.stscg.org](http://www.stscg.org)

Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of LA - Sr. Rosalie, Principal

## SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!  
Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Congratulations and God's blessings to our newly married couples:



Rest in Peace.  
Let us pray for our recently deceased:

- Rafaela Machado de Nano
- Maria Elena Consuegra

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit [cotlf.org/baptism](http://cotlf.org/baptism) for more information.
- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar [cotlf.org/baptism](http://cotlf.org/baptism) para mas información.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Visit [cotlf.org/weddings](http://cotlf.org/weddings) for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar [cotlf.org/weddings](http://cotlf.org/weddings) para mas información.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Attendance:	2,804
In-Church Collection:	\$ 13,653
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 17,108
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 393
Children's Collection:	\$ 797
Devotional Candles:	\$ 1,795
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 632
<i>Así Wednesday:</i>	<i>\$ 12,360</i>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Weekend Total: \$ 34,378

*No Envelopes? No Cash? No Problem!*  
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# MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

# OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

### II SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ For Those Who Passed Away this Month
7:30 am	For the Holy Father's Intention
9:00 am	+ Raul Alvarez
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Segunda Labrada Hidalgo
5:30 pm	+ Maria B. Bergouignan
7:00 pm (Italian)	(Still Available)

## MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

### Monday of Week II of Lent

6:15 am	+ Virginia Susz
8:00 am	Carlos and Marta Fernandez' 30th Wedding Anniversary
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

### Tuesday of Week II of Lent / Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

6:15 am	Carlos and Laura Pollo's Wedding Anniversary
8:00 am	Intentions of Silvia Cotto Gonzalez
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

### Wednesday of Week II of Lent / Memorial of St. Casimir

6:15 am	+ Rene Gallardo
8:00 am	Votive Mass to Saint Joseph
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

### Thursday of Week II of Lent

6:15 am	Lauren Michalski's Birthday
8:00 am	Michael Bolander
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>

### Friday of Week II of Lent - First Friday

6:15 am	+ Marlen Gallardo
8:00 am	For All Parish Benefactors
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

### Saturday of Week II of Lent / Memorial of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs First Saturday

8:00 am	Barbie Salazar's Birthday
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## SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

### III SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	For the Intentions of the Walton Family
7:30 am	Ivette Sequeira's Birthday
9:00 am	+ Martinez Family
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Rodobaldo Lorenzo y Eva Blanco
5:30 pm	+ Agustin Arrieta
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

## SUNDAYS

11:30 am	Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - <i>Once Monthly</i>

## MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

## TUESDAYS

7:45 am	That Man is You Men's Group (Comber Hall)
8:30 am	Holy Face Devotion (Church)
7:00 pm	OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

## WEDNESDAYS

4:00 & 6:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

## THURSDAYS

7:45 am	Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Comber Hall)
6:00 pm	Amor en Accion (Morras Conf. Room) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)
7:00 pm	Scouts (Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)

## FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room) - <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</i>
6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - <i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Friday</i>
6:30 pm	Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)
8:00 pm	Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

## SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)
9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

## OTHER MINISTRIES

Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry  
Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Greyed out ministries are not currently meeting.  
Visit [www.cotlf.org/ministries](http://www.cotlf.org/ministries) for more details about each group.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### II Sunday of Lent

Year A, Missal Pages 176-178

Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My Dear Friends,*

What a glorious day we had last Sunday when our parish community came together to unload the first half of our pipe organ! Parishioners, young and old, were present and took some part of the organ into the church: from large pieces of wood casing or steel beams all the way to light tubes or small pieces of wood that will all come together in the coming weeks to form Opus 166 in our balcony. If you've been on our social media, you have probably seen the many pictures that were taken that day. The smiling faces of our children wanting to play some small part in this historic event stand out along with some of our elderly parishioners who even taking a small piece of wood into the church were left with smiles as big as that of the children.

