

Monday digest

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- Carol Howard Merritt on [Jesus and contraception](#): "Jesus healed the bleeding woman 2,000 years ago. I think if he walked the streets today, he just might hand her a packet of pink pills."
- An interview with Rich Melheim on [family and faith formation](#): "Parents are the most important faith guides, mentors and teachers a kid will ever have." (subscription required)
- Sam Wells [reviews Miroslav Volf](#) (subscription required)
- Laura Kelly Fanucci on [wrestling babies](#)
- Rick Santorum is not sexist, but [he does have some concerns](#)
- David Lose [blogs the lectionary](#)
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- [Houston's church mourns the death of a famous daughter](#)
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