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### **News:**

Sr. Helen Prejean [tried to stop today's execution of Gary Otte](#), who suffers from severe mental illness. However, he [became the 1,460th person to be executed](#) in our country since 1976.

The U.S. Supreme Court [will allow the Trump's administration's refugee ban to remain in effect](#) while it considers challenges to the executive order. Meanwhile, parishes are trying to help those who have been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). [Read about it in this week's Parish Roundup.](#)

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, we're reminded that [faith-based organizations provide the bulk of disaster recovery](#), USA Today reports. This [chain-saw-wielding sister](#) is doing her part and going viral on social media.

If there's a Catholic angle to the iPhoneX, [I haven't found it.](#) (Economic justice, anyone?)

In church news, our Rome correspondent has the latest from the pope's [Council of Cardinals meeting.](#)

The [Archdiocese of Santa Fe has released names of priests accused of sexual abuse](#), after decades of pressure from victims and their families.

[Reaction continues](#) to the pope's change in church law about liturgical translations. Columnist Jesuit Fr. Tom Reese [says it's time for Liturgical Reform 4.0](#).

Sisters from communities in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are [working to stop human trafficking](#).

ICYMI: [A profile of the last stop on the Pope's Colombia trip](#), Cartagena, with some of the steepest income inequality in the country.

### **Opinion:**

Debate continues about whether prospective-judge Amy Barrett should have been questioned about her Catholicism, but [Michael Sean Winters sees it as a compliment to Catholicism](#).

Roxane Gay's memoir reflects on her weight, being raped at 12 and (briefly) on the Catholicism she grew up with, [our reviewer says](#).

Beauty saves when it breaks our hearts, [says GSR columnist Joan Sauro](#). It's a beautiful column, too.

ICYMI: Racism is personal for this [father to an adopted African-American daughter](#).

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