But what made last Sunday truly unique was not only the arrival of the organ, but the way this brought our community together during our centennial year. Even people who were just visiting for Mass took part in the unloading of the truck. Uniting as a community around history is what stood out for me as I reflected that evening on the day's events. It took 6 hours and 15 minutes to unload the truck. Some stayed from beginning to end. Some could only stay for a few minutes. All were a part of history.

Helping us unload the truck were six workers from CB Fisk who will be with us for the next six weeks as they install the pipe organ upstairs. Many of you met them and worked closely with them last Sunday as you helped them unload the truck. Their names are Andrew Gingery, Tim McEwen, Jason Fouser, Bonnie Walker, Locke Meyer, and Burke Sampson. In a few weeks they will be joined by "voicers" who will basically give voice to our organ: Nami Hamada and Tony Miscio.

Please pray for these hard-working individuals who have been charged with the sacred task of putting this instrument together in our church for the greater glory of God.

If by chance, you could not make it last Sunday, fear not. The second half of the organ arrives next Sunday, March 8. This is the truck with the pipes for the organ, and it may be even more intricate than the wood casings we unloaded last week. So, set a date with history and be here next Sunday at 2pm as we continue to joyfully bring this instrument into its permanent home for centuries to come!

One final announcement, please pray for our young second graders from our school and religious education program who will be making their First Confessions over the next two weeks. They are so excited to be making this next step. One of our 2nd graders stopped me a few weeks ago and asked if she could confess "right now." I told her gently to keep preparing and examining her conscience to make a good confession on First Confession Day. Wouldn't it be great if during this Lenten season we all had the same enthusiasm to embrace the Lord's mercy given to us in this great sacrament. Pray for these children, and one last thing: pray for our brothers and sisters who are discerning whether or not to return to confession for the first time in many years this Lent. It is a difficult decision that would be greatly aided by your prayers. So many of Christ's sheep return to the sheepfold during Lent, let us pray for each and every one of them.

*God Bless You All,*

*Fr. Manny*



## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

*Mis Queridos Amigos,*

¡Qué día tan glorioso tuvimos el pasado domingo cuando nuestra comunidad parroquial se unió para descargar la primera mitad de nuestro órgano de tubos! Los feligreses, jóvenes y mayores, estuvieron presentes y llevaron parte del órgano a la iglesia: desde grandes piezas de revestimiento de madera o vigas de acero hasta tubos ligeros o pequeños trozos de madera que se unirán en las próximas semanas para formar el Opus 166 en nuestro balcón. Si has estado en nuestras redes sociales, probablemente hayas visto las muchas fotos que se hicieron ese día. Las caras sonrientes de nuestros hijos, que quieren participar en este evento histórico, destacan junto con algunos de nuestros feligreses mayores que, incluso llevando un pequeño trozo de madera a la iglesia, se quedaron con sonrisas tan grandes como las de los niños.

Pero lo que hizo que el domingo pasado fuera realmente único no fue solo la llegada del órgano, sino la forma en que esto unió a nuestra comunidad durante nuestro año del centenario. Incluso personas que solo visitaban para la misa participaron en la descarga del camión. Unirse como comunidad en torno a la historia fue lo que más me llamó la atención al reflexionar esa noche sobre los acontecimientos del día. Tardamos 6 horas y 15 minutos en descargar el camión. Algunos se quedaron de principio a fin. Algunos solo podían quedarse unos minutos. Todos formaban parte de la historia.

Nos ayudaron a descargar el camión seis trabajadores de CB Fisk que estarán con nosotros durante las próximas seis semanas mientras instalan el órgano de tubos en la planta de arriba. Muchos de vosotros los conocisteis y trabajasteis estrechamente con ellos el pasado domingo mientras les ayudabais a descargar el camión. Sus nombres son Andrew Gingery, Tim McEwen, Jason Fouser, Bonnie Walker, Locke Meyer y Burke Sampson. En unas semanas se les unirán los "locutores" que básicamente darán voz a nuestro órgano: Nami Hamada y Tony Miscio

Por favor, orad por estas personas trabajadoras que han sido encargadas de la sagrada tarea de reunir este instrumento en nuestra iglesia para la mayor gloria de Dios.

