



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON... LISTEN TO HIM.

MATTHEW 17:9

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | AUGUST 6, 2023

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YOU ARE Welcome Here

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Summer Office Hours:

Mon-Thur 8:30AM-3PM
Closed Fridays through
September 1st)
(Closed 12-1PM for Lunch)

Church Visiting Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-2:30PM
Sat: 9AM-1PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 12:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, August 13:
8:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:00AM - Fr. Santos
12:00PM - Fr. Paladino

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
or by Appointment;
Please call the Office.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday Holy Hour at
7PM

Second Saturdays at 3PM

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Reflection on the Readings

This Sunday the world commemorates what remains the ultimate demonstration of worldly might and power: the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, by the United States in 1945. Nagasaki was also bombed three days later. Seventy thousand Japanese men, women, and children were killed at once. Seventy thousand more died of radiation exposure in the weeks to follow. Over the next five years, more would contract cancers related to the event. Hundreds of thousands of lives were taken to ensure Japan's unconditional surrender in World War II. Not all historians are convinced it was necessary.

Human power and might is a sobering commodity. We can wield power in many ways: in military strength as well as economic muscle. We threaten with a stick or wave the carrot. Other routes to power include celebrity, physical attraction, technological savvy, education, birthright, good connections, and the irresistible force of personal charisma.

The idea that there's an authority higher than all other authorities doesn't resonate so much nowadays. A celestial power stronger than the biggest army on Earth is hard to imagine. The Church used to wield teachings about hell and heaven as the stick-or-carrot to end all sticks-and-carrots. But as life spans lengthen and relativism runs rampant, many of us find a comfortable spot in this world that short-circuits our thoughts about what comes next. The religious imagination is not as active as it used to be... and that's why today's feast is so important.

In our Gospel passage, Jesus stands on Tabor and this God-nearness makes him brilliant as the sun. The Father from Heaven speaks—not to Jesus, but to his disciples, including us. The Divine Voice claims paternity of Jesus, as at his Baptism. But three words are added to the message: Listen to him.

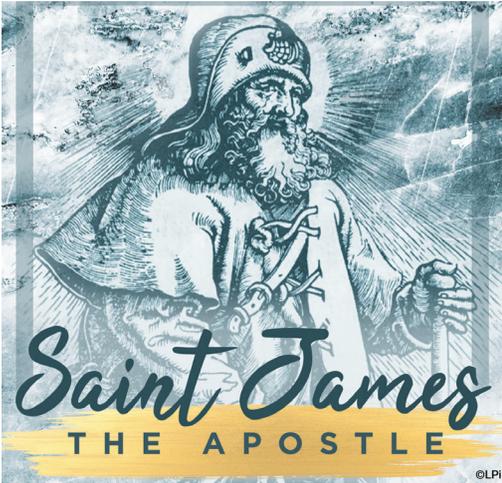
Jesus is the Word. And this Word has power to save the world.

Fr. David Santos, Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. David Santos'.

Quote of the Week:

One day, the gospel tells us, the tension gradually accumulated between humanity and God will touch the limits prescribed by the possibilities of the world. . . . Then the presence of Christ, which has been silently accruing in all things, will suddenly be revealed, like a flash from pole to pole.
—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.



THIS WEEKEND AT SAINT JAMES



Missionary Weekend at Saint James Welcome Patrick, from the Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Patrick Norberto is the donor relations and annual fund manager for Maryknoll Lay Missioners. He manages and appeals (mail and email), the Companions in Mission monthly sponsor mailings and the quarterly missioner newsletters. He also engages major donors, and those who want to make a gift via bequest, gift annuity, etc. Bronx born and bred, he has 36 years of fundraising experience. Patrick and his wife Debbie live in Shrub Oak, NY; they have three children and a grandson.

Patrick will speak at all Masses at Saint James this weekend (August 5-6) to share his mission experience as part of the Archdiocese of Newark's Missionary Cooperation Plan for 2023. The second collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Your kind welcome and generous support is most appreciated.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is one of the largest U.S. Catholic organizations sending laypeople into global mission. Over the past four and a half decades, we have prepared and sent more than 900 missioners who have accompanied people experiencing poverty and marginalization around the world.

