

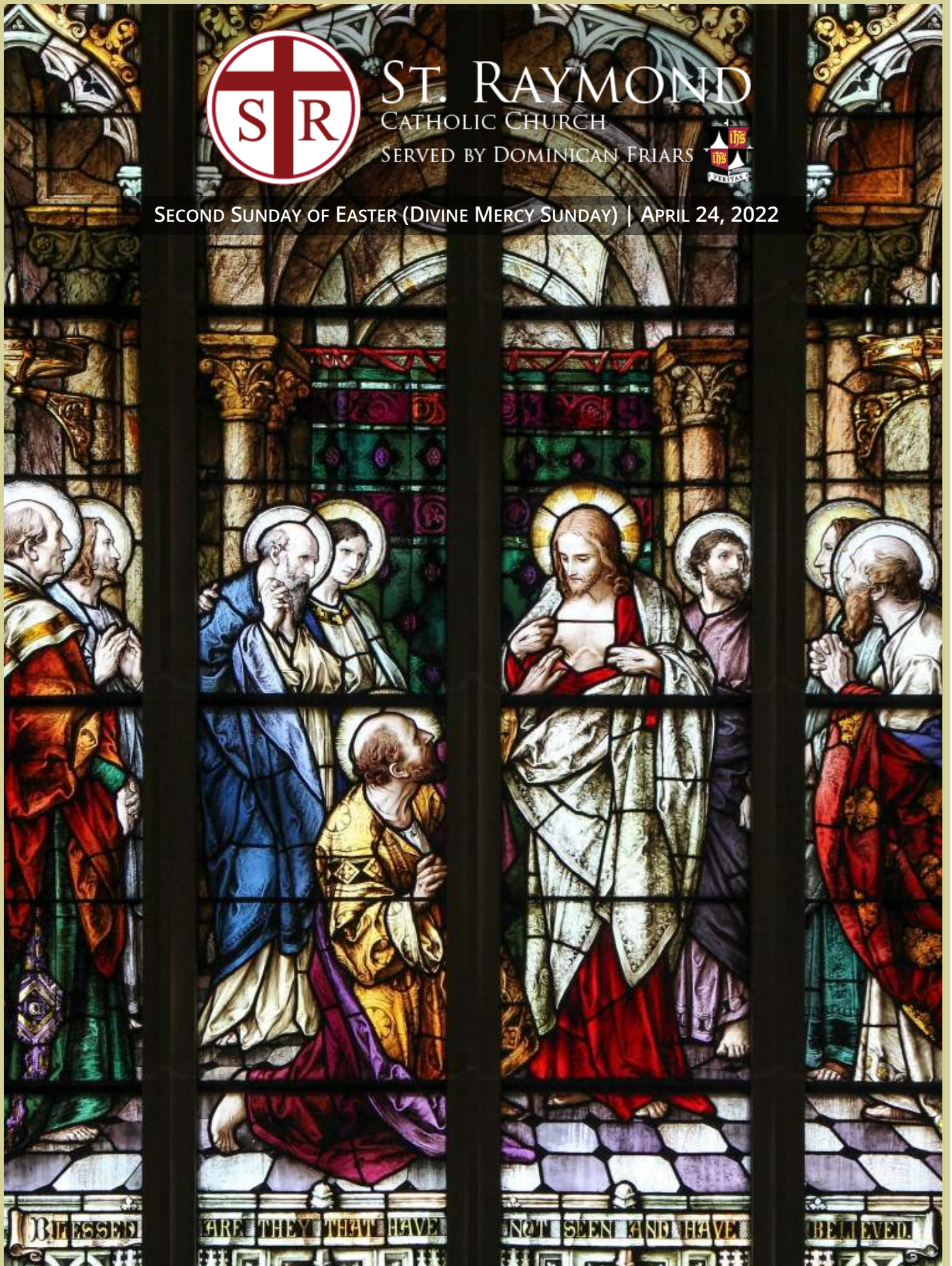


# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) | APRIL 24, 2022



# This Week

## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

## TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study (Parish Hall)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)  
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession  
5:00 pm Confirmation Mass (Please note that this Mass will be very crowded with Confirmation families.)

## SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass (Outdoors), followed by donuts  
5:00 pm Mass

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**WEEKLY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** in the Parish Hall. The group discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday. For more information, contact Christine at [chrisgalvez@aol.com](mailto:chrisgalvez@aol.com).

**THURSDAY HOLY HOUR** is held weekly each **Thursday from 7:00–8:00 pm** inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available.

**SATURDAY ADORATION & CONFESSIONS** following the 8:15 am morning Mass (approx. 8:45 am to 9:15 am). Confessions will also be held at this time.

**LIVE STREAMING**—Each 8:15 daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) will be livestreamed at [straymondmp.org](http://straymondmp.org), our Facebook and YouTube channels. On the weekend, the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Masses will be livestreamed.