Si por casualidad no pudiste ir el domingo pasado, no temas. La segunda mitad del órgano llegará el próximo domingo, 8 de marzo. Este es el camión con los tubos para el órgano, y puede que sea incluso más intrincado que las carcasas de madera que descargamos la semana pasada. Así que, fija una fecha con la historia y estate aquí el próximo domingo a las 14:00 mientras seguimos trayendo con alegría este instrumento a su hogar permanente durante siglos.

Un último anuncio: por favor, recad por nuestros jóvenes alumnos de segundo curso de nuestro colegio y del programa de educación religiosa que harán sus Primeras Confesiones durante las próximas dos semanas. Están muy emocionados de dar este siguiente paso. Una de nuestras alumnas de segundo me paró hace unas semanas y me preguntó si podía confesarme "ahora mismo". Le dije amablemente que siguiera preparándose y examinando su conciencia para hacer una buena confesión en el Día de la Primera Confesión. ¿No sería estupendo que durante esta Cuaresma todos tuviéramos el mismo entusiasmo por abrazar la misericordia del Señor que nos ha sido dada en este gran sacramento? Orad por estos niños, y una última cosa: rezad por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están discerniendo si volver o no a confesarse por primera vez en muchos años esta Cuaresma. Es una decisión difícil que se vería muy favorecida por vuestras oraciones. Tantas ovejas de Cristo regresan al redil durante la Cuaresma, oremos por cada una de ellas.

*Que Dios Los Bendiga a Todos,*

*Fr. Manny*



# Building on Our Legacy

[www.cotlf.org/centennial](http://www.cotlf.org/centennial)

## 2ND TRUCK UNLOADING NEXT WEEKEND

If you turn around and look up to the choir loft, you'll see the new pipe organ quickly rising into place! Throughout this past week, the steel frame of the instrument and its interior mechanics were installed. Much of the casework has made its way up to the loft as well, with some of it already visibly attached to the frame. Next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, a second truck will be arriving with the delivery of the 3,000+ pipes!

Parishioners are once again invited to come out at 2:00pm to help unload the truck, carefully handling each of the pipe organ's pieces as we move them into the church to be installed and made ready to sing the glory of God for generations to come.

As CB Fisk describes it:

*The day the organ arrives is also a great opportunity for community building and creating a sense of ownership of the new instrument. At churches, the truck pulls up just after the last service on Sunday, and parishioners are asked to help with the unloading. There are many jobs to be done, even for those of no great strength. Many people have told us that delivery day is an event that brings whole congregations together, and becomes an historic milestone in the life of the church, one that today's children will tell their grandchildren about, "I helped when the organ was delivered, sixty years ago."*

Opus 166 will soon be ready to sing!

## THANK YOU, DONORS!

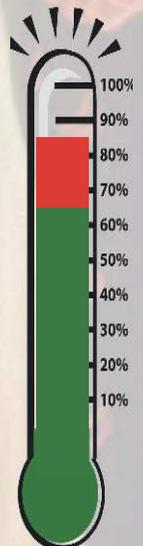
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## CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000  
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$11,156,436.84 (85.82%)  
TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,353,332.93 (64.26%)

*Updated as of February 25<sup>th</sup>*





CHURCH OF  
THE LITTLE FLOWER

*Centennial  
Gala*



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
7:00 pm

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OCTOBER  
2026

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## THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT, MASS PARTS WILL BE CHANTED IN LATIN

*“Holy, Holy, Holy...”*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.  
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

*“We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord...”*

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,  
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

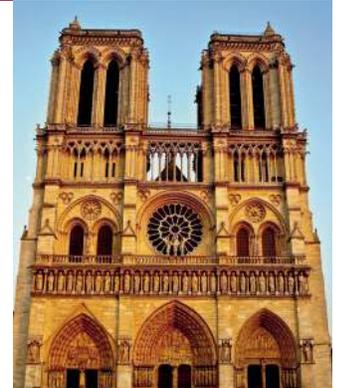


## CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND SPAIN JUNE 23 - JULY 3, 2026

Father Manny has opened ten (10) more spots for our exciting Centennial Pilgrimage to Lisieux, Paris, Lourdes, and Barcelona this coming June 23 - July 3!

