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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.

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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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