



"Let the mouth fast from disgraceful and abusive words, because, what gain is there when, on the one hand we avoid eating chicken and fish and, on the other, we chewup and consume our brothers?"

-St. John Chrysostom



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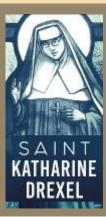
Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm;

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;

Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 6:00-7:00 pm and by appointment



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Wednesday......11:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm
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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# 2021 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at 785-766-5723 or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com. These forms must be completed and returned to the St. John Church office

by April 5.

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785-331-0421.

### LENTEN OFFERINGS

# ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

March 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest)
March 16, 7:00-9:00 pm, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest)
March 17, 6:00-8:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre
Pio chapel, 1 in church basement

March 18, 7:00-9:00 pm, 2 priests available - 1 in Padre Pio chapel, 1 in church basement

**March 19, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**, Padre Pio chapel (1 priest (priests will change after 1.5 hours))

People must enter through the north tower doors as the church will be off limits during the month of March due to

flooring project.
This also means that people will have to cue up on the stairs rather than in the church.
We will not have communal celebrations of Stations of the Cross in the church this Lent,



but stay tuned for other opportunities to pray this devotion.

#### Women's Prayer and Reflection Group

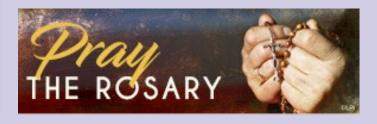
This group meets at 6:30 pm virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. No preparation is necessary and is open to all women who wish to be inspired by biblical women and saints. "Drop-ins" are always welcome.



MEN OF ST. JOHN: Ongoing Wednesday

### PARADISUS DEI®

mornings, The Men of St. John Ministry is currently using the "That Man is You" program presented by its parent group, Paradisus Dei. Due to the pandemic, each week a video segment is emailed to participants. There are currently **two different Zoom meetings held at 6:00 am and 7:00 am on Wednesday mornings**. During the Zoom meetings the group discusses the current weeks video and how it applies to our growth a Christians. All men are welcome to join us as the material covers Christian men and their faith journey and their journey as husbands, fathers, and friends.



#### REFLECTION

#### Why do we use incense at Mass?

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi



### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

#### WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through February 21, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount ......\$30,254.80 Average weekly collection amount.......\$26,798.67 Budgeted collection fiscal YTD ......\$1,028,663.20 Actual collection fiscal YTD......\$911,155.08 NET SHORTAGE ......\$117,508.12 FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit ......\$257,811.13 FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit ......\$267,486.68

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-Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John Parish!

### STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List." **Thank you** on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

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#### MARCH 1 - MARCH 7 Mon.: 7:30 am......June Morton† Tues.: 7:30 am......Wendy Van Giezen Wed.: 7:30 am.....Br. Richard Lubomski, OFM Cap.† Thurs.: 7:30 am ......Osborne-O'Connor Family 12:10 pm ......Br. Reginauld Russo, OFM Cap.+ Fri.: 7:30 am.....Anthony Lyle Toepfer† 12:10 pm .....Priest's Intention Sat.: 8:00 am ......Larry Meadows† 4:30 pm ......Mary James† **Sun.:** 7:00 am ......Roger Caldwell & Mari Hicklin 9:00am .....Parishioners of St. John 11:00 am......Martha Solbach†

1:00 pm (Sp.).....George Blanca & Jorge Cisneros†

5:00 pm.....Peace in the World

### **FOCUS ON THE WORD**

# EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### WHEN SACRIFICE BECOMES MUNDANE

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go

ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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# ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes.

Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out.

It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things

changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.



How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

# KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

#### PRAYER

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.





#### 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT





#### DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12 **Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28 **Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



#### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

"Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo". (Marcos 9:7). Si recordamos, al ser bautizado el Señor, se escucharon palabras desde el cielo que decían. "Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido". (Marcos 1:11). En ese momento de su bautismo iniciaba su misión, ahora, en el momento de la Transfiguración inicia su recorrido hacia Jerusalén para vivir su Pasión ya cercana. La fiesta de la Transfiguración, marca prácticamente la Cuaresma como recorrido de arrepentimiento y conversión. A lo largo de estos cuarenta días, la Iglesia invita a sus feligreses a un cambio. La palabra transfiguración, significa un cambio de forma y revela su verdadera naturaleza y cultura. En este caso se revela la verdadera naturaleza divina de Jesús.