**DID YOU TAKE ANY PICTURES AT ANY OF OUR EASTER MASSES? EMAIL SOME TO [BULLETIN@STRAYMONDMP.ORG](mailto:BULLETIN@STRAYMONDMP.ORG).**

# Liturgy

**Sat., Apr. 23, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*

**Sun., Apr. 24, 8:00 am** Fernando Hizon Sandico †

**10:00 am** Eleanor Jekot †

**5:00 pm** Armando & Caterina Maestrini †† and Sergio & Angela Maestrini ††

**Mon., Apr. 25, 8:15 am** Harold Curtis †

*St. Mark, Evangelist (F)*

**Tue., Apr. 26, 8:15 am** Bobby Cornelison

**Wed., Apr. 27, 8:15 am** Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families

**Thu., Apr. 28, 8:15 am** Aurelio Maestrini †

*St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (m); St. Louis Grignon de Montfort (m)*

**Fri., Apr. 29, 8:15 am**  Pete Redoblado

*St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (F)*

**Sat., Apr. 30, 8:15 am** Mother Cabrini in thanksgiving

*St. Pius V, OP, Pope (M)*

**Sat., Apr. 30, 5:00 pm** The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Sun., May 1, 8:00 am** Bob Ferrando †

**10:00 am** Jackie Archibald

**5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m—Optional Memorial*

To request a Mass Intention, please call or visit the parish office.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Legion of Mary conference room opposite the Parish Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



**St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry**  
[straymondmp.org/emwm](http://straymondmp.org/emwm)





## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

*An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics*

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for a 6-week program of engaging conversations of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held Tuesdays beginning April 26th at 7:00pm in the St. Raymond Parish Hall. For more information or to register, contact Tina Augustine [taugustine@straymondmp.org](mailto:taugustine@straymondmp.org) or 650-656-0505.

### Sessions & Topics

<b>April 26, 2022</b>	Introduction, welcome and overview of series
<b>May 3, 2022</b>	Stories of Faith from Catholics Returning Home Discussion & Sharing
<b>May 10, 2022</b>	Who is God and why does it matter for my life?
<b>May 17, 2022</b>	Walk through of the Mass (along with explanation and historical overview)
<b>May 24, 2022</b>	Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)
<b>May 31, 2022</b>	The Creed: What Catholics Believe

### Leaders & Contact Info:

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 650-656-0505

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION<sup>3</sup>  
 Saturday, April 30, 2022, 5:00 pm

**Save the dates**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
 Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9:30 am

As a community, let us pray for those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

### **GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON**

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



### **THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, THE CROWN OF OUR EASTER CELEBRATION

BY DR. TOM NEAL, WORDONFIRE.COM  
APRIL 17, 2020

This Sunday is the final day of the Easter Octave, named Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000, is a “hermeneutical crown” of the eight-day-long celebration of that eighth and final day of creation.

Hermeneutical? The word simply means “interpretive,” or the science of discovering meaning. Hence, I mean that this feast of Mercy really gets to the core of Easter’s true meaning.

### ELEISON?

Mercy, as I intend it here, is love encountering evil and overcoming it, healing it, redeeming it and raising out of its ruins surpassing goods that could never have been apart from these evils. Though God never positively wills an evil, he permits it only in view of the greater goods he might draw from them. And it is *mercy* that sustains the mysterious logic of the *felix culpa*, the “happy fault” of Adam that we sing of in the *Exultet* at the Easter Vigil.

The whole economy of God’s work in Jesus is at heart a work of mercy, with the Passion being the inner core of that heart. In the Resurrection, God the Father accepted his Son’s sacrifice as a new and eternal mode of God’s being God: in the heart of the eternal Trinity is forever the risen Body of Jesus ever-marked with the signs of the Passion. God now, only and for all ages, relates to creation through the open wounds of the Risen Christ.

To me, this is utterly astonishing to ponder: God’s mode of being-God—etched in his flesh—is forged by mercy’s response to human hatred and cruelty. This is the message embedded in the icon of Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska.

### EUCCHARISTIC CHAPLET

It’s also the meaning of the “Chaplet of Mercy” that St. Faustina received from God in a vision. The Chaplet is an offering of the Slain-Risen Lord to the Father—by his priestly people—asking the Father to be who he has shown himself to be in Christ: *Mercy*. As such, the Chaplet is an extension of the liturgical-sacramental offering of the same Slain-Risen Lord

that is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

To see this, one need only reflect on the words of Eucharistic Prayer I that follow the Consecration: “We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty, from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.”

In this sense, I have always found the Chaplet to be a superb way to prepare for, and extend forward, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist into life. It shapes in me a deeper awareness of my sharing in Christ’s royal priesthood through Baptism. This priesthood calls me to—at every moment—offer both my own life as a living sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1) for the life of the world, and to offer the living sacrifice of *Christ himself*.

