

SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE,
GATE OF HEAVEN &
ST. MONICA - ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHES
SOUTH BOSTON, MA



"The Cleansing of the Temple"



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2015

Parish Information and Mass Schedule

Gate of Heaven Church

615 East Fourth Street, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon

CONFESSION:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Saint Brigid Church

841 East Broadway, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7:00am

Weekend: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSION:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Saint Monica Church

331 Old Colony Ave, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saint Augustine Chapel

181 Dorchester Street, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday at 4 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Casey **Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Eric M. Bennett

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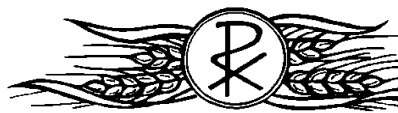
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Mass Intentions for the Week

GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Saturday, March 7, 2015

4:00 PM Thomas & Catherine Canavan & Family

Sunday, March 8, 2015

9:00 AM William Delaney & Family

12 Noon Barbara Bailey– Gill, 1st Anniversary

Monday, March 9, 2015

9:00 AM Barbara Baldwin, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

9:00 AM Russell Nelson

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Thursday, March 12, 2015

9:00 AM Harvey Hoffman, 1st Anniversary

Friday, March 13, 2015

9:00 AM Fr. Joseph LaPorte, 50th Anniversary

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Vincent Collins, 16th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 2015

9:00 AM Buddy Earner

12 Noon Irene Fiore, 1st Anniversary

SAINT BRIGID CHURCH

Saturday, March 7, 2015

4:00 PM Mary Burke, Memorial

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Lillian A. Sulfaro

6:00 PM Francis & Sophie (Pat) Mulkern

Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 AM Souls In Purgatory

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

7:00 AM Our Parishioners

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

7:00 AM Adeline Shea, 21st Anniversary

Thursday, March 12, 2015

7:00 AM John Fowkes, Birthday Remembrance

Friday, March 13, 2015

7:00 AM Mary J. Whalen, Anniversary

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Charles, Madelyn, James Stokinger &
Marie Hartnett

Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Patricia Casey Donovan

6:00 PM – No Mass

SAINT MONICA– ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Saturday, March 7, 2015 at St. Augustine Chapel

4:00 PM Irene “Bobby” Seale, 5th Anniversary

Sunday, March 8, 2015 at St. Monica Church

9:30 AM Margie DePascale, 4th Anniversary

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Augustine Chapel

4:00 PM June Bruno, 15th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at St. Monica Church

9:30 AM Thomas, Anna, Tom Jr. and Julia Butler

GATE OF HEAVEN STEEPLE

Lit in memory of

Harvey Hoffman

THE BELLS OF GATE OF HEAVEN

Ring in memory of

Bill, Catherine & Martin Delaney

PARISH OFFERTORY SUPPORT

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$7, 204.50

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$5,525

ST. BRIGID PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$6, 444

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$5,525

ST. MONICA- ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$1, 195.50

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$1,570

REMEMBRANCES & PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers all our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or in a nursing home, especially Margaret Mary Casey and Diane Applegate.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners especially, Patricia O' Neill , Doris Mitchell, Bernice Dwyer, Margaret Steiner, and Virginia Shedd whose funeral masses were celebrated this past week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for all those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad especially, Lawrence Buechs, US Navy; Lance Corporal Richard H. Benoit, USMC; Maura Conroy, US Coast Guard; Lance Corporal Ryan Sullivan, USMC; PFC Kyle Czarniak, US Army; Lance Corporal Colin Yanovitch, USMC; Lance Corporal Devin Brock, USMC; Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. Nee III, US Navy, Braedan Kerins, US Army, Master Sgt. Joseph Signor III, US Air Force; Senior Airman Melanie Signor, US Air Force; Sgt. Nicholas Hodges, USMC; Lt. Col. John Balbuena, US Army; Commander Nora Perez, US Navy; Seaman Vincia Lonergan, US Navy; Conor Evans, US Navy Corpsman.

The Holy Rosary Tuesdays at 6:30PM

at Gate of Heaven Church

Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:15pm for the praying of the Rosary. This will take place at Gate of Heaven Lower Church—St. Joseph Chapel. All are invited to pray this special devotion to Mary.



Getting Married at our Parishes?

To all of those preparing for marriage, congratulations on your engagement. For those who are planning to be married at Gate of Heaven or St. Brigid Church, we ask that you call the parish office a year in advance of your desired wedding date. If you are planning a marriage sooner than that, the Archdiocese of Boston requires that engaged couples have at least 6 months of marriage preparation prior to the wedding day. To all those parishioners who are being married elsewhere and are need of marriage preparation, please contact us as soon as you have booked your wedding date. We look forward to accompanying all of you as you prepare for this new life together.



