



TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

March 22, 2026

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc
Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco

Deacon David Shinn

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Sunday Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at
6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

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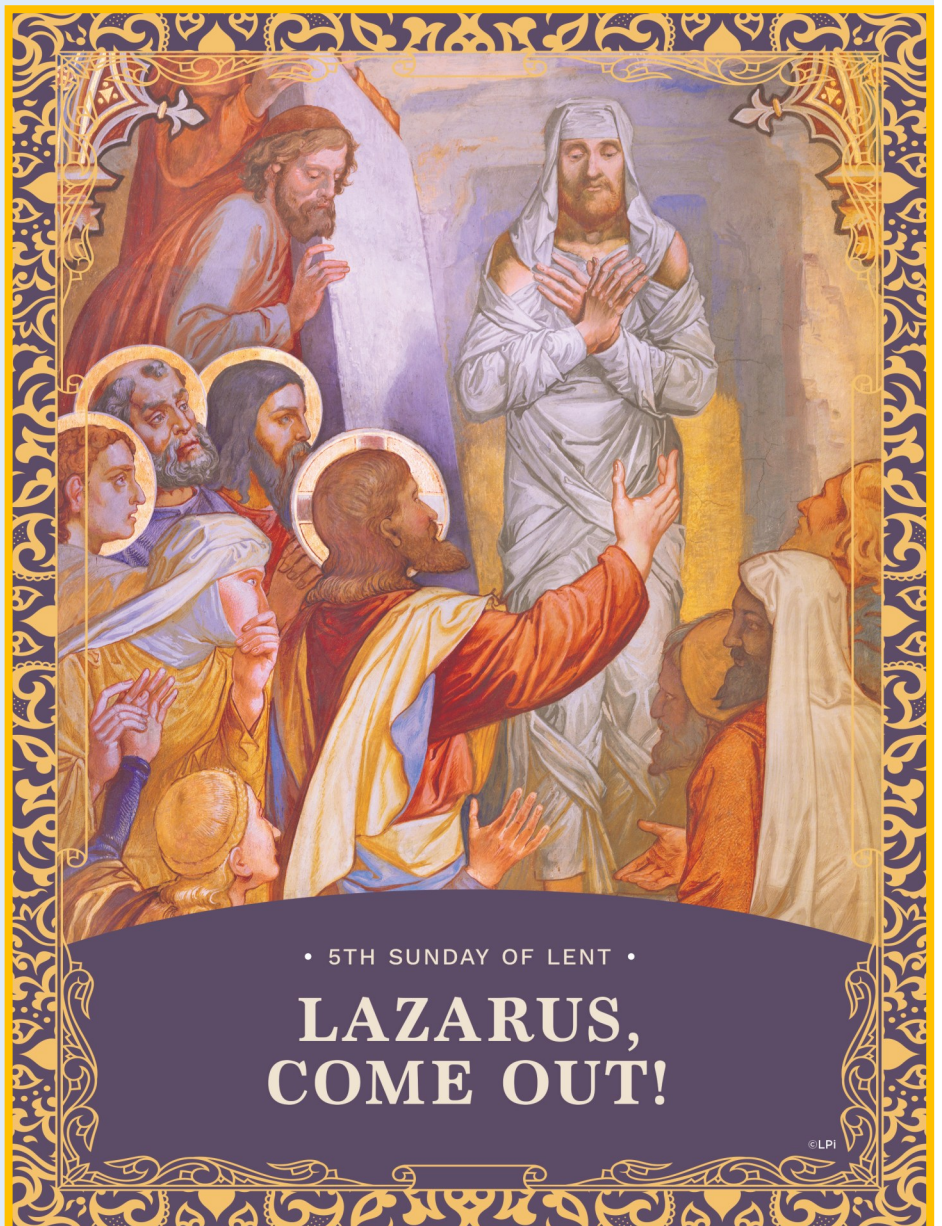
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• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

