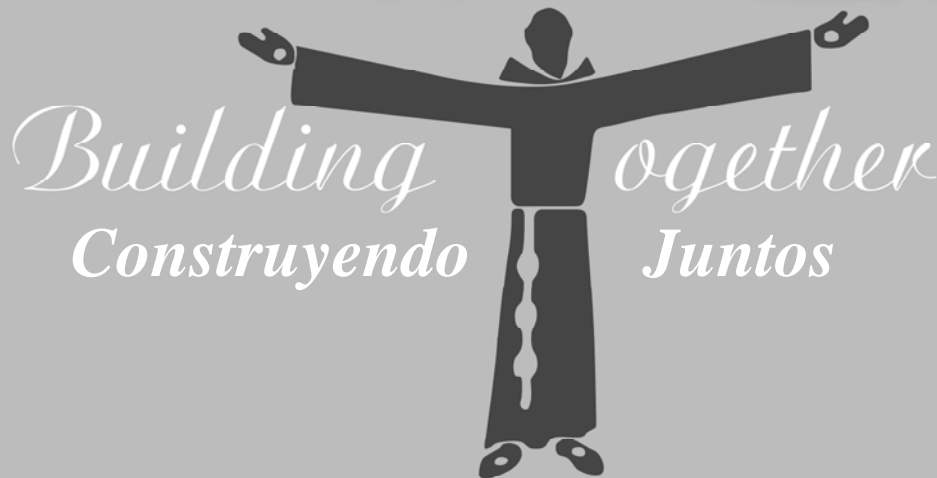


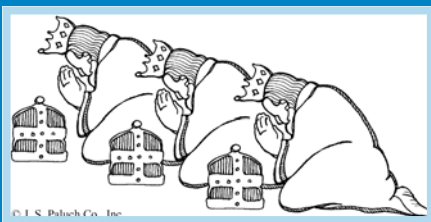
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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**La Epifanía del Señor**

**January 7, 2018**



**As a faith filled community guided by the Holy Spirit with Christ as our model and Saint Francis of Assisi as our patron, we are called together to live God's Word through Worship, Evangelization, Welcoming, and Caring of all people in building together the Kingdom of God.**

*Mass Times*

**Tuesday / Martes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Wednesday / Miércoles: 5:30 p.m. St. Joseph**  
**Thursday / Jueves:**  
**7:30 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians**  
**Friday / Viernes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Saturday / Sábado: 4:30 p.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Sunday / Domingo:**  
**7:00 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians**  
**9:00 a.m. St. Joseph**  
**11:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph**

*Office Hours*

<b>St. Joseph (Central Ofc)</b> Monday 8:00—4:00 Tuesday 8:00-4:00 Wednesday 8:00—5:00 Thursday 8:00—4:00 Friday 8:00—4:00	<b>Mary, Help of Christians</b> Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wednesday 9:00-5:00 Thursday 9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed	<b>St. Nicholas</b> Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wed. 9:00-12:00 Thursday—9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed
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*Reconciliation is celebrated 30 minutes before Mass Wednesday thru Saturday.*

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**WEBSITE** [www.catholicnorthspencer.org](http://www.catholicnorthspencer.org)

*Please feel free to contact our offices with any questions or concerns.*

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# Welcome to our Parish!

*We want to extend our hearts to you and your family. If you would like to join our parish, or if someone is ill, in the hospital, homebound or if you have any other concerns, please drop the information into the collection basket at church, phone one of the offices or stop by one of the offices so that we can minister to you as a Christian Parish Family. May the peace of Jesus be with you!*

## From Our Pastor's Desk

This weekend, we are winding down our Christmas Season with the Feast of the Epiphany when the Magi visited the child, Jesus. On Monday, the Christmas Season will end with the Baptism of the Lord. If the Epiphany is celebrated in the middle of the week, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following weekend, so this year we will move into Ordinary Time next weekend. The insights about this Feast are light and darkness. We have heard the story where the Magi came from the East. This is the direction from which Israel expected the Messiah to come, and the direction from which the early church expected Christ to come at the Parousia. It also reminds us that the sun comes up in the East to give us a new day. We hear resurrection stories in the Gospels that begin with early in the morning. This new day gives us hope. Early churches were built where they faced East to signify the rising of Christ. Some cemeteries are plotted where the graves face East to relate to the resurrection. On the contrary, Herod was mentioned in the Gospel about searching for the child as well. Herod was searching for his own self-interest. He was jealous of the child because of fear of losing his kingship. Herod told the Magi that he wanted to pay him homage too. He had other plans for the child. We also hear of Herod at the trial of Jesus. Herod brings forth darkness that is only self-centered. I just happen to recognize these parallels when I reviewed the readings and commentaries.