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Times are tough for some of our parish families. We can help them with food and utilities. If you would like to donate to the Parish St. Vincent de Paul society, you can use the boxes at the door of the Churches or drop food at the doors of the Churches. Thank you for your continued support! The Society helps many families at Christmas.

Bible Study Hour

at 7:00PM St. Brigid Lower Church

Please join us on Tuesday night at

7:00 pm in Cushing Hall at St.

Brigid's as we reflect on next Sunday's Scripture readings and examine the importance of God's Word in our lives.





2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries of the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps us live our faith together as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. If you are unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Gate of Heaven Parish 2015 Goal: \$26,425 Donated up to Date: \$2, 510.00
St. Brigid Parish 2015 Goal: \$35,322 Donated up to Date: \$3,755.00
St. Monica-St. Augustine Parish 2015 Goal: \$ 6,568 Donated up to date: \$700.00

Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful Catholic Appeal.



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

Please remember your loved ones by donating in their memory Easter Flowers to adorn the altar at Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid and St. Monica/ St. Augustine Churches during the Easter Season. Donations are due no later than **Monday March 30th** at the Parish Office or in the Offertory collection. If you do not have an envelope, there will be some located at the doors of the churches.



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Go to Facebook.com and search for:

St. Brigid Church
Gate of Heaven Church
St. Augustine Cemetery & Chapel

City Point Neighborhood Association

The City Point Neighborhood Association monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday March 10th at 6:00 PM.



Online Giving

Our Parishes provide Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our finances, especially during summer vacation times.

It's easy and completely secure!

Consider signing up today!

To sign up — go to our parish website at www.GateofHeavenStBrigid.org/Giving



Baptisms & Baptism Preparation Classes

Please prepare for your child's Baptism by calling the Parish Office. The next dates for Baptisms are:

St. Brigid: March 8th at 1PM

Gate of Heaven: March 22nd at 1PM

St. Monica– St. Augustine: March 29th at 10:15 AM

Baptism Prep - Please note: preparation will now be held on the last Monday of each month.

Meetings will be held in the Upper Church of St. Brigid at 7:00pm.

The next classes are:

March 30th & April 27th

**All parents are required to attend this preparation.*



South Boston Catholic Academy

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams for an outstanding season. We are very proud of all of our players and grateful to the parents and coaches who have supported them all year. The students are part of the South Shore Parochial School Basketball League.

Our grade 5&6 Boys team had an UNDEFEATED SEASON!!

The Basketball teams hosted the school Mass on Friday.

Basketball Players 2014-2015

Girls Team

Coaches: Patricia Coleman and Stacey Gannon

Players: Kate Donovan, Corinne Reidy, Madelyn Whelan, Emma Tirabassi, Caroline Conroy, Ashlynn Eisner, Abby Gwynn, Gina Provenzano, Colleen Lombard, Emily DiBlasi, Molly Keenan, Kate Fiascanaro, Alana Howard, Kristina Gavelis, Sophia Hally, & Teegan Fitzgerald

Boys Team

Coaches: Marc Iannaco and Ed Tirabassi

Players: Marc Iannaco, Jimmy Dallta, Jake Harrison, Connor Strickland, Owen Donovan, Ed Murray, Ryan Goodine, Ed Tirabassi, Ryan Shields, Jack Reidy, Thomas Flaherty, Patrick Harnan, Thomas Flaherty, Patrick Harnan, Thomas Harnan, Stephen Flynn, Finbar Kyne, Nolan Conroy & Chase Bell

After 2 cancellations-due to snow, we had a very successful Open House on Thursday. The majority of prospective families come to us by word of mouth recommendations from parishioners, neighbors and friends.

Thank you for the continued support!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Kindergarten through Grade 6

Classes are held in the South Boston Catholic Academy School Building on East Broadway.

Class time will be from 9:00am to 10:15am. The children then attend the 10:30AM Mass at St. Brigid Church.

Upcoming Classes:

March 8th, March 22nd, March 29th

ST. MONICA- ST. AUGUSTINE, GATE OF HEAVEN & ST. BRIGID PARISHES

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Grade 8- Confirmation II:

Students in Grade 8- Confirmation II

Upcoming Classes:

March 8th, March 22nd

Online Registration Now Available by visiting:

www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org/sacraments/confirmation

South Boston Catholic Academy Spring Bingo Bash 2015

Join us for a fun night of bingo, raffles and laughter. Reserve your seat with the school office now.