Your donations will allow Maryknoll Lay Missioners to prepare and sustain laypeople in global mission and to help build a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. This once-a-year opportunity is a wonderful way for all of us to participate in the ongoing global mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. **To learn more, please visit www.mkim.org.**

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Full readings may be accessed at usccb.org.

Centennial Corner



As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish, the Centennial committee invites you to save the date for the following special events to gather as a parish family!

September 8:
Saint James School
Alumni Reception

September 9:
Centennial Mass with
His Eminence,
Joseph Cardinal Tobin

September 10:
Parish Family Picnic

Centennial Page

Please visit the Centennial website page: saintjamestheapostle.org/centennial for more information about these events. You can also view current Centennial videos featuring Fr. David Santos, Fr. Bob Stagg, and Deacon Hugh Keffer. Be sure to visit the Centennial Boutique (online store) on this page for Saint James the Apostle Parish commemorative apparel and items. Scan the QR code below to check out all our merchandise!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the sponsors, donors, golfers and dinner attendees for your generous support of our golf outing. Thank you also to the golf outing committee and volunteers for your commitment to the success of the event. Your generosity has enabled us to see a financial profit of \$18,721.

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CENTENNIAL EVENTS

You're Invited To The

ALUMNI GRAND REUNION



September 8, 2023
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Springfield - Hillside Elks
80 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ

\$35 per person • Cash Bar • Light Fare
RSVP: SchoolAlumni@saintjamesparish.org



SCAN TO
RSVP:



Saint James the Apostle Church Memorial and Honor Butterfly Release

September 10th, 2023
at the Centennial Celebration Picnic

A butterfly release will be held as part of our centennial celebration.
You can purchase a butterfly in memorial or honor of a loved one.

Cost: \$25 per butterfly or \$100 for 5
Will be available after Masses or at the rectory.

Saint James Memorial & Honor Butterfly Release

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Family Faith Formation

Dear Saint James families,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As you probably have seen in past bulletins, registration for this coming school year 2023-2024 is well on the way. For those new families, please feel free to use the registration QR code to obtain the registration form or contact me via email, phone, or in person, if you see me in church or in town. Returning families who attended last year's Family Faith Formation program should have received an email from me on July 5th with the registration information. If you did not receive it, please check your spam folder, and if you don't see it there, contact me.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteer to be a Catechist, a classroom Aid, or a Hall monitor to make the Family Faith Formation program a success for our families! You would only need to commit to one session a month (for 1 hour) , but we would ask that you commit to a specific time session (after the 8AM mass, after the 10AM mass, or after the 12-noon mass) and volunteer at the same time session for each of the six Sunday Family Faith Formation sessions. We are also looking to start a Pre-K and K craft room, so that parents with younger children can have that hour session and the younger children could have a fun arts and craft hour as well. If you are interested and feel called to volunteering in any of those capacities, please contact me at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org. You can also call me at (973)376-2061 or stop me when you see me after mass or around town. Peace, Ana

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AT SAINT JAMES

We are excited to begin a new year of Family Faith Formation! St. James the Apostle Families with children in 1st – 6th grade are invited to attend one session a month. At least one parent is required to attend with their children, but both are highly encouraged. Sessions will run for two hours, beginning with Mass, and followed by a welcome and introduction to the theme for the month. Then, children will gather into age-appropriate groups for a deeper dive into that theme. During that time, we will offer a parent session that helps support your families practically in how to best develop the faith at home. Each session concludes with a family activity/experience that ties into the monthly theme and a resource to continue the conversation at home.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Start by choosing the time of the Mass that works best for your family. The Mass time slot that is chosen by each family will remain their designated session for the entirety of the year. Scan the QR code below, print the registration form, complete it, and email it to Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org or bring it to the Rectory Office.