¿Qué debemos nosotros transformar en esta Cuaresma? ¿Qué cambios hubo en la forma de vivir después de la pandemia? Toda transfiguración tiene un recorrido de metamorfosis. La Vida Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús, vislumbran el futuro nuestro. También, significa que no somos de este mundo, somos peregrinos, avanzamos a una vida nueva que podemos empezar a vivir ya desde aquí en la tierra. Últimamente, con todos los acontecimientos que la humanidad ha experimentado a raíz de la enfermedad y falta de trabajo, se espera que por lo menos a causa de estos, las personas se den cuenta que Dios es el que lleva el control y debemos escucharlo como hijos-hijas amados por él. Mantengamos esta semana esta palabra. Escuchar, a la familia, escuchar al hijo-hija, al amigo. El consejo del Papa Francisco es el siguiente. "Escuchad a Jesús. No lo olvidéis". (16 de Marzo 2014).



"En aquel tiempo, Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas, con una blancura que nadie puede lograr sobre la tierra. - Mc 9, 2-3 ".

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#### **MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA**

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

#### **CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO**

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir pos nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

#### **PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR**

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

#### **RECICLAGE**

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

#### LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

#### **CATECISMO EN ESPANOL**

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

#### **CONFESIONES**

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

#### LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 28 DE FEBRERO

**Domingo:** Gn 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18/Sal 115, 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19 [9]/Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10

**Lunes:** Dn 9, 4-10/Sal 78, 8. 9 11 y 13 [cfr. 103, 10]/Lc 6, 36-38 **Martes:** Is 1, 10.16-20/Sal 49, 8-9.16-17.21 y 23 [23]/Mt 23, 1-12 **Miércoles:** Jr 18, 18-20/Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16 [17]/Mt 20, 17-28 **Jueves:** Jr 17, 5-10/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [40, 5]/Lc 16, 19-31 **Viernes:** Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28/Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21 [5]/Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46

**Sábado:** Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12 [8]/ Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

**Domingo siguiente:** Ex 20, 1-17 o 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 [Jn 6, 68]/1 Cor 1, 22-25/Jn 2, 13-25 o Ex 17, 3-7/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION**

By Susan Tabor , Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

I pray your Lent is going well, and that you are being blessed as you walk through Lent with Jesus, clear through the Resurrection at Easter!

Isaiah 1, Verse 17 tells us to do good and to seek justice. This connects with our call to do prayer and penance during Lent. Here are some ideas for you to consider this Lent:

**1.** Volunteer at Catholic Charities. They are in need of volunteers to help with the food pantry in a clean, safe environment.

- **2.** Contact anyone involved with Justice Matters to learn more about what they are doing and to help by giving some of your time to help with community-based advocacy.
- **3.** Willow Domestic Violence Shelter is always in need of donations and volunteers. Contact them to see what they need.
- 4. Contact Family Promise and make a donation.
- 5. Contact a long-term care facility to do some volunteering.
- 6. Make an extra donation to the church.

And this may lead you to think of more. Anyone to whom you donate your time, talent or treasure will appreciate your generosity. There is a lot of need out there!

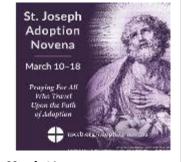
### AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

#### FATHER MIKE'S GOSPELTHINK AVAILABLE

People often asked Our Lord how and what to pray. At one time, he answered with what seems like a formal prayer, namely, what we have come to call the "Lord's Prayer." In reality, that prayer was not meant to be a formal statement or memorized as it has in our Church — and rightly so because it was Jesus' actual answer. What better way to pray than with the Lord's own words? These meditations are based on the New American Bible English translation. "GospelThink is "user friendly." We must set aside a certain amount of time — perhaps 10 to 15 minutes every day — to read the Gospel passage and think about what the meditations suggest. My prayer is that the meditations give you a chance to open the thoughts of the Gospel in a more personal way. Father Michael Scully, OFM Capuchin

### NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit



usccb.org/adoption-novena for

the novena, which begins Sunday, March 10.