Our responsibility is to search for the light and stay focused on Christ in this upcoming New Year. Life brings forth many challenges, and we can easily withdraw from grace, but it is the light of Christ that will give us hope. How am I living the light in my life? It can begin with prayer to form a relationship with Jesus to guide us. Then, prayer leads us to action to respond to those needs or ministry. The Magi kept searching for the light, and they persevered to reach their destination. They stayed focused but it was not easy. Life does become easier with Christ. We cannot forget about that truth. Another sign of light was the Magi giving Christ homage. They recognized His importance to the world as being the long-awaited savior. We too have to humble ourselves and remember our blessings. Are we giving back to God what we have received? Humility is recognizing a greater power or

source. The Magi were foreigners or outsiders, and Christ received them to show his inclusiveness to the world. He came to save all people. Our hospitality is vital for our faith. Therefore, Christ becomes the light in our lives and in the world.

I believe our Christmas Season displays so much of the light with our unselfish acts of service and generosity. I truly thank those who spent hours to get our churches ready and decorated for the Christmas Season. They were so beautiful. If you want a picture, you need to take it this weekend. I also thank Cisco and the choir for their time and energy to learn new music, attend practices, and sing before the Christmas Masses. You were awesome. I am grateful for the ministers who helped with the Liturgy and prepared for the Christmas Masses. It was nice to have many ministers, and it showed your hospitality. You helped make my job easier too. I just thank those who responded to help in any way. I believe we become the light when we respond without being asked to participate. That shows a generous heart. I also thank Deacon Jim and Deacon Tim for their ministry to help me and keep me on schedule. Your service and commitment made it very inspiring and uplifting for me.

I am also grateful for all the Christmas cards and gifts this year. You were very thoughtful and generous. I happened to find some family pictures from a few Christmas' ago on my desk at the house. I compared them with this year's photos. Your families are really growing up and very beautiful. It was nice to remember those days. I also appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity to staff. I am glad you included them as well. They do a lot for me.

Be the Light,



## *This Week*

### **Saturday, January 6th**

- St. Meinrad Sunday

### **Sunday, January 7th**

- St. Meinrad Sunday
- Encounter @ 6:30pm

### **Monday, January 8th**

- *Have a good week!*

### **Tuesday, January 9th**

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm
- Civics/Government Classes at SJ @6:00pm

### **Wednesday, January 10th**

- Catechists Pathway Formation SN LL @ 6:00pm
- SFA Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:15pm

### **Thursday, January 11th**

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm

### **Friday, January 12th**

- Hispanic Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:00pm

### **Saturday, January 13th**

- *Have a great weekend!*

### **Sunday, January 14th**

- Encounter @ 6:30pm



Names in the "Pray for" box will be listed in four bulletins. If you would like your name added again, please call the office.



Pat Sallman - Margaret Bradely - Janet  
Dilger - Edna Meunier - Trisha Martin -  
... Brian Bledsoe - Carmen Lloveras - Verna  
Wollenmann

  
**white-collar  
workers needed.**

## **VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Pray for the priests and seminarians of the day listed below. Give thanks for their vocations.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

- Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10  
**Fr Zach Etienne, Fr Paul Ferguson**
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
**Fr David Fleck, Fr Christopher Forler**
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
**Fr Attila Frohlich, Fr Jason Gries**
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
**Fr Eugene Heerdink, Fr Kenneth Herr**
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
**Fr Ryan Hilderbrand, Fr Gary Kaiser**
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17  
**Fr Joseph Kane, Fr Thomas Kessler**
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42  
**Fr Leo Kiesel, Fr Anthony Kissel**

*St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests, bless these men with the strength and wisdom to follow God's will.*

## Minister Schedule

### St. Nicholas — Saturday, January 13th — 4:30 p.m.

**GR** Tom & Mary Zuzzio  
**SE** Kate Hinshaw, Emma Day, Sara Day, Volunteers  
**LE** Lee Ringeman, Annie Oxley  
**CL** Leigh Ann Wahl  
**US** Eric Day, Rob Oxley, **Volunteers**  
**GB Volunteer Family**  
**EM** Leigh Ann Wahl, Lisa Day, Ed Hagedorn, Brenda Hagedorn, Mary Zuzzio, **Volunteers**  
**Sacristan** Jim & Leslie Buxton