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Parish Activities

Sunday, March 22	8:55 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building) Elementary Faith Formation (Blue & Tan Buildings) Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC) Youth Group (Red Brick Building) Youth Group Music Practice (Red Brick Building)
Monday, March 23	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service (Sanctuary—PLC)
Tuesday, March 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Total Abandonment Study (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, March 25	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Total Abandonment Study (Large Classroom—PLC) Adult Education with the Sabols (Large Classroom—PLC) Children's Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Thursday, March 26	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study (Large Classroom—PLC) Hot Dice with Georgia (Red Brick Building)
Friday, March 27	6:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC) 40 Days for Life—Parish Day of Prayer (Off Campus Event) Lenten Fish Fry (Gathering Space—PLC)
Saturday, March 28	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	COR Men's Group (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC) CCD Easter Egg Extravaganza (PLC) Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
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**40 Days for Life Transfiguration Day of Prayer
Outside Planned Parenthood will be on Friday,
March 27th, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



Gather a group of friends, fellow parishioners or family and spend an hour in prayer to show your support for the sanctity of life. Don't have an hour? Any amount of time that you can contribute matters. Let's show that Transfiguration supports the lives of unborn babies!

Need a ride? Contact Karen Hanson at (803) 318-6452

The prayer vigil location is **2712 Middleburg Drive** in Columbia off of Forest Drive.

There is a sign up sheet on the faith table or sign up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/columbiasc>

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for March 15	\$9,603.81
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$355,590.91
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$351,278.00

Surplus/Deficit-to-Date **\$4,312.90**

Second Collection

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina **\$858.00**

**Next Week's Second Collection:
Catholic Home Mission**

Lenten Penance Services

**Monday, March 23rd & Tuesday, March 31st
both at 6:30 p.m.**

One of the five precepts of the Church is to confess your sins at least once a year. Lent is a perfect time to fulfill that obligation so that you are in a state of grace to fulfill a second precept of the Church, receive Holy Communion at least once per year, especially during the Easter season. Most of us, no matter when we last confessed, could probably benefit from a thorough confession. **Monday, March 23rd or Tuesday, March 31st** is a perfect time! There will be additional priests at Transfiguration to hear your confession and help you prepare to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior - who died to save us from our sins and set us free to live the abundant life He desires for us. Come to the Living Water and be cleansed!



*You are Deeply and
Endlessly Loved*



Holy Week

March 28 & 29 — **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Normal Schedule

March 30—**Monday of Holy Week**

Adoration at 5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer at 5:40 p.m.
Daily Mass at 6:00 p.m.

March 31—**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Adoration & Reconciliation at 5:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer at 5:40 p.m.—Daily Mass at 6:00 p.m.

April 1—**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Evening Prayer at 3:40 p.m.—Daily Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Daily Mass at St. Theresa at 5:30 p.m.

April 2 — **Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Adoration until Midnight
Mass at 8 p.m. at St. Theresa with Adoration until 9:15 p.m.

April 3— **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross at Noon

Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. at St. Theresa
Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:30—1:30 p.m. *and* 5:30—6:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

April 4 — **Holy Saturday**

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8:30 p.m.

April 5 — **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Mass at 7:00 a.m. at St. Theresa
Mass at Transfiguration at 9:00 a.m. *and* 11:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6 in observance of Easter.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the story of Lazarus holds a special meaning for me. Sometimes I get so focused on the miracle at the end, I forget what came before: the tension, the confusion, and the deep faith shown by those around Jesus. The Jewish leaders were upset with Him, and even His disciples were afraid to return to Judea. Yet, Jesus didn't shy away from His mission. He waited, not out of neglect, but to reveal God's glory in His own time. That patience reminds me to trust God's timing in my own life.

I relate to Martha and Mary's grief and confusion. Like them, I sometimes ask, "Lord, where were You?" But in the midst of their pain, Martha expresses faith—she believes Jesus can still act. Jesus' response, "I am the resurrection and the life," invites me to believe beyond what I see, to trust that hope and new life are possible, even when things seem lost.

