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The Catholic Herald has been around in the U.K. for 130 years, and now it's launched a U.S. edition. In today's lead NCR story, [UK's Catholic Herald hopes to tap into US conservative Catholic pool](#), national correspondent Heidi Schlumpf reports on the publication's place as a new arrival to the conservative Catholic scene.

Today is the first day of Lent, and our [Daily Lenten Reflections](#) series begins in earnest (though the lead-up reflections that ran Monday and Tuesday are worth a read, too). For Ash Wednesday, NCR columnist Melissa Musick Nussbaum explores parallels between the well-worn paths of a neighborhood walk and the yearly familiarity of liturgy: [The sign of the cross](#).

For a different look at liturgy: ['Honest Rituals' argues for sacrament update](#). Marian Ronan has a review of the book by Joseph Martos.

Loretto Volunteer Adele McKiernan debuts on GSR in the Notes from the Field blog, sharing her experience of praying for her mother at [a Marian shrine](#), Our Lady of the Snows.

"Francis, don't you see that my house is being destroyed? Go, then, and rebuild it for me." Friar Daniel Horan writes that [**Francis of Assisi's model for church reform may help in the abuse crisis.**](#)

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