South Boston Catholic Academy Gym

O Street Entrance

Friday March 20th

6:00 PM- 11:00 PM

\$30.00 per person

Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Bingo starts promptly at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be open for beer, wine and soda. You are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy throughout the night. Tables of 10 are available as well as individual seats. Tables of 10 are available as well as individual seats. No tickets sold at door. Any prize donations for this event are appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

Please contact Gretchen Crowley, Bingo Coordinator at Lindenfelzer@verizon.net with any questions.



First Penance for our 2nd Grade

**Thursday March 26th
6: 30 PM St. Brigid
Church.**

There will be a Parent meeting on
March 19th at South Boston
Catholic



Increased Offertory Program Special Thanks

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Appeal. The results continue to be extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Envelope.

While each parish continues to maintain separate finances, we are conducting this appeal in each individual parish to strengthen and support our common life together.

It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the churches. Please return your "Commitment Envelope" **as soon as possible by mail, Online Giving, or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend.** Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future. Thank you again to those individuals and families who have participated in this effort. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our Parish Community is a reflection of each of its members. Our generosity determines what this community can do for others.

A small sacrifice makes a big difference.

Thank you for your support!

Weekly Offertory During the Snow Storms **Thank-you!**

Thanks to all our parishioners who continued to support the parishes during the recent snow storms. Many parishioners were unable to attend Mass because of the harsh conditions, but continued to support the parish through online giving, or donating the following week. Thanks for your support when you are unable to make it to Mass!



Parish Calendars **from O'Brien's Funeral Home**



After a delay of printing and delivery the Parish Calendars are here at the doors of the Church this weekend. We thank O'Brien's Funeral Home for their donation each year.

Sister Evelyn's 100th Birthday **This Saturday March 7th, 2015**



Sr. Evelyn Hurley, SCN will be turning 100 Years old this coming week on March 7th! We're excited to have Sister Evelyn coming back to visit for a few weeks beginning April 8th. She'll be staying in St. Brigid's Convent. We'll have the opportunity to celebrate with Sr. Evelyn on the weekend of April 12th—more details to come!

Many have asked for Sister Evelyn's address...

Sister Evelyn Hurley, SCN
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Motherhouse
P.O. Box 3000
Nazareth, KY 40048

Happy Birthday Sister Evelyn!

SBCA \$1000 CLUB

South Boston Catholic Academy Fundraiser Drawing **This Month's Winners were...**

#818 Jane Sylvester Brusca, #431 Ann Menslage,
#459 Christine Donoghue, #205 Jim Fowkes,
#889 Rita Morison, #308 Warren Toland,
#289 Patricia Watts, #661 Meri Thomas,
#322 William Baldwin, #577 Peg Hayes,
#359 Marie Gearin, #828 Kaitlin Miller,
#848 Fran Coronity, #344 Tom Miller,
#811 Claire Kleros

Thank you to all who continually support our school through the \$1000 Club. If you are interested in getting a number, the \$60 cost for the year goes to support South Boston Catholic Academy. For more information, contact the school at 617-268-2326
Next drawing: April 12, 2015



"Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us."
~Pope Francis

Gate of Heaven, Saint Brigid & St. Monica-St. Augustine Parishes



LENT 2015



Every Tuesday ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00PM at St. Brigid & Gate of Heaven Parish Office

Every Tuesday ~ The Holy Rosary

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30PM at Gate of Heaven Church

Join us from 6:30pm-7:00PM for the praying of the Rosary.

Every Wednesday ~ WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF LENT ***PRAYER, REFLECTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION***

Schedule:

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45PM – 7:15PM Spiritual Talk

6:30 – 8:00PM Confessions & Adoration

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*Join us on every Wednesday evening*

***March 11<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> (6:30-8:00PM)***

*for an Evening of Reflection, an opportunity for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*

**This Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Brigid Church**

**Presenter: Rev. Eric Bennett, Parochial Vicar**

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Gate of Heaven Church**

**Presenter: Javier Soegaard, Pastoral Associate**

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Brigid Church**

**Presenter: Deacon Ronny O'Dwyer, SJ, Boston College**

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Gate of Heaven Church**

**Presenter: Rev. Robert Casey, Pastor**

### Every Friday ~ Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday During Lent**

**3:00PM at Gate of Heaven Church**

**6:30PM at St. Brigid Church**

### Daily Mass

**Gate of Heaven Church: Monday through Friday ~ 9AM**

**St. Brigid Church: Monday through Friday at 7AM**



## Facts about Lent:

**Q. Are Sundays part of Lent?** A. Sundays most definitely are a part of Lent as they are listed the first through fifth Sundays of Lent, and not of something else. The Sundays do, however, take on a different character than other days because Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection. There is no rule on whether Lenten practices continue on Sundays since such practices are voluntary anyway. Without a doubt we should maintain our preparation for the Triduum on Sundays, whether or not that includes acts of penance.

