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It seems like there is coronavirus news and not coronavirus news. Of course, what writer can think to write of anything else?

Here's one: EarthBeat is still running [Lenten Daily Food Reflections](#) that can help take you out of the fatiguing news flood and into mindfulness, prayer.

Also on EarthBeat, a story about how forest destruction that accelerates climate change can also encourage the emergence of diseases. Indigenous leaders are criticizing companies for replacing forests with soy, palm and cattle plantations. [Read more.](#)

And as pandemic becomes standard fare, there are new ways to look at it and at our relationships, even to the church. Don Clemmer writes that as suspended Masses are nearly universal now, COVID-19 has prompted layers of response that bring into focus how the church is intertwined with the wider society, reliant on revenue and served by people on payrolls. [Read about new ways to be church.](#)

More from the [Coronavirus Tracker](#), our daily round up of news and commentary on the subject:

- [Michael Sean Winters on the politicalization of the crisis](#)
- [NCR Executive Editor Tom Roberts on how we're still connecting](#)
- [Houses of worship pitch in to help those left vulnerable by virus outbreak](#)
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