### Mary, Help of Christians — Sunday, January 14th — 7:00 a.m.

**GR** Luanna & Kenny Wessel  
**SE** Kenley Bell, Kayden Bell, Dawson Begle, Dylan Begle  
**LE** Christine Schlachter, Karen Hildenbrand  
**CL** Marilyn Satkamp  
**US** Stan Jochim, Chuck Pund, Rose Pund, Erick Taylor  
**GB** Tami & Tim Nord  
**EM** Brenda Buechler, Danny Buechler, Dan Waninger, Kim Waninger, **Volunteers**  
**Rosary Leader** Charmaine Oxford

### St. Joseph — Sunday, January 14th — 9:00 a.m.

**GR** Pat Crews, Carol Gripenstroh, Lisa Helming  
**SE** Bronson Pund, Ty Schaefer, Ty Harper, Alex Gehlhausen  
**LE** Aimee Arnold, Kimberly Baker  
**CL** Cassie Hile  
**US** Steve Clark, Jeanne Daunhauer, John Payne, Ray Striegel, **Volunteers**  
**EM** Ray Cooper, Lisa Pund, Heath Harper, Linda Weber, Jenny Wahl, Pam Moesner, 2 **Volunteers**  
**Sacristan** Jeanne Daunhauer

## Stewardship of Treasure December 24th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5,017.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 2,835.00
Children's Basket	\$ 44.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,896.01</b>

St. Pierre \$ 1.00

**Budget amount needed \$10,000.00**

**Total Deposit \$ 7,897.01**

### Christmas Masses

Christmas Envelopes	\$ 4,595.75
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,485.00
Children's Basket	\$ 85.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,166.29</b>

**Budget amount needed \$10,000.00**

**Total Deposit \$ 6,166.29**

## 2016 - Mass Attendance - 2017

Dec 24 475	Sat - Dec 23 - 4:30pm	200
Dec 25 190	Sun - Dec 24 - 7:00am	148
Dec 25 185	Sun - Dec 24 - 9:00am	180
Dec 25 230	Sun - Dec 24 - 11:00am	N/A

### CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

Total pledged to date: \$ 120,366.40

Parish Goal: \$ 132,428

Cards mailed out: 674

Cards returned: 440 (65%)

Please return your pledge card.



Your Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) pledge is part of your personal commitment to Christian Stewardship: giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings God has given you.

## Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 6	4:30 pm (SN)	Rose Snyder
Sun, Jan 7	7:00 am (MHC)	James & Rita Jochim
Sun, Jan 7	9:00 am (SJ)	Mary Philipps
Sun, Jan 7	11:00 am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Tues, Jan 9	7:30 am (SN)	Charles Ruxer
Wed, Jan 10	5:30 pm (SJ)	Helen Jochim
Thur, Jan 11	7:30 am (MHC)	Philomena Gogel
Fri, Jan 12	7:30 am (SN)	Jerry Meunier
Sat, Jan 13	4:30 pm (SN)	Flora Maglalang, Doris Martin
Sun, Jan 14	7:00 am (MHC)	Louis Schipp, Robert Lee Gogel
Sun, Jan 14	9:00 am (SJ)	Stella & Bernard Wahl, Elmer Jochim
Sun, Jan 14	11:00 am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Community News

### DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Monday, January 22, representatives from the Diocese will have a presentation on the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign for our parish. We are in the last wave of parishes to complete this campaign. Father Bernie Etienne and maybe our new Bishop Joseph Siegel will be at St. Nicholas Lower Level to share information about the campaign. It will begin at 6:00pm. Let us keep the campaign in prayer for our diocese and our parish.

*TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, and for community. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to attend as they increase our witness to our faith while experiencing their own encounter with Christ.*

*Candidates can expect to meet others from all areas of the Diocese, find how God fits in your life, and encounter the Risen Jesus Christ. You will have time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes, and dreams away from home, school, and/or work. You can find an application and more information at <http://www.switec.org/> The next weekend is February 17-19, 2018 at St. Mary's Church in Ireland. Future retreat weekends are July 21-23, 2018 and November 10-12, 2018. Feel free to send in applications for any of the weekends, but please know that they may fill quickly, so send in your application soon.*

**Invitations will be issued in a few weeks. Please use this link to see if someone from your parish is making this weekend. <http://www.switec.org/>**

If you have any questions, please contact us at [tec@evdio.org](mailto:tec@evdio.org)  
Thank you,  
TEC Core Group

### UPCOMING WOMEN AND MEN CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS

We will begin the women's retreat on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The men's weekend will be the next week, March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Both weekends will be at Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center. May you take the time to pray about these retreats and consider making a weekend.

