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Dissent closes holy site in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — Protesting several recent actions they described as a “systematic campaign ... against the churches and the Christian community in the Holy Land,” the heads of Christian churches announced Feb. 25 they were closing the doors of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for an undisclosed period of time.

Student protest grows against gun violence

WASHINGTON — Determination and resolve, mixed with frustration and anger, are guiding a new round of resolute activism to reshape federal gun laws.

Practice of asceticism can keep the faithful from spiritual laziness

We're now well into Lent. No doubt most have already chosen what they're giving up. And some have struggled through the first couple of Fridays with no meat (although, here in the South, it's hard to say that dinners of all-you-can-eat fried catfish is much of a sacrifice). And

so it's a fitting time to dwell on one of the more forgotten Catholic practices: asceticism.
(Understanding our Church, Seeds of Faith)

Why is it important to share your faith?

"It is important to share your faith because you could save someone from making a poor choice that could change their life but not for the better. You would also have ..." (Youthspeak, Seeds of Faith)

Mending divisions in our world and in our pews

Abraham Lincoln, in his first inaugural address after being elected president, saw the looming inevitability of civil war. In that first talk to the nation, he emotionally appealed to his divided countrymen to not become enemies nor "break our bonds of affection." (Columns)

Washington needs to hear our voices

These places will always be associated with gun violence.

Columbine

Aurora

Newtown

Fort Hood

Virginia Tech

Mandalay Bay

Pulse Nightclub

Emanuel AME Church

Sutherland Springs

And now Parkland is also synonymous with a mass shooting.

(Editorial)