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**[US priests describe turmoil amid sex abuse crisis](#)**: The crisis of clergy sex abuse has created a ripple effect among the nation's many upstanding priests. Clergy and their caregivers speak to The Associated Press about ongoing struggles —daunting workloads, increasing isolation and alienation from the public.

Arturo J. Bañuelas writes about Advent's popular posadas tradition, how "families and friends reenact the search of Joseph and the pregnant Blessed Mother for lodging only to experience rejection." Given the treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers this past year, the **[Advent posada is an act of resistance](#)**.

**[Praying for President Trump's transformation](#)**: Cecilia González-Andrieu prays for Donald Trump, for "that miraculous moment, when God's offer of grace can reach him. Nothing is beyond God, this I believe, and Jesus' reliance on prayer has to also be ours."

**[Preparing the way for the Black Christ](#)**: Alex Mikulich writes: "Until people of faith who believe that they are white contend with and dwell in the reality of blackness in America, we will not be prepared to become a prophetic counter-witness to the deceitful powers that seek to destroy the birth of God's love in the

world today."

"As people in search of the common good, we must grapple with many social justice problems without the limitations implied by one preeminent priority," said a Nov. 25 statement from Roman Catholic Women Bishops: [\*\*Women bishops' group criticizes priorities of US bishops.\*\*](#)

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