**Confirmation Pictures are in. They may be picked up during encounter sessions or at the St. Joseph parish office during regular office hours**



#### Red Cross Blood Drive

January 21, 2018

7am-11am

Mary, Help of Christians

For an appointment call  
Marilyn Wuebkenberg  
812-631-3807

#### COMING SOON

Country Breakfast

February 4, from 7am-11am

Mary, Help of Christians

\$9.00 Adults  
\$4.00 Children  
Free for 4 & under

20+C+M+B+18





## The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah, probably the greatest of the prophets, prophesies extensively on the coming of the savior, the Messiah. His prophecies are so specific it is hard not to believe that he is telling a contemporary story rather than proclaiming the future far in advance.

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” This proclamation about the coming of the Gentiles and all nations to worship the Lord is wonderful news indeed, for it presages our own worship of Jesus the Christ.

Saint Paul says that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” We who are Gentiles can rejoice in our loving acceptance by our God.

### NATIONS SHALL WALK BY YOUR LIGHT

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’ ” These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. “Herod called the magi secretly . . .” Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and like Herod, are full of lies—“. . . that I too may go and do him homage.” Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

### YOUR HEART SHALL THROB AND OVERFLOW

The magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star.” So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance . . . Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## La Epifanía del Señor

### LAS NACIONES CAMINARÁN CON TU LUZ

“Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: ‘¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo’ ”. Estas palabras son alegres noticias para quienes a través de los siglos alaban a Cristo; pero, son malas noticias para quienes, como Herodes, egoístamente mantienen su propia prominencia y realeza. “Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos . . .” Aquellas personas que se comportan con secretos a menudo tienen motivos malos, y como Herodes, están llenos de mentiras; “para que yo también vaya a adorarlo”. Herodes no tiene esa intención, sino que su plan es asesinar al Cristo niño y, él piensa, proteger su propia autoridad. El mal siempre está listo para actuar en el mundo, pero Dios protege a los inocentes, en este caso enviando a los magos de regreso a sus casas por una ruta diferente en lugar de regresar con Herodes.

### TU CORAZÓN SE ALEGRARÁ, Y SE ENSANCHARÁ

Los magos “al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría”. Así que muchas de las palabras de Isaías positivamente brillaron en la profecía de la luz brillante de Israel, Jesús. “Caminaran los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora. . . Entonces verás esto radiante de alegría; tu corazón se alegrará, y se ensanchará”.

El día de Navidad, con todas sus luces y gloria, ya pasaron, pero aun así se nos olvida que el Tiempo de Navidad continua hasta mañana. La gloria del Señor continúa brillando y manifiesta la gloria a todas las naciones. Nosotros que somos miembros de esas naciones del mundo deben continuar celebrando y alegrándonos en la venida del Señor a nuestras vidas. En efecto, somos los gentiles que han venido a adorar a Cristo, y a ser salvados por su gloriosa apariencia. Bendito sea el Señor que en su misericordia y amor nos busca, y que la alegría de su venida llene nuestros corazones para siempre.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 60:1–6; Sal 72 (71):1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ef 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

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# Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Youth

## Upcoming

**Confirmation Enrollment Forms have been mailed.** Please return them no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>. If you did not receive one, and would like to enroll in our Confirmation program please contact Michelle Fischer at 812.937.2200 or [mfischer@evdio.org](mailto:mfischer@evdio.org). The Enrollment deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families will be on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at St. Joseph Church**

### January Encounter Schedule

7,14,21,28

### January Faith Formation Schedule

10,17,24,31

**Confirmation Pictures are in. They may be picked up during encounter sessions or at the St. Joseph parish office during regular office hours**

## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

The Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born three wise men were sent by King Herod to find the newborn King of the Jews.

Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Ps 72:1,2, 7-8, 10-13  
Mt 2:1-12

Directions: Find and circle as many KINGs as you can below.

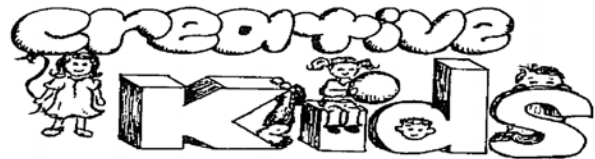
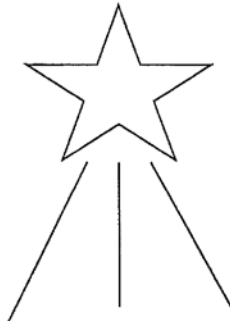
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They followed the star and found Jesus.  
They honored Him and gave Him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Directions: Draw Jesus in the stable below the star



### Gift Giving

The holidays are over, but the spirit of Christmas and gift giving does not have to be over.

Give of yourself!

Think of something helpful to do for someone you love, fill out the coupon below, cut it out, and give it to the person you wish to help.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ love you so much  
that I will \_\_\_\_\_

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