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Morning Briefing

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Today is Ash Wednesday. Read the Scriptures before the news. **Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20?6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18**

Pope Makes First Public Appearance Since Decision to Resign

?Constant Drumbeat? Sped the Pope?s Exit

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Commentary -- **New Pope? I?ve Given Up Hope** by Garry Wills

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