### **ENFLAME OUR HOMES**

March's theme is Joyful families REST. Sometimes we think that Lent is about what we DO, about the prayer, the fasting and the almsgiving. Of course, these things are important, but it's also the perfect time to step back and REST-- in God's love, and in the love of our families. Find and download all this month's resources at: archkcks.org/rest

# HELP VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN KANSAS

Have you ever considered fostering or adopting a child? Or, do you want to help foster families by providing short-term respite care? Join an informational session via **Zoom on Sunday, February 28 from 4:00-5:00** pm to learn more!

This opportunity is for couples and/or individuals interested in learning more about caring for vulnerable children or supporting families who already do by providing respite childcare. Cornerstones of Care, a local foster agency, will share information about the training and steps required by the state of Kansas. Go to: <a href="https://archkck18.wufoo.com/forms/foster-adopt-respite-information-session">https://archkck18.wufoo.com/forms/foster-adopt-respite-information-session</a> to register. In addition, other foster agencies host similar sessions. Go to: <a href="www.archkcks.com/foster">www.archkcks.com/foster</a> for a list of the agencies and their websites. Contact Deb Niesen in the Pro-Life Office at: <a href="mailto:dniesen@archkck.org">dniesen@archkck.org</a> for more information.

# JOIN ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN IN READING AND REFLECTING ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS THROUGH LENT!

Each audio/podcast segment includes the Gospel reading, Archbishop's reflection and a personal witness of faith from a lay person in the Archdiocese -- all in less than 30 minutes. A guide for individual reflection and group discussion each week is also available. Each Monday of Lent, the upcoming Sunday reflection/guide will be posted on the Enflame website at: <a href="http://archkcks.org/">http://archkcks.org/</a> (scroll down). You can also access past Sunday (and Ash Wednesday) reflections/guides on the website.

### **AREA NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### K OF C ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the pro-life baby shower during the months of January and February. These items will be donated to the Insight Women's Center in Lawrence to help expectant families. Please place new donations in the crib located at the bell tower entrance to the church. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make the checks payable to "Insight Women's Center" Please put the check in an envelope in the weekly donation basket. Do not place cash or checks in the crib. Below is the list of items requested for this year's baby shower:

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### ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE

Today's readings are ALL about sacrifice and love. Love and sacrifice. In the first reading, Abraham wanted a son so badly and God gave him one through a wife that was supposed to be unable to get pregnant. God tested Abraham's love for him. Did he love his new son more or did he love God more? Abraham loved God and trusted in him, and Isaac was saved. Abraham sacrifices a ram in thanksgiving to God. In the Gospel, God transfigures Jesus into dazzling white and says to all, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." God loves US so much he sacrifices his own son (the Lamb) for our sins.

How much do we listen to Jesus, as God asked us to? What sacrifices do we make, especially during Lent, in thanksgiving to God for all He gives to us? How much do we trust in God? Enough to give him control of our finances? Make the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving. You can make your online contributions to Call to Share at: <a href="https://mission.archkck.org/">https://mission.archkck.org/</a> There is still time. Thank you.

# SUMMER DATES FOR CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA

We are excited to announce the dates for Camp Kateri Tekakwitha for the summer of 2021. **Online registration begins Monday, March 1**. Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines demanding outdoor activities with powerful, spiritual instruction bringing about a unique encounter with God. Although our adventure activities are memorable, often the love that campers experience through prayer is what they remember most. We look forward to spending the summer with you. Visit: <a href="https://www.archkck.org/camp">www.archkck.org/camp</a> for more information.

### "IN MEMORY OF HER": WOMEN INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

Wednesday evenings, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7:00-9:00 pm Repeated Thursday mornings, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 am-Noon

For several decades women biblical scholars have been interpreting the Bible from their unique perspective as marginalized and discriminated persons deeply immersed in a patriarchal dominating culture. These four two-hour sessions invites participants to explore a feminist interpretation of the Scriptures. The principles and goals of feminist interpretation are introduced, and then select passages from both the Jewish and Christian scriptures are examined in light of feminist approaches to biblical interpretation.

The sessions will be **facilitated virtually through Zoom** by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish. To register, email Biagio at: <a href="mailto:biagio@stsabinaparish.org">biagio@stsabinaparish.org</a> or <a href="mailto:biagio46@gmail.com">biagio46@gmail.com</a> Please specify your time preference. All churches and faith traditions are most welcome.





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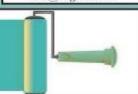
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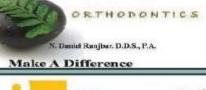




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