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The Ascension of the Lord

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Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am

Weekdays (Monday through
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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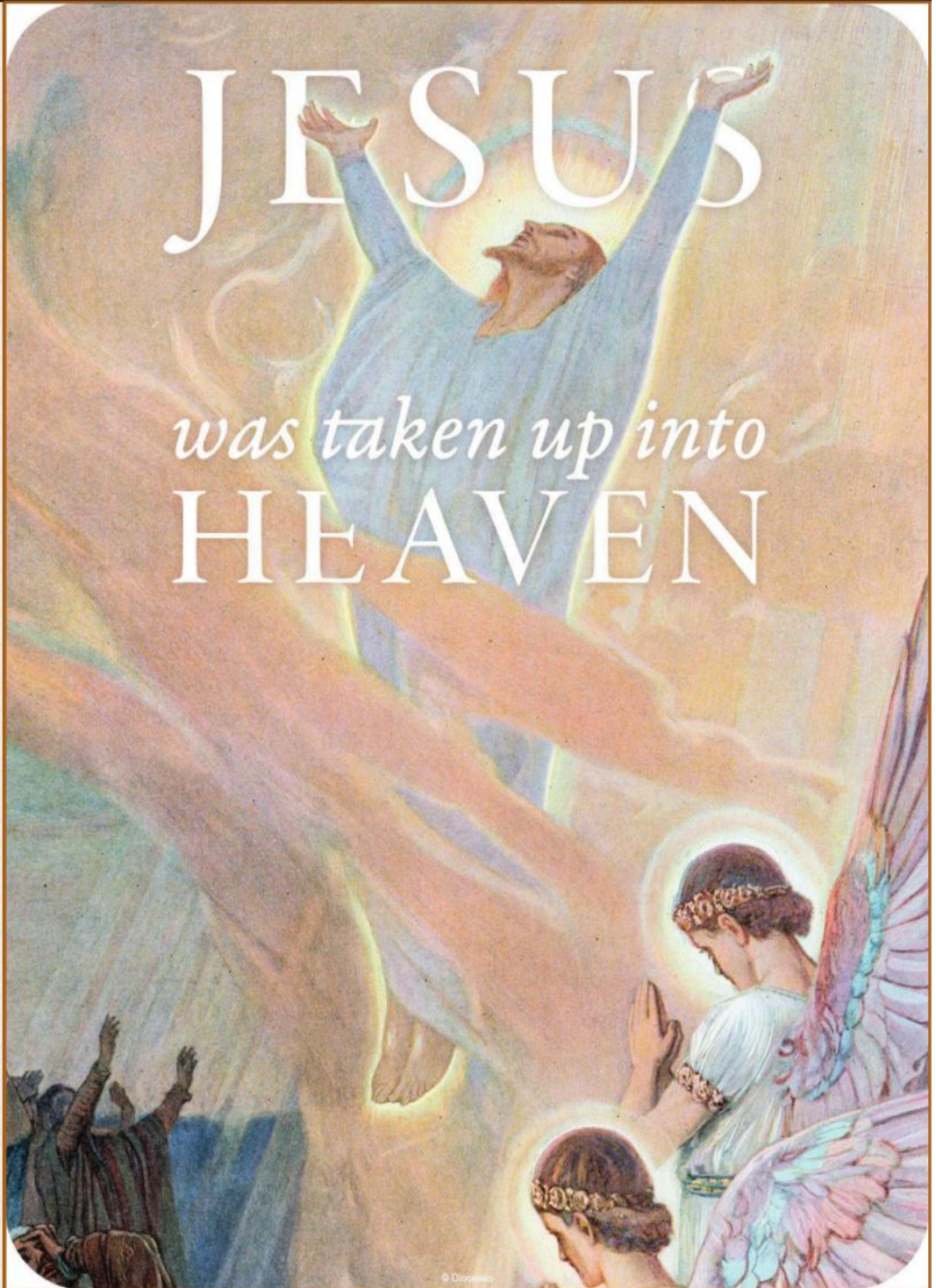
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May 12, 2024

