

Monday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Amy Frykholm interviews [Tripoli priest Hamdy Sedky Daoud](#): "Nobody asked us to close our churches or evacuate. We should appreciate our Libyan brothers and thank God for their tolerance." (subscription required)
- Carol Howard Merritt on how we [negotiate our notions of self](#): "We have the tendency to define adulthood, and even ourselves, by our employment and our ability to exist independently. But in our difficult economic situation, isn't it time to rely on our rich theology and redefine our notions of self?"
- John Petrakis [reviews the new film Margaret](#), finally out from director Kenneth Longergan: "The film was shot in 2005 and is just now being released, following some byzantine battles in the editing room. Whichever side you come down on, *Margaret* is nothing if not spiritually ambitious." (subscription required)
- Bruce Epperly [blogs the lectionary](#): "Although visionary thinking and spirituality arise in the context of our present situation, their impact reaches far beyond our lifetimes. We dream and plan for futures we will not experience."

In the news:

- [Driscoll's Portland church met by protesters](#)
- [MLK memorial dedication is dream fulfilled for black churches](#)
- [Pastor defends teacher accused of anti-gay rant](#)
- [Police ordered out of St. Paul's as protesters allowed in](#)
- [Circus ministry is a high-wire act of faith for chaplain](#)
- [Plain-talk Bible debuts with mainstream backing](#)
- [Beard-cutting attacks throw spotlight on Ohio Amish](#)
- [Activist U.S. priest arrested at Vatican](#)
- [Age-old 'distributism' gains new traction](#)

Links from elsewhere:

- A mother on [her young son's imminent death](#)
- Mike Huckabee's [jokes about suppressing votes](#) might be funnier if his examples weren't actual ways people suppress votes.