



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 3rd, 2021
Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.
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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (4 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (5 th)	7:00pm +Ambrose Wolfe
Wed. (6 th)	9:00am Darlene Jakubowski
Thurs. (7 th)	9:00am +Elizabeth Beres
	2:30pm GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES
	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Fri. (8 th)	9:00am +Rick Young
Sat. (9 th)	9:00am Special Intentions

5:00pm Keith & Debbie Hayward

Sun. (10th) **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am +Merv Todos
11:00am Mass for the People

WELCOME BACK!

Please note the following changes for our parish per the **Archdiocese of Regina guidelines** (effective July 11, 2021) and the **Government of Saskatchewan Interim Health Order** (effective September 17, 2021):

- Masks must be worn at all times until further notice
- Masks & hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Please sit in the pews that have hymnals so that people are not crowded together
- The choir and singing has resumed
- Holy water will not be available in the Baptismal font at this time
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue

Please come! Everyone is welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)



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Lord, I am grateful for childlike innocence. Help me to be more aware of and responsive to the needs of little children.

- From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend the Word of God challenges us to reflect on a very sensitive topic, the topic that we often don't want to discuss: **divorce**.

In fact, many people have been deeply wounded by their difficult marriage or by incorrect explanations of Church teaching in this area. The Church's teaching on divorce and remarriage may not be popular these days.

Our culture seems to depend more on feelings than faithfulness. And since feelings can come and go, one may ask "why shouldn't marriages come and go too?" Also it seems that people are more selfish and careless, "pro-self", so when their marriage has problem, it is easy to say "I have my freedom, I have my choice, I go my way, you go on your way". As Christians we are called to be faithful. We shouldn't be afraid to address this important issue in our society.

There is a common misunderstanding about this difficult teaching that has to do with the difference between divorce and annulment. Divorce and annulment are totally different.

It is very clear in the Gospel today – it gives us a perfect opportunity to reflect on this issue together, and clarify some (but probably not all) important concepts.

First we need to be aware that when a man and a woman come together in a love of total mutual self-giving, their love reflects the inter-personal love within the Most Holy Trinity. When Adam sees Eve for the first time he immediately recognizes Eve as a part of himself, someone without whom he would be incomplete, someone who was missing in his life.

That is why Jesus quoted from Genesis, "... *from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female, and for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate*".

He teaches us that marriage is something established between a man and a woman, but it is also a bond forged by God. As a bond forged by God, the married man and woman also receive spiritual help in remaining faithful to each other.

Husband and wife, they are no longer two, but one flesh, one person: Then Adam said, "*This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.*" (Genesis 2. 23). They are no longer for themselves, but for each other. That's how God designed it, and he designed it for a reason: he wanted the love of husband and wife to be a mirror of his own love for us.

For us to understand this concept, we must listen carefully to what God tells us and teaches us, because the very first consequence of original sin was to disrupt proper relations between humans and God and with others.

Remember Jesus doesn't come into our world to make our lives miserable, or to condemn us. He comes to save us, to offer us his friendship, a friendship that will give us hope, wisdom, mercy, and joy. He comes to teach us what God's plan is and to help us to reconcile to God and to one another.

In the difficult moments of marriage, it is important to remember not just the emotions of first love, but the fact that God has joined man and woman, and God will help them remain united; they just have to keep striving to seek the good in each other.

For those called to marriage, God has blessed two people with someone out there with whom they can be complete, can be whole. Especially for those spouses who are suffering from separation, and those who are experiencing the difficulty in marriages, may they receive the grace, counseling, and insight they need to resolve their differences and be faithful to the bond God has forged between them until death do they part.

My dear sisters and brothers, we thank God for creating us and revealing to us his plans for humans in marriage life. We will do our part to make those plans come true, following wherever He leads us. Also we thank God for patiently showing us the true meaning of marriage, and we pray for all Catholic marriages and families. We ask God to give them the grace they need to discover and fulfill their beautiful, powerful vocation of being mirrors of God's steadfast love in our society.

I wish all of you to have a wonderful weekend.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, November 5th at 7:00 pm

The annual Memorial Mass is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Gerard during the past year, as well as for other deceased loved ones of our St. Gerard's Family who passed away in the last twelve months.

If your loved one's funeral was not celebrated at St. Gerard this year, and you would like them to be included in the Annual Memorial Mass, please speak with Father Louis after Mass before the end of October.

The Mass will include a reading of the names of all those we are remembering. Family of the deceased will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca



The Knights of Columbus
will lead the
Rosary Prayer
Mondays at 5:30pm
during the month of October.
Everyone is welcome!

Parkland Right to Life Prayerful Witness

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 - 2 pm to 3 pm
at Gladstone and Broadway



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friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience. The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. **Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.** If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission. **Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation** can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Oct 4, St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day and close of the Season of Creation celebration That all people everywhere may be inspired by the example of Saint Francis to make mature lifestyle choices. Choices that are selfless and sustainable. Choices that promote the care and safeguarding of ecosystems. Choices that guarantee access to all basic resources. That we encourage each other to live as St. Francis did and with Pope Francis truly respect the fundamental rights of every human person and every creature. Adapted from Franciscans for Ecology.