Jesus wept with those who were mourning, showing that He truly shares in our joys and sorrows. When He calls Lazarus out of the tomb, I hear an invitation for myself: to let Him roll away the stones in my own heart and bring me to new life. This story assures me that God listens, cares deeply, and brings hope even out of death. Today, I pray for the faith to answer, like Martha, "Yes, Lord. I believe."

Yours in Christ,

Deacon John Tempesco



Our parish women group won the first prize in the Bible Quiz on the Diocesan Level. They are receiving the award from Anthony Cardinal Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad, India.

-Fr. Inna

News from Fr. Inna! It's always a joy to hear what he's up to in India.





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For moms

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When?

Drop off donations on or before April 10, 2026

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St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery: Blessing of St Patrick's Statue and Angel Statue by Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune on March 9, 2026

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune blessed newly installed statues in St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery on Monday, March 9, 2026. Several clergy attended as well as approximately 30+ parishioners from Transfiguration Catholic Church, St John Neumann Catholic Church and other area churches.

Bishop Jacques led the attendees in prayers and guided all in attendance as they walked the cemetery, visiting each statue in prayer.

Karmin Meade, Diocese of Charleston Catholic Cemetery's Director also attended and shared the story of St Patrick's Cemetery and other Diocese of Charleston plans with respect the Catholic Cemeteries in our Diocese.

St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery (located at 1201 Mason Rd, Columbia, SC 29203) is managed by the Diocese of Charleston and is a very pleasant and comfortable environment for those visiting their loved ones buried there and those considering a place for burial in a Catholic Cemetery near the parish. The cemetery is maintained very well! Additional information is available on the bookcase shelves in the Gathering Space and/or contacting the Diocese of Charleston Office of Catholic Cemeteries (sccemeteries.org / (843) 795-2111).





The Columbiettes Corner



News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org



Only One More Week to Shower those Moms & Babies with Love!

The baby crib in the Parish hall is ready to receive your baby gifts for mothers in need. A list of the most needed items for Birthright Columbia is provided to help guide your giving. Financial donations are also welcome. Look for the donation box! Please make all checks payable to Birthright of Columbia. Let's show our outpouring of love this Lenten season to support Birthright's mission of offering alternatives to abortion, and empowering women facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies with the opportunity to choose life.

Ladies Night Out, Bunco Style! Laughter, friendly competition, and plenty of delicious food filled the Kitchen Serving Room as approximately 28 Columbiettes and friends gathered for a lively evening of Bunco—organized by Rene Scheuer & Lois Thomas. For some ladies, it was their first time playing the fast-paced dice game. These newcomers were given “green cards” and thoughtfully seated around the tables so that every team had a mix of seasoned players and first-timers. Before long, even the beginners were rolling the dice with confidence! The evening began with a wonderful spread of appetizers, generously prepared and shared by the ladies. The night was a joyful opportunity for fellowship. As the evening wrapped up, everyone agreed that gatherings like this are a wonderful way to relax, laugh, and spend time with our Sisters in Christ

			
First Place Winner! Mary Ann Adams	Second Place Barb Steward	Third Place Winner Audrey LaVecchia	Lois Thomas & Rene Scheuer
			
Most Buncos! Frances Glenn	Paul Dyches & Joan Gardiner	Gaye Guerre & Rose Presutti	4-way Third Place Roll Off

Retirees Luncheon Coming April 29th so there's plenty of time to round up your friends and make plans to join us. Sign-up will be mid-April.



Be a Volunteer at our Last Fish Fry!

Or just come and eat! The last Lenten Fish Fry is on
March 27th

Thawing on March 26th

If viewing online, click the link below for the Sign
Up Genius:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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Or contact Brenda Mulero by texting at (803) 549-
7166 or emailing at palenaka69@gmail.com



40 Cans for Lent

The Service Committee is collecting food items for
CAB (Christian Assistance Bridge) for the Lenten
season. The food drive has already begun and will
continue until Easter Sunday. Food collection bas-
kets are located in the Gathering Space. Below is a
list of the most needed items requested by CAB to
support the Blythewood community. The Goal is 40
cans per family. *Thank you for your support!*

Boxed Items:

Cereal
Grits
Mashed Potatoes
Pancake Mix

Canned Meats:

Chicken
Spam
Tuna
Vienna Sausages

Canned/Bottled Items:

Canned Carrots
Gravy
Jelly
Pancake Syrup
Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter

Cold Items:

Butter



APRIL NFP INTRO SESSIONS

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MARRIAGE

Create hope for the future!