Mass Intentions for the week of May 12th to May 19th

Mother's Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Kathy Taylor on 'Anniversary of Baptism'	7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena	7:00 AM Robert Bielling, Sr † by his family
9:30 AM John & Katherine Gagnon † by the family	8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena	8:30 AM Barbie & Tony Davis † by Joni Binns	8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
11:30 AM Laura Silva, Sr † by Laura Silva & Steven Torres	<i>The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Pentecost Sunday
Thinking about the Readings**

1. How have I experienced the Holy Spirit? With gentleness? With power and noise? What experience stands out for me?
2. When have I felt powerful? When have I felt I was acting with the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. How do I empower others to recognize and use the gifts of the holy Spirit?

**Readings for Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:-3b-7, 12-13
The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

Gospel: John 15:26-27
On the first day of the week, the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 5:30pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass,
 Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

Today's Good News

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin. It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare.

Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena	7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena	8:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	7:30 AM Eneida Rivera Rodriguez † by Veronika & Jorge Q.
8:30 AM Father Chris' 39th Anniv. Of Ordination by his friends And for his brother & wife's 26th anniversary	8:30 AM Bill Gardner † by Brian & Carole McKeown	5:00 PM Christopher Horner † by the Horner family	9:30 AM Edwin & Margaret Leach † by the family
<i>Sanctuary lamp is lit for the healing of Joe Santososso by Bob & Bonnie</i>			11:30 AM Ann Moutran † by Phil & Claudette Ericson

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: Jesus is the perfect steward — watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$15,836.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. School collection amounted to \$3,011.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

SCHOOL NEWS



On Monday, April 29th some of our students attended the 2024 City of Titusville Awards Ceremony, they received an award for their outstanding work and our school's name was prominently recognized. Congratulations to our award-winning students!!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How does the parish identify and recognize its unsung heroes and heroines?
Who might be surprised to be recognized?
Who will never be recognized?

Mother's Day Cards

There are Mother's Day Novena cards on the table in the back of the Church

It's not too late to place your special Mother's day intentions on the altar as they will stay on the altar the whole month of May.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **May 16th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)



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Date Change

Father Chris Theological Session

Save the date, **Monday, May 20th, at 6:30PM** for the next session by Father Chris.

His topic will be:
"How to convert an atheist:
6 proofs of God's existence!"



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FAITH FORMATION

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen "It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection."



Adult Bible Study

"Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" Bible study meets **Wednesday** in the Faith Formation room from **9:30 - 11:00 AM**. For more information contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

2024 Graduates

St. Teresa Catholic Church will be recognizing our 2024 High School/College Graduates on **May 19th at the 9:30 am Mass** with Breakfast to follow. Graduate Information Forms are available in the Church Narthex or contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. Return completed forms by **May 14, 2024**.

St. Teresa Youth Group
Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

Date	Time	Location	Event
May 18 th	12:30pm-3:00pm	Avila Hall and Courtyard	Youth Group End of Year Family Cookout

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints! Join Moms of Tiny Saints at one of their "Playground Meetup" and "Just-for-Mom" events:



Playground Meetup w/ Coffee & Donuts
June 12th 10AM @ Tom Statham Park

Just-for-Moms Formation Night
(w/ wine, snacks, & desserts)

May 22nd, 7-8:30pm @ the Gullikson Residence, 1340 Blueberry Drive, Titusville, FL 32780
June 26th 7-8:30PM @ Location TBD
Text Amy @ 321-626-7802 or Kasey @ 321-289-6399 with any questions.

Vacation Bible School



St. Teresa will be hosting Vacation Bible School this Summer.

Dates: June 24 - June 28
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00pm
Location: Parish Center.

Pickup registration forms in the Church Narthex or contact the Faith Formation Office:

Phone: 321-349-5445
Email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

Bereavement / Grief Support Group



A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary



We continue to pray the Chaplet of St. Gertrude every Sunday after the **9:30 am Mass** in the Chapel.