- Submitted by the Stewardship Committee



Bringing Home the Word

Men, Women, and God's Creative Plan

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by a passage from today's first reading, Michelangelo painted the moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. It may represent the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the scene of a man asleep on the sofa while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" Happily, Eve asks the one with the answer: God.

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan: "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when, in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness

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News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Today is a special day! We are officially launching our Archbishop's Appeal: "**Unbinding Love**"

Giving is an incredible way to help growing the Church and deepening our spiritual lives. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others through the support of ministries and programs of the Archdiocese. Our financial goal is \$1.6 million dollars. Let God's love unbind your hearts and guide you in your decision and generosity.



October is the Extraordinary Missionary Month

"We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world." – Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

World Mission Sunday this year takes place on the fourth Sunday of October. the main purpose of World Mission Sunday is to unite Catholics all over the world in prayer and support of the missions. It encourages prayer and financial help for the missionary work of the Catholic Church throughout the world. It enables the Good News to reach millions who have yet to hear it and support many who experience significant lack of daily necessities.

On World Mission Sunday we are called by the church to increase our own efforts to give witness to Christ before the world. Through your prayers and your Mission Sunday sacrifice for the **Propagation of the Faith**, you will proclaim to the world what you believe in your heart.

Last year 2020, funds raised in Canada (English Sector) went to the support of Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana and Liberia.

"Canada Needs Our Lady" Rosary Rally



October 16, 2021

12 noon

City Centre Park

(Second Ave & Broadway)

In these times Our Lady comes to remind us of her Fatima Message and to encourage all her children to comply with her requests for continuous prayer in order to gain peace in the world. "Tell everyone that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her..."

The "Canada Needs Our Lady" Rosary Rallies have been held in towns and cities across Canada for many years. This year the Public Rosary Rally will be held at City Centre Park at Second Avenue and Broadway, downtown Yorkton. It will begin at 12:00 noon, Saturday, October 16th.

You are invited to join others in prayer so that Our Lady's promise of a time of peace will come, hopefully in our lifetime.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN

September 28, 2021

To all Catholics of Saskatchewan and the Indigenous Peoples of this land

Warm greetings. As the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, we begin by joining with Bishops from across the country in the September 24, 2021 statement which offered an unequivocal apology to the [Indigenous Peoples of this land](#).

Two months ago, as we began a new Truth and Reconciliation Healing Response Appeal, we indicated that we would provide more information in September. As an expression of our commitment to fostering healing relationships with Indigenous peoples, the Appeal offers a way to respond to current needs, provide ongoing support for residential school survivors and their communities, and engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the truth and reconciliation process.

Our financial commitments, which will form a part of the \$30 million financial commitment of the Catholic Bishops of Canada, will focus on three areas: healing and reconciliation, cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools, and education and cultural support. Together, we hold at the heart of all of our steps the TRC Call to Action #61, which has been an ongoing guiding principle for all of us on this path, as it calls upon churches to establish funding for projects related to healing, culture and language revitalization, education and relationship-building. Our Catholic TRC Healing Response is a continuation of efforts and initiatives over the past few decades in journeying with Indigenous communities, listening to the voices of survivors, and those who have been impacted by the legacy of residential schools and the effects of colonization. We recognize that consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples are vital, and we are committed to continuing these essential dialogues.

Catholics in Saskatchewan can anticipate statements in the near future from each diocese and eparchy on how this appeal will be approached in their particular region, given their particular circumstances and abilities. See our eparchial/diocesan statements on the following websites: www.skeparchy.org, www.padiocese.ca, www.rcdos.ca, www.archregina.sk.ca, www.archdioceseofkeewatinlepas.ca.

May we continue to learn to walk together and to dwell peacefully on this land that the Creator has given us, in the words of treaties signed long ago, for “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and waters flow.”

Sincerely yours in a spirit of humility and respect,

Most Rev. Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

Most Rev. Bryan Bayda
Ukrainian Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

Most Rev. Murray Chatlain
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas

Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

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September 28, 2021

Reflections on Walking Together on the Journey to Right Relationships

Over the past week, the Catholic bishops of Canada have sought to take some steps on the long journey towards right relationships with the Indigenous Peoples of this land. While many previous apologies had been offered, they hadn't been presented collectively on behalf of all the Catholic Bishops of Canada, and for many survivors of residential schools, they weren't seen as all that helpful. Friday's unequivocal apology was accompanied by a renewed commitment to assist with documentation as able, and to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on a possible visit of Pope Francis to Canada. Yesterday, a further communication of a nation-wide collective financial commitment of 30 million dollars over 5 years was announced, to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

The Truth and Reconciliation Final Report, and many Indigenous people, have noted that apologies are a starting point, not an end point, and that they need to be followed by real commitment. When a relationship is wounded and we seek to make right a relationship that has gone wrong, it takes time, and many steps. Failures need to be acknowledged; apologies made; a deep listening to those who have been hurt; a willingness to change, to make amends; and finally, to walk with the other in solidarity on the path of seeking justice on a societal level, to be an ally in the pursuit of right relationships. It should not surprise nor hurt those in the church when we hear Indigenous people and others say 'seeing is believing.' I learnt a saying a while ago: if you want to know if an apology is real, watch the feet. We know and appreciate that people will be watching our feet to see whether we are able to meet the commitments we make.