Online

April 1 | 8:00 p.m.

April 9 | 7:00 p.m.

April 13 | 6:00 p.m.

April 15 | 6:30 p.m.

April 20 | 6:00 p.m. SPANISH

In-Person

April 9 | 6:00 p.m.

— Our Lady of the Lake in Chapin

April 15 | 6:00 p.m.

— St. Joseph in Columbia

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God's gift of love and life in marriage.

For more information or contact individual
session leaders go to [https://
charlestdiocese.org/event/free-natural-
family-planning-introductory-sessions-23/](https://charlestdiocese.org/event/free-natural-family-planning-introductory-sessions-23/)

Cor bulletin article for March 21/22:

The Cor Team is developing 'introductory' sessions
which will help us men recognize where our hearts
may be in relation to our faith and daily activities.

Please watch for an invitation to attend the first ses-
sion to learn more about Cor - a flexible framework
of Formation, Prayer, and Fraternity that helps focus
men on Jesus through a Christ-centered brotherhood.

Contact any Cor Team
member with ques-
tions: Marcus Johnson,
Kyle Reeves, Vincent
Camissa, Mark Bowman,
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BIBLE KIDS The Raising of Lazarus

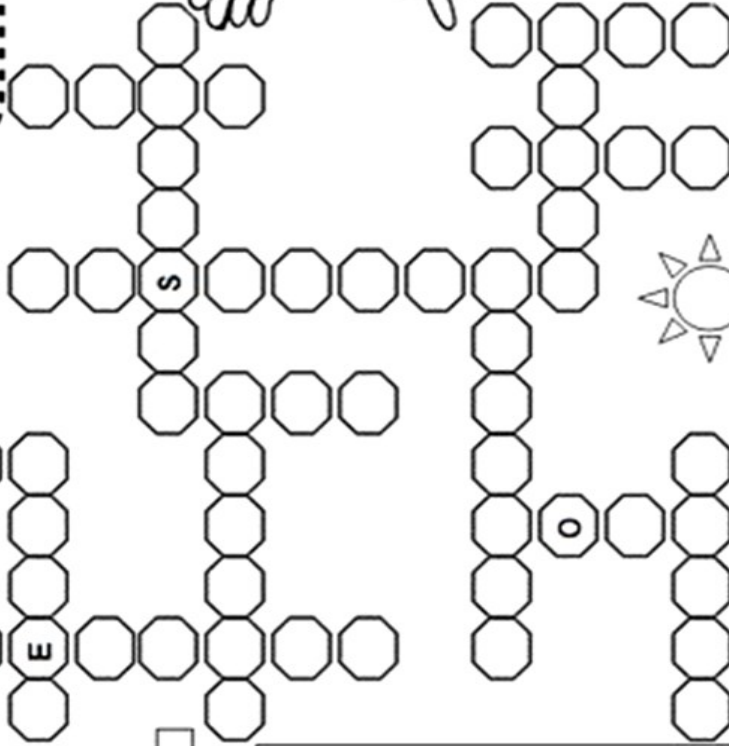
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Word bank

