

Tuesday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- G. Jeffrey MacDonald on [Miroslav Volf meeting some evangelical critics](#): "Volf believes that Christians and Muslims worship the same God. On November 3 he took that argument to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary." (subscription required)
- Carol Howard Merritt on "[scrappers](#)," who "have learned to work outside of institutional structures in order to get stuff done."
- Christine Chakoian's [lectionary column for Sunday, November 27](#): "The disconnect between church and secular calendars may never be greater than on the first Sunday in Advent. The irony is that both ostensibly share the same goal: preparing the world for Christmas." (subscription required)
- Debra Bendis on [Ron Rash's latest set of short stories](#): "Rash writes stories that have as much impact as any I've read; those in this collection often left me feeling as if I'd been kicked."

In the news:

- [Bishops welcome dialogue with Obama as concerns remain](#)
- [Pope to make second trip to Africa](#)
- [Catholic bishop backtracks on limiting Communion wine](#)