Here in the Archdiocese of Regina, we look forward to continuing and building upon the work we have already begun in our diocese in seeking to foster relationships of healing, listening, and education with the First Nations and Métis Peoples, and especially with survivors. I reiterate our commitment to take steps in close consultation with Indigenous Elders and with survivors of the residential school system. We have heard and resonate with the message, "nothing about us without us."

Since announcing on a provincial level a Catholic Truth and Reconciliation Healing campaign in July, there have been several opportunities to meet with survivors and Elders, to listen to their needs and hopes, and to ask what solidarity and support would look like from their perspective. We have heard a strong request for financial support of initiatives which respond directly to the needs of survivors and which prioritize their concerns and needs. We heard of the desire to build relationships and to draw on the assistance of Indigenous spiritual leaders in facilitating a way forward with the various First Nations communities within the boundaries of the Archdiocese. We heard of the need for an initiative in the city of Regina which would be guided by survivors and present practical steps which would bring healing for survivors and assistance with

intergenerational trauma experienced by many as a result of the residential school system. We heard a request to assist in work related to the cemeteries of the Catholic-operated residential schools within our region. And we heard the importance of educating and engaging the people of our Catholic parishes, especially those who are near to First Nations communities, so that they too can play a role in the rebuilding of relationships and become allies in the pursuit of a better, more respectful and more just way to live together.

We were also encouraged to draw on Call to Action 61 as a roadmap going forward, with its call for support of community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization initiatives; education and relationship-building projects; and regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self-determination, and reconciliation. This is a helpful framework for what we have heard. As a church, we do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past by subtly cultivating a colonial mentality whereby we have the principal ideas and solutions on this road to healing and reconciliation. We pledge to continue to listen, and to walk together, with the critical guidance coming from Indigenous survivors, elders and spiritual leaders. This is a longer way of proceeding, but we believe it is also one that will build relationships along the way.

Some of the conversations over the Summer months were about how we as a diocese would make a significant financial commitment to the work of healing and reconciliation, and we came up with several steps. These include pausing aspects of our campaign for renovating our Cathedral and relocating our pastoral centre, and drawing on our campaign team to assist with the TRC healing response; drawing on funds designated for justice related work; including a special donation card with our Annual Appeal materials that have just been sent out; taking a pew collection some time before the end of the year; and supporting the provincial online appeal for the TRC healing response. In these and other ways, we will encourage our parishes and parishioners to do their part in engaging in this work of restoring right relations.

As noted by many others, there is no single step that can eliminate the burden carried by residential school survivors and more broadly by Indigenous communities, but we hope that these new steps will help us along the way. And we will continue the work that has been ongoing in various ways for many years. This now includes the work of the Archdiocesan Council for Truth and Reconciliation, which began four years ago, and doing everything we can to provide documentation about residential schools requested by survivors, or which may be helpful in work related to unmarked graves.

We are approaching the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and look forward to marking it in various ways. But we are mindful that this is not the work of a day. We need to embark on an era of reconciliation which will ask much of us, but will allow us to take important steps on a path to justice, to healing, to living together in a good way, in right relationship with each other and on the land on which we are blessed to live.

May the Creator guide us all. Peace to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '+ Donald Bolen'. The signature is stylized and includes a small cross-like symbol at the beginning.

Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina



Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we², the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

¹ [Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca)

² [The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Like a Child, Accept the Reign of God"

This Week...

Man and woman are made for each other as perfect partners; when they marry they become one flesh. Their children are a gift and an example for us to follow, for they show us the way to the Reign of God. The human condition, with its two sexes that join physically in the creation of children, is a wonderful condition. Jesus was not ashamed to join us in this wonderful, human condition, and we are honoured and gifted that he did so.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter the Reign of God.

- Obviously Jesus is calling us to not be childish but to be childlike. How do you see the difference between being childish and being childlike? What exactly are we being called to?
- Not all characteristics of children are good for older people to imitate, but many are. What are some children's habits we should not try to pick up? What are some ways of children that we should try to remember and imitate?
- Do you ever baby-sit younger children? If so, what is your favourite part and your least favourite part of that responsibility? If you have never baby-sat before, what parts do you think you might look forward to, and which parts would you not look forward to?

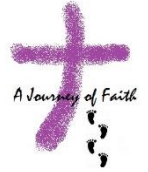
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And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.

LOST SOMETHING?



Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

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Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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