MASS TIMES FOLLOWED BY FAMILY SESSIONS IN THE GYM:

8:00AM - 10:00AM
10:00AM - 12:00 NOON
12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM

GATHERING DATES:

September 17
October 22
November 19
**December 6
January 7
February 24
March 17
April 28

** Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00PM is the Feast of St. Nicholas Prayer Service

MORE IMPORTANT INFO:

- Cost: One child \$150, Two children \$175, Three or more children \$200.
- If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott at aprescott@saintjamesparish.org
- New family Orientation meeting – Monday, September 11 at 7PM in the Church.
- Reconciliation and First Eucharist Parent Orientation meeting will be Monday, September 11th at 8PM in the Church.

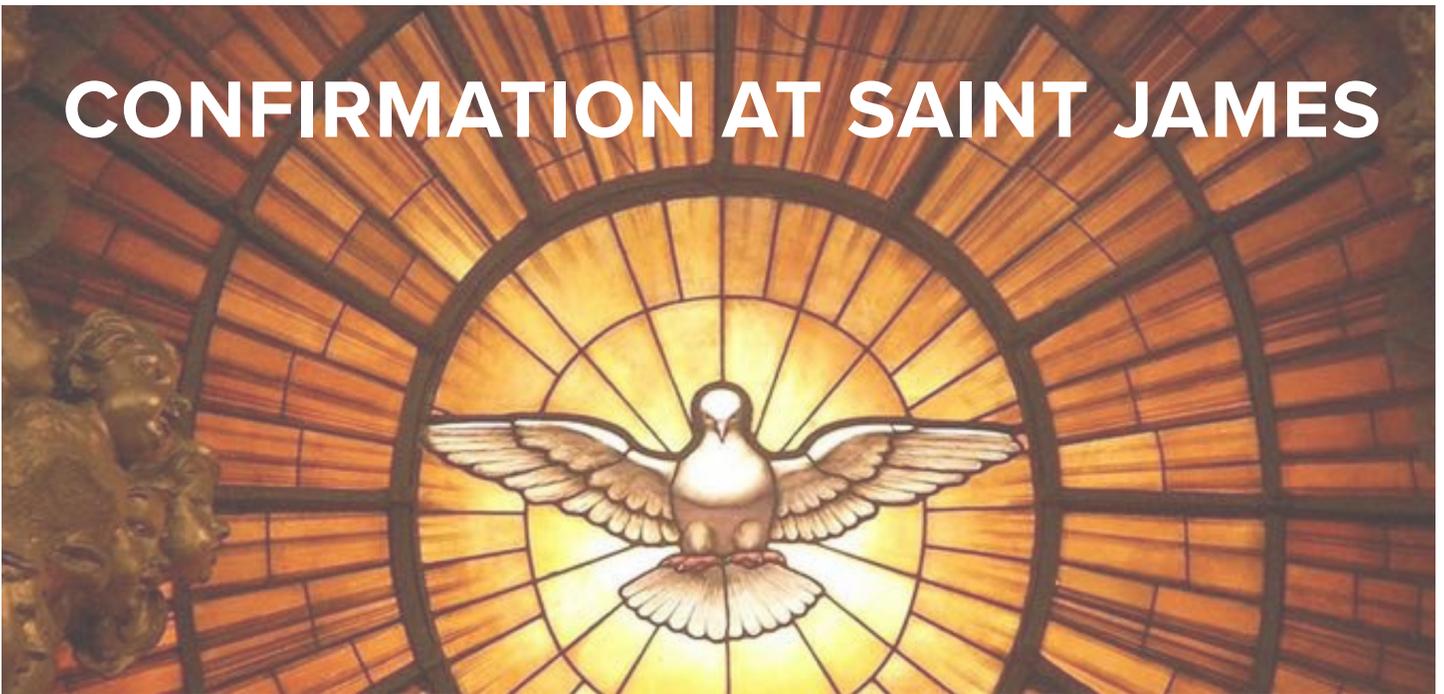
Reach out with any questions to:

Ana Serra-Prescott
Director of Family Faith Formation
aprescott@saintjamesparish.org
(973) 376-2061

Scan here for registration form:



CONFIRMATION AT SAINT JAMES



Our Confirmation preparation initiative seeks to inspire our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will help unpack the journey of faith, identify how the Spirit is at work in our lives and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is a 2-year process for anyone in 7th grade or older. Our program involves learning, sharing, serving, fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