These spaces will fill up fast, so register this week!

To be added to the information list, please contact Mrs. Ivonne Davila:  
(305) 446-9950, Ext 302 or [tours@cotlf.org](mailto:tours@cotlf.org)

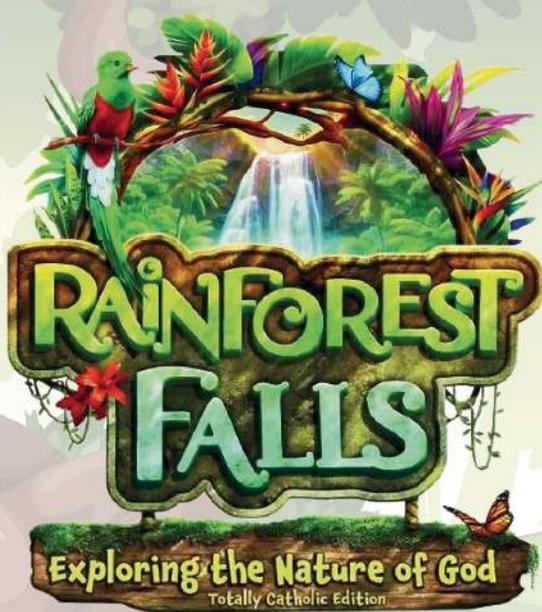


## 2026 TOTALLY CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Save the Date: VBS will be held June 15 - 26, 2026!

Learn more at [www.cotlf.org/vbs](http://www.cotlf.org/vbs)





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY



Friday, March 20th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

St. Theresa School Cafeteria • 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables

\$28 Fish Platter (Grilled or Fried)

\$15 Macaroni & Cheese Platter

\$6 Beer or Wine

\$2 Water or Soda

Live Entertainment with Jeff Zavac & Bobby Briele

Go to [www.kofc3274.org](http://www.kofc3274.org) for more information, to purchase tickets, or make a donation.

All proceeds benefit the Carmelite Sisters Vocation Fund!

## MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

March 13 - 15, 2026 • Comber Hall

The Marriage Covenant a weekend retreat where you and your spouse can pause from daily life and reflect upon the importance of marriage.

*How can we make life happier for ourselves and for our families?  
What role does God play in our everyday lives? The retreat weekend is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!*

The retreat registration fee is \$150 per couple and is considered a non-refundable donation. All meals, materials, and the use of parish facilities are included in the fee. Scholarships are available for those who may have difficulty paying. Please let us know if assistance is needed.

For more information, please contact:

Jorge & Lissette Riera

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## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

April 17 - 19, 2026

STS Cafeteria - 2701 Indian Mound Trail

\$60 Registration Fee per person

For more information: Joy Knox, (305) 798-0474  
or Janetsy Christensen, (305) 215-2061



# Saint Patrick

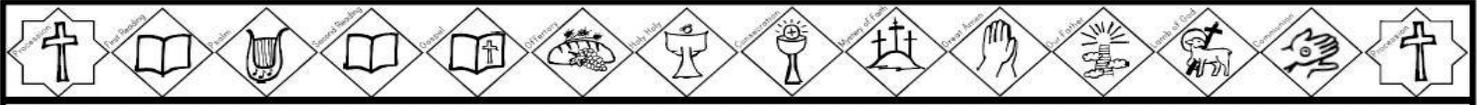
Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a bishop and helped many people learn about the Catholic Church.

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Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

BTRUSTWSINALYOUK BWMERCYMYBEPSON

What did you give up for Lent? Ask your family to help you with your Lenten sacrifice.



God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son..."

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**Gospel**

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples, and He suddenly looked different—His clothes were bright white! Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Him.



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