**Q. Why should we perform acts of penance?** A. The primary reason is that we take Christ as our model and he himself undertook acts of penance in preparation for his ministry and before his passion. Acts of penance are theological in following the example of the Master. They are also practical in helping to accomplish goals of certain days and seasons. In particular Lent is a season to reorder priorities and penance helps to be sure that created things are subordinate to divine realities in our lives. As it says in the Church's documents "Penance is a religious, personal act which has as its aim love and surrender to God" ("Paenitemini" chapter 1). Of course Scripture is clear as well that the rending of our hearts is the sacrifice the Lord desires. The various acts of penance put into physical reality what should be happening in our hearts. Of course, in the season of Lent it all works together to prepare for the passion of our Lord that will lead to resurrection.

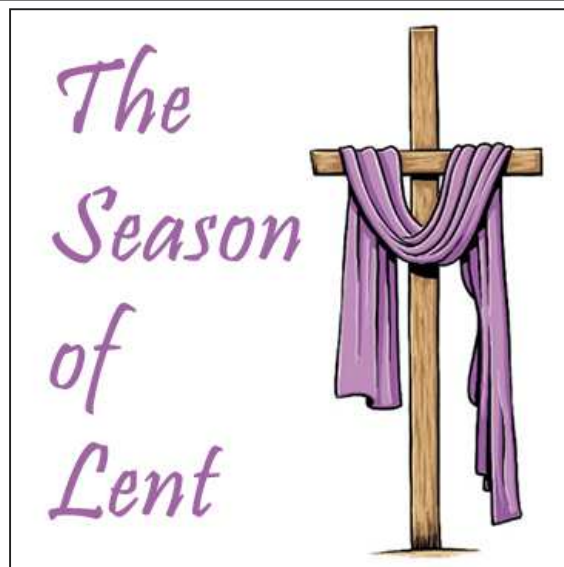
**Q. When we abstain, what does that include?** A. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and each Friday of Lent. This is an act of penance in keeping with the Lenten season and Fridays are given special attention because it is the day of our Lord's death. In fact each Friday of the year retains a penitential character according to Church rules and some form of penance, such as abstaining from meat, should be practiced year round.

**Q. Why can't we eat meat on Fridays?** A. This practice is one of the disciplines of Lent that has the goal of love and surrender to God. It requires a break in the normal routine of our day and serves as a reminder that the basic needs of life should point us to the goodness of God. Scripture has a long record of abstaining from certain foods as part of religious practice. In our day that practice continues, not because eating meat is bad, but as a discipline to turn the mind more consciously to God.

**Q. Why can't we say "alleluia" during Lent?** A. The point of the season is a kind of exile. While the event of the resurrection has occurred in history, the days of Lent serve as a reminder that we do not yet experience the kingdom in its fullness. We live in the hope of the resurrection, but the weakness of human existence is all too evident in this life. The omission of the alleluia is one symbolic way to enter into the spirit of the season of Lent. The days of Lent are days of penance and recollection of human weakness but also days of anticipation and so we long for the day when the kingdom is fully realized. To be deprived of certain things during the days of Lent is designed to create a longing for the realization of all that the life of Jesus promises.

**Q. What is the significance of the color purple during Lent?** A. The color purple is an additional symbol of penance. The Scriptures tell us that a purple garment was placed on Jesus during his passion as a mockery. It is fitting that the color be maintained during the days in which we focus on our own reality of sin that continues to be a mockery of the love and goodness of God. The color purple and the days of penance themselves will eventually give way to the color white and celebration of Christ's victory over sin. In humility we acknowledge our sin in penance so that we may share fully in the celebration to come.

**Q. What determines the date of Easter or when Lent begins?** A. The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the 14th day of the paschal full moon, which is the full moon whose 14th day falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. The reason was because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover.



# A Brief Examination of Conscience

## *Based on the Ten Commandments*

### **I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

### **You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

### **Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.**

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

### **Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

### **You shall not kill.**

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

### **You shall not commit adultery.**

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

### **You shall not steal.**

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

### **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.**

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

### **Christ's Two Commandments**

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).



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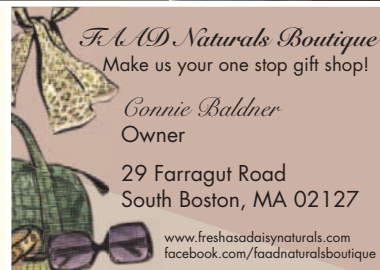
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