

Morning Briefing

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Today is the [anniversary](#) [1] of the Boston Marathon bombing. [A victim reflects on the day](#) [2] in *The Guardian*.

Here are some great articles for inspiration this Holy Week:

- [A Holy Week prayer for our suffering world](#)[3]
- [What Gethsemane teaches us about suffering](#) [4], an excerpt from Jesuit Fr. James Martin's book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*
- [During Holy Week, ask which Gospel character you resemble](#)[5]
- [Holy Week is a time to focus on family, unity, religion](#) [6]
- [Photos of Holy Week observation in Seville, Spain](#) [7]

New York: A [letter written on behalf of LGBT homeless youth](#) [8] by Carl Siciliano was published in the Sunday New York *Times*.

Kerala, India: A Catholic [priest is playing a major role](#) [9] in a feature film.

Trenton, N.J.: Two [former Catholic schools are being transformed](#) [10] to house public school classrooms.

Commentary: [If you thought China's air was bad, try the water](#) [11]. The government of Lanzhou, China, informed its residents that their drinking water would be carcinogenic for 24 hours.

National Right to Life Committee cuts ties with Georgia Right to Life [after the group defied instructions](#) [12] to endorse an anti-abortion bill.

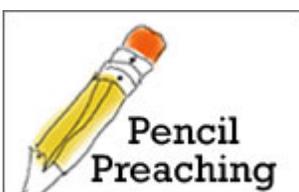
An [Argentine soccer team named for Pope Francis](#) [13] and meant to promote nonviolence played its first game.

Northern Ireland: Family of Catholic woman shot to death by paramilitary group [suing British government for alleged confusion](#) [14] in her murder.

Opinion: [How Dante saved my life](#) [15]. A midlife crisis is cured by *The Divine Comedy*.

A gay priest in the Church of England [breaks ban on same-sex marriages by marrying his partner](#) [16].

Malta: The staunchly Catholic country has [legalized same-sex unions](#) [17] and given gay couples the right to adopt children.



, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

Pencil Preaching [18] is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.



Daily Bread [19] is a series of short

reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned Scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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Links:

[1] http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/city-braces-for-one-year-anniversary-of-boston-marathon-bombing/2014/04/14/42c5aff2-c41f-11e3-b574-f8748871856a_story.html

[2] <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/apr/14/boston-bombing-wheelchair-photo-one-year-later>

[3] <http://ncronline.org/node/74871>

[4] <http://ncronline.org/node/74921>

[5] <http://ncronline.org/node/74881>

[6] http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20140413/NEWS35/304130032/Catholics-see-Holy-Week-as-time-to-focus-on-family-unity-religion?nclick_check=1

[7] http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/14/holy-week-seville_n_5148249.html?utm_hp_ref=religion

[8] <http://ncronline.org/node/74866>

[9] http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/catholic-priest-does-major-role-in-feature-film-114041400291_1.html

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http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2014/04/two_former_catholic_schools_will_be_transformed_to_house_trenton_center.html

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[12] <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/abortion-cases-rape-new-rifts-old-debate>

[13] http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/dcunited/argentine-club-named-for-pope-francis-opens-play/2014/04/13/1f1895a8-c35f-11e3-9ee7-02c1e10a03f0_story.html

[14] <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/catholic-womans-family-to-sue-british-government-for-alleged-collusion-in-uda-murder-30183803.html>

[15] <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/how-dante-saved-my-life/>

[16] <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/jeremy-pemberton-gay-priest-first-3410856>

[17] <http://www.dw.de/catholic-malta-legalizes-same-sex-civil-unions/a-17567045>

[18] <http://celebrationpublications.org/pencilpreaching>

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