

Tuesday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Amy Frykholm on [Ashes to Go](#): "Ashes to Go speaks to me with an innate appeal: I am currently a homeless Christian, a wanderer without a congregation."
- The editors on [Rick Santorum's antipoverty rhetoric](#): "If Santorum wins the nomination, this could have at least one positive outcome: a general election campaign in which the candidates actually talk about poverty."
- John Buchanan on [conflict over abortion rights](#): "I recall three times when the churches I served were picketed. The one that was by far the most traumatic had to do with abortion." (subscription required)
- Steve Thorngate on [Santorum's "phony theology" comment](#): "It'd be amazing to hear Obama respond by quoting Wendell Berry on 'that idiotic term "the environment," which refers to a world that surrounds us but is presumably different from us and distant from us.' Failing this, it'd be nice if Obama would at least reverse his support for fracking."
- Two lectionary reflections by Phyllis Kersten: a [blog post on this Sunday's readings](#) and a [magazine column on next Sunday's](#) (the latter requires a

subscription)

- Steve Vineberg [reviews \*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo\*](#) (subscription required)

In the news:

- [On Ash Wednesday, Episcopalians take it to the streets](#)
- [Rick Santorum defends views on Obama's theology](#)
- [Libyan Christian leaders stress reconciliation](#)
- [Nonprofit groups oppose Obama's change in charitable deductions](#)
- [Vatican leaks scandal looms large at meeting to elevate new cardinals](#)
- [Grief without God is a challenge for nonbelievers](#)
- [N.J. lawmakers approve gay marriage, but veto looms](#)