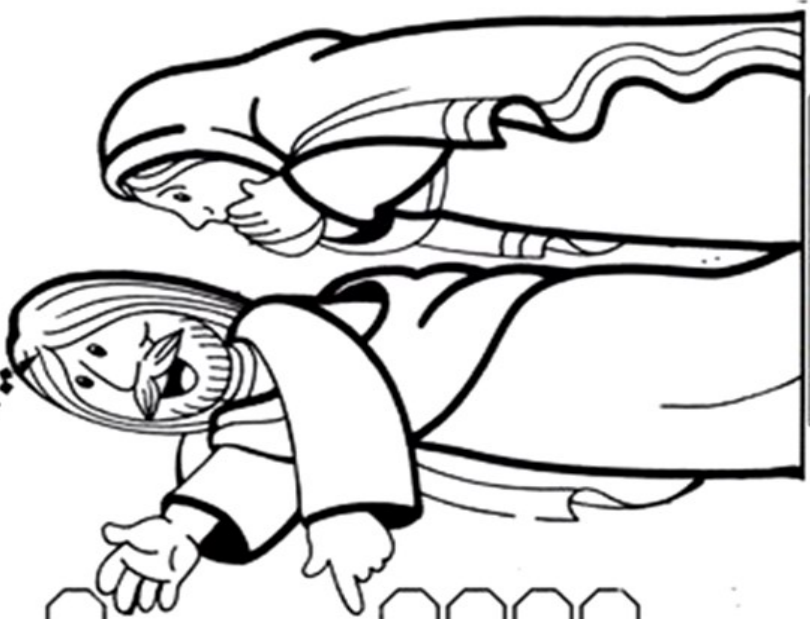
- Bethany
- Mary
- Martha
- Lord
- Jesus
- Disciples
- Tomb
- Dead
- Messiah
- Village
- Bands
- Jews
- Wept
- Stone

Lazarus,
come out!



Make all the words fit into this crossword

Hunzio Rubino



Created by Hunzio Rubino
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Worship, Intentions & Prayers



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Nicholas Buzzetti, Jr. on his 1st Birthday	<i>by the Buzzetti Family</i>
10:30 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Gary Alan Martek+	<i>by the Knights of Columbus</i>

Monday, March 23—*Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
5:40 p.m.	<i>Evening Prayer</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Konstantin Aginsky+	<i>by Frank Shealy</i>

Tuesday, March 24

5:00 p.m.	<i>Reconciliation</i>		
5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
5:40 p.m.	<i>Evening Prayer</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Intentions of Patty Evans	<i>by Kathy Cunningham</i>

Wednesday, March 25—*The Annunciation of the Lord*

3:40 p.m.	<i>Evening Prayer</i>		
4:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Mike Cancilla+	<i>by the Rudell Family</i>
5:30 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass at St. Theresa</i>		

Thursday, March 26

5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
5:40 p.m.	<i>Evening Prayer</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Sam McDonald+	<i>Sam & Nadine McDonald</i>

Friday, March 27

3:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
3:30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>		
4:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Frank Lofurno+	<i>by the Lofurno Family</i>

Saturday, March 28

3:00 p.m.	<i>Reconciliation</i>		
3:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
4:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	Wanda Heron+	<i>by Joe & Arlene Bakutes</i>
6:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass at St. Theresa</i>		

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Intentions of the Parish	
10:30 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Jacklyn, Judy & Ignatius Ngufor	<i>by Lum Azeh</i>
3:00 p.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>	Holy Cross Eastern Catholic Mission	

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com



Prayer for Service & Safety

Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely. Amen.

For the healing of... Rick Blasic, Bryan Blaze, Princey Blaze, Ronke & Bumi, Mary Cammisa, Lydia Curley, Janice Dillon, Esther Ehonou, John Ehonou, Peter Ehonou, Barbara Gamble, Linda Hill Glynn, Sherry Haggerty, Natalie Hotel, Baby Isabella, Herman King, Mary Matthews, Boyd Marivittori, Ava Claire Mates, Macphason Omorogie, Joe Ondracek, Efosa John Osagie, Frank Osagie, Grace Osagie, Pa Gregory Osagie, Teresa Osagie, Tom Robillard, Joseph Scott, Connie Turgeon, the Wallick Family, and Alan Waters.

For the safety of.... Adrienne Farrell, Robert Furgal, Samuel Frugal, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Alex Piccuiolo, Earl "Tony" Sales, Will Smarr, and all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.



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