A number of years ago, this insight—like lightning—flashed in my mind during the *per ipsum* at Mass. The *per ipsum* is the moment, at the end of the long Eucharistic prayer after the Consecration, when the priest lifts up the Host and Chalice toward the Father and prays,

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

On behalf of all and for all, the priest offers up God to God, the Son to the Father, and the faithful, united to the Son in his self-offering, seal their co-offering by a solemn and oath-making “great Amen.” As we were singing thrice the great Amen, I understood with what seemed like absolute clarity this Amen was our co-pronouncing with Christ his *tetelestai, consummatum est*, “It is finished” (John 19:30). I also saw in that moment that our “Amen” was also our consenting “we are able”:

But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.” (Mark 10:38-39)

That “cup” and “baptism” are, of course, references to his Passion.

Amen.

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## OFFERIMUS

The Chaplet, as a para-liturgical devotion, sustains the moment of our liturgical “great Amen.” It affirms the staggering truth that in Christ we have the authority to—at any moment we choose—apply the infinite treasury of God’s mercy to the world. And the sobering truth that we are willing to join Jesus in his self-offering.

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

It causes me to tremble. May he who is Risen to forever intercede for us before his Father sustain us daily in fidelity by his grace.

## GET PARISH NEWS VIA TEXT, EMAIL

St. Raymond Parish is adopting a new and improved communication platform that will make it much simpler for you to get information from the parish. The service is called Flocknote and allows you to choose to receive messages via email or text or both.

Text “Raymond” to 84576 or join online at [straymondmp.flocknote.com](https://straymondmp.flocknote.com).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you have been carrying a burden from a past abortion, you are invited to the next healing retreat for women.

Father Vito Perrone, COSJ will lead the retreat along with Father James Liebner, SVD. The three-day event will include Mass, the sacrament of Reconciliation, counseling, and sharing as much as each woman is comfortable doing in this warm and healing environment.

It will be held at a confidential location. If you are interested, please fill out the form at <https://sfarch.org/event/womens-retreat-for-healing-after-abortion/>, call 415-614-5567 or email [projectrachel@sfarch.org](mailto:projectrachel@sfarch.org).

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest’s Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

# Rest In Peace

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of the following member of our parish community.

## Maria Clara Touya

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You can send prayer requests to **Rosary Center:** <https://rosarycenter.org/request-prayers> **Corpus Christi Monastery:** [opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer](https://opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer) **St. Jude Shrine:** <https://stjude-shrine.org/prayer-request>.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Eugene Baciocco, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Mary Shepherd, Nony & Penny Bantug, NM, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named. To add a name to this list, please contact the parish office.

**Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile.** Currently, there are now **25** supporters! Add St. Raymond as your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739>.

**ON THE COVER**—Stained glass from Covington Cathedral depicting the Gospel for Divine Mercy Sunday. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/23bVU17>





**“UNLESS I SEE THE MARK OF THE NAILS IN HIS HANDS AND PUT MY FINGER INTO THE NAIL MARKS AND PUT MY HAND INTO HIS SIDE, I WILL NOT BELIEVE.”**

Thomas acts predictably, according to his understanding of how the world works: dead people do not rise and live again. This fundamental understanding is challenged by what the other disciples have told him. He needs a new way of looking at things. Like Thomas, do we only believe what we ourselves see, and not what we’ve been told by others?

Thomas’s response to seeing—and understanding—proof of the resurrection of Jesus was to exclaim, “My Lord and my God.” Tradition says he then journeyed all the way to India to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

Let our response to seeing—and understanding—the causes and results of climate change be to take equally bold steps for the rescue of our planet and its people. Let us be willing to be a little less comfortable and consider what changes we can make to participate in reducing the demand for fossil fuel use, and instead support an increase in the use of sustainable energy sources, environmentally sound building, transportation, farming and mining practices. (Inspired by CCC homily helps):



*A certain way of understanding human life and activity has gone awry, to the serious detriment of the world around us. (LS101)*

*Ecological culture cannot be reduced to a series of*

*urgent and partial responses to the immediate problems of pollution, environmental decay and the depletion of natural resources. There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational programme, a life style and a spirituality which together generate resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm. (LS111)*



### LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

Please join our Zoom meetings **each Thursday at noon** to pray, learn, socialize, and serve and care for creation together. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

### ST. RAYMOND PARISH CRAFTERS

Come join us and add your talents to our group. We are currently making baby blankets, but welcome other project ideas. We are meeting at 11 AM on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the home of Michele Otte on Santa Cruz Avenue.

For more information contact Michele at 650-328-1318 (home) or 650-575-1431 (cell) or email: [michele\\_otte@hotmail.com](mailto:michele_otte@hotmail.com).

### THE HOWARD 2022

**Monday May 9th, 2022**  
**Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club**

Howard Daschbach Memorial Golf Tournament and Family Dinner benefiting St. Raymond School.

Visit [www.straymondgolf.com](http://www.straymondgolf.com) to reserve your spot. This event is sure to fill up!



**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

# May BBQ

Sunday, May 1, 2022  
Following 10 am Mass



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