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At the Angelus is the text of Archbishop Jose Gomez's homily given at Sunday's Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington. It is a remarkable text, not least the shout-out to Michael Harrington!

The Trump administration launched a raid against undocumented immigrants, targeting those cities that are "sanctuary cities." I guess they have not been able to create enough fear in Texas. This is appalling. The Boston Herald reports on the raids in that city.

Ryan Anderson, the anti-same-sex marriage crusader from the Heritage Foundation, has been named a visiting fellow at the Veritas Center for Ethics in Public Life at Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Steubenville, Ohio. Anderson, as much as anyone, wants to keep re-litigating that fight, obsessed with an issue which most of us have moved on from. His obsession should not be permitted to become the church's obsession: There are more important things to discuss, and better ways to discuss this issue.

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At The Washington Post, E.J. Dionne comments on the one thing the Republicans know how to do: cut taxes for the very, very rich.

Also at the Post, Michael Frost asks why nobody was upset when Tim Tebow took a knee — indeed he became a modern day version of a Norman Rockwell painting — but all hell broke loose when Colin Kaepernick did.

At The New York Times, Laurie Goodstein reports on the questions the senators should have asked judicial nominee Amy Barrett. I do not think a judicial nominee should be denied confirmation, even if he or she belongs to a religious group the rest of us find odd, but that is not the same thing as saying questions about such a group are per se inflammatory or out of bounds.

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