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly**:

* Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6 pm**

* Chaplet of St. Gertrude on **Sunday** immediately following the **9:30 am Mass**. All are welcome

Cor Jesu Food Pantry



Cor Jesu Food Pantry is in need of fruit, tuna and brownies. If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu.

Please save your egg cartons for donation .

Thanks for your consistent generosity.



Cor Jesu is looking for a donation of an upright freezer. Please contact Carol Shalala at 321-747-4111.

Choir Rehearsal

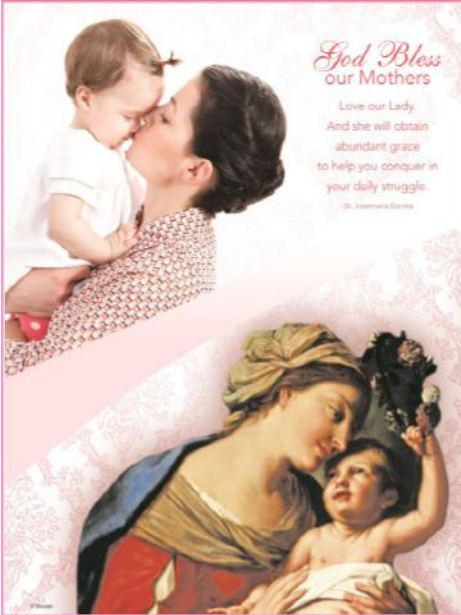


Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

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	Fun Size Milky Ways
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The Ascension of the Lord



Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your
Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth. Grant
that we, their sons and
daughters, may honor them
always with a spirit of profound
respect.

Grant this through
Christ our Lord.



39th Anniversary of Ordination of Father Chris

Congratulations to Father Chris as he celebrates his 39th year of his ordination.

There is a Mass on **5/16 at 8:30AM** in his honor.

This picture is Father Chris with his mother and father at his Ordination.

Please join us in praying for him on his spiritual journey.



Rest in Peace, Rozalia

She faced death with an open and prayerful heart. We pray for Father Chris and his mother, She passed on 5/1, in the care of Hospice.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the

mercy of God, **rest in peace.** Amen.



Fatima Sunday May 12th

Today is Fatima Sunday. Please join us at **3Pm** for an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the sick, recitation of the rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a special blessing and Benediction.

Please join us as this is a very special way to celebrate Mother's day!

In Fatima, an obscure Portugal town 70 miles north of Lisbon, on May 13, 1917, Three children were in a pasture tending their sheep.

The shepherd children report that a luminous being appears, "shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun."

As Mary revealed herself to the children as the Mediatrix of Grace, she opened her hands, bathing them in a powerful light that bore into their hearts. Lucia. "The children fell on their knees, repeating in their hearts: 'O, most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!'"

Our Lady replied, "Say the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."



Blessed Sacrament will be hosting Vacation Bible School this Summer.

Dates: **June 17 - June 21**
Time: **8:30 am to 3:00pm**
Location: Blessed Sacrament Church
Cocoa, FL.

For information contact Blessed Sacrament Church:
Email: dwegner@blessedsacramentcocoa.org
Register: <http://blessedsacramentcocoa.org/vacation-bible-school.shtml>

Holy Spirit will be hosting Vacation Bible School Dates:
June 3 - June 7

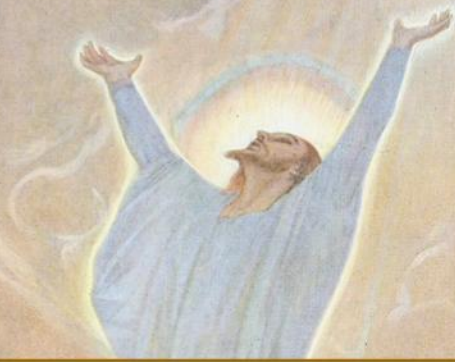
Time: **9:00 am to 12:15pm**
Location: **Holy Spirit Church, Mims, FL.**
For information contact Holy Spirit Church in Mims, Brenda Nagle
Phone: (321) 269-2282
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Called

To Love
To Grace
To Be Holy
To Believe

JESUS

was taken up into

HEAVEN



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Ephesians 4:1-13

Going Away

A lot of families can tell a story like this. The oldest child had a strong character, and younger siblings seemed to pull back when the kids were all together. Even at school, younger siblings lived in the shadow of the oldest.

