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South Africa has seen a rise in xenophobic attacks (as NCR [reported](#) last week), and for women immigrants, that has been coupled with the threat of sexual violence. Today, Global Sisters Report covers how [South African sisters are addressing violence against migrant women](#).

Continuing his series on clericalism and needed church reforms, Fr. Peter Daly writes that the case of Bishop Michael [Bransfield is extreme, but most US bishops have no meaningful spending controls](#). But when it comes to finances, the laity can have real impact.

Sr. Margaret Gonsalves testifies to [the power of anointing touch](#) — and recalls the Holy Thursday Mass when she got to preach about it.

You have to go a few centuries back to find a true historical analogue for President Donald [Trump's shameful treachery against US allies](#), says Michael Sean Winters.

ICYMI: Columnist Jamie Manson attended a symposium at Fordham that looked at the church's future in the face of declining numbers. [As US 'nones' increase, we must start asking different questions](#), beyond the standard "How do we get them back?"

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