7th GRADE SCHEDULE* (Confirmation 1)

7:00-8:30PM at the Church

October 3
November 7
December 5
January 9
February 6
February 24**
March 5
April 9

*Retreat date to be announced

**Saturday, February 24 at 3PM in the Church

8th GRADE SCHEDULE* (Confirmation 2)

7:00-8:30PM at the Church

October 17 (Parent and child meeting)
November 21
December 19
January 23
February 20
February 24**
March 12
April 23

*Retreat date to be announced

**Saturday, February 24 at 3PM in the Church

MORE IMPORTANT INFO:

- Parents are welcome to stay but are not required to do so.
- We look forward to welcoming you back this Fall and walking with your family on the journey of faith!
- If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact Ana Serra-Prescott: aprescott@saintjamesparish.org

Scan here for
registration form:





THE Transfiguration OF THE LORD



Be Open to Transfiguration

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

4:00PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

VOCATIONS

Thinking Priesthood? Are you being called? Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations. Call: 973-313-6190. Email: info@newarkpriest.com. Social media: @NewarkPriest. Web: newarkpriest.com

Do you know someone who...

Was never baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination, and has expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Saint James the Apostle Church offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at (973) 376-2061.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

5:00pm **Lawrence Kaufherr**
r/b Mezzo Family
Andrew, Sr., Andrew, Jr., & Madelyn Benavente
r/b Kim Herbert

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am **Rocco & Christina Coles**
r/b David Driscoll
Daniel & Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

10:00am **Antoinette Agrillo**
r/b Caroline LaVacca
Thomas V. Giaimo
r/b Giaimo Family

12:00pm **Tony Bagnato**
r/b Wife, Ann
Dolores Guida
r/b Roseanne Egnatuk

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30am **Clint Ibay**
r/b Aguinaldo Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 | St. Dominic

7:30am **Deacon Bob Yannazzone**
r/b Yannazzone Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30am **Louise Driscoll**
r/b David Driscoll

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 | St. Lawrence

7:30am **Renato Fontanilla, Jr.**
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 | St. Clare

7:30am **John Montana, Jr.**
r/b Janice Montana

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30am **James Gallagher**
r/b Son, James

5:00pm **Albert Uliano**
r/b Clara Uliano & Family
Raymond M. Williamson
r/b Rocco & Marilyn Dragone

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Nineteenth Sunday in OT

8:00am **Genevieve Driscoll**
r/b David Driscoll
Daniel & Angela Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser & Marianne Van Volkenburgh

10:00am **Maria & Silvio Lombardi**
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale
Nancy Bandel
r/b Bernstein Family

12:00pm **Betty Macchiachera**
r/b Roethlin Family
Matthew Swajkowski
r/b Wife, Cynthia

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

Steven Payson
r/b Nancy Caputo

To memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle or the Bread and Wine, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Jackie Belitti, Anita C. Bentz, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Deacon Jerome Bongiovanni, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Diane Deitz, Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Marguerite Duchantier, Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Camille LaTouche, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Menotti Joseph Lombardi, Jr., Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Erin Pado, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Carol Wade, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and home-bound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Christopher W. Impellizzeri, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, 2LT Raymond Williamson

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DO YOU LIVE IN UNION COUNTY AND NEED HELP WITH:

**Housing Insecurity?
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Please contact **JOE CORREA** immediately:
jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org

www.thewaterfrontproject.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people – the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities – to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals

Weekend of July 29/30

Regular Collection:	\$	4,838.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,443.00
Total:	\$	8,281.00

We accept online credit card donations. Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamesparish.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



FINANCE
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... The second collection the weekend of Aug 12/13 is for the Archdiocese Assessment...

...But do you know how St. James benefits from the assessment funding? We benefit greatly by being part of a larger Archdiocesan faith structure from receiving administrative services provided at no cost to the parish such as pension plan administration, legal and human resources services, as well as a number of other operational costs such as property and health insurance expense items that if purchased directly by the parish would far exceed our assessment cost. Will you help us cover this assessment expense?

Remember... Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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