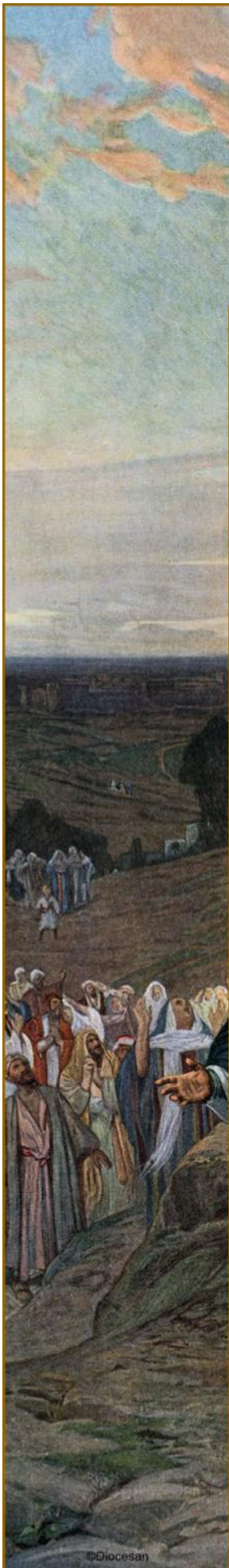
But then the day came when the oldest child moved on to another school. Almost overnight, the younger children began to develop personalities of their own. They took on more responsibilities and became more independent. It wasn't that the oldest child tried to hold the other children back. But once the older child was gone, the others felt more freedom to grow their own way.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples had to step up and take responsibility for the church he left behind. They had been fearful, ignorant and inept through the previous years. But now they became a force to be reckoned with—strong leaders, eloquent speakers, and workers of wonders. Jesus had to leave for all this to happen.

The Letter to the Ephesians says that Jesus “ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.” He went away in order to be more present. He became more present especially in his disciples, who developed a multitude of gifts. “He gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers.”

Jesus has ascended. How has he equipped you to build up his body?

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*"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED
AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"*

The Ascension of the Lord refers to “the entry of Jesus’ humanity into Divine Glory in God’s heavenly domain, forty days after Easter” .

The Ascension of the Lord is commemorated by the Catholic Church as a Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation. In many areas of the United States, the Ascension is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Lord Jesus gave the Apostles and disciples His final instructions and promised to be with them and us until the end of time: “I am with you always, to the close of the age”.

Then , in a traditional Jewish form of blessing, He raised his hands and continued to bless them as He ascended into the heavens by His own power, until a cloud received Him from their sight.



Jesus’ Ascension into heaven accomplished four things:

- He entered in to the exalted glory He merited.
- He ascended into Heaven in order to send down upon us the promised Gif of the Holy Spirit.
- He ascended into heaven in order to be our Intercessor before the Eternal Father.
- He ascended into heaven in order to prepare a place for us.

The Ascension not only has a meaning for daily life as we live it, but for those authentically living the Christian Faith, one is able to actually see and experience its power in our daily lives – this goes a long way in making the faith feel “real.”

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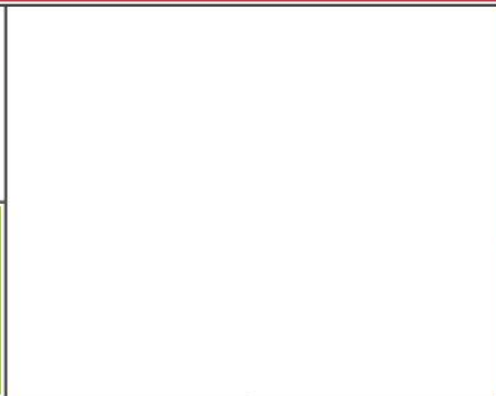



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