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Montreal's Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a closed church that is now home to the ThÃ©Ã¢tre Paradoxe (Wikimedia Commons/Jeangagnon)



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What happens when Mass attendance goes from 95 percent of the population to just 5 percent? Catholic churches [get transformed](#) into study halls, caf  s, theaters and weight rooms in Montreal, the culmination of the long history of church closures in the province of Quebec.

Was it the chewing gum or that she is transgender? A teenager in Charlotte, North Carolina, is denied Communion, and the [reasons why are disputed](#).

Ever hear a homily that is a collection of right-wing political talking points? Salon writer [Mary Elizabeth Williams did](#), and it triggered a crisis of faith.

Woe to the shepherds. That [reading from Jeremiah](#) proved to be a jumping-off point for [homilies July 22](#) dealing with the case of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

Oklahoma Catholics celebrate the [first feast day](#) for one of their own, Blessed Stanley Rother, a missionary priest who was martyred in Guatemala.

A historic African-American parish in Philadelphia [celebrates an anniversary](#).

Immigrants are [galvanizing the church](#) in Vancouver. Churches are now filled with Filipino and other newcomers to Canada.

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