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Before large gatherings were banned, including recommendations about worship services, there was the Beyoncé Mass. NCR's Jesse Remedios went to one on Sunday. [Read about it here.](#)

There is quite a wave of news about the pandemic; we're [keeping tabs here](#), where you can see all the stories we post about the coronavirus and COVID-19 (the condition it causes). The latest stories:

- [How Italy went from 'wash your hands' to 'stay at home'](#)
- [Pray and wash: Religion joins with science amid virus crisis](#)
- [Coronavirus is a physical and spiritual threat](#) (Thomas Reese's latest Signs of the Times column)

Time goes on. Can you believe it's the seventh anniversary of the election of Pope Francis? Pat Marrin made a [special cartoon](#) for the occasion.

There's a nice film trailer linked in [Chris Herlinger's news piece about a new documentary called "Wells of Hope."](#) The film is structured around Alwan telling the

story of a young Syrian refugee named Shaima, whose life takes a tragic turn when she accepts an offer of marriage to a man in Turkey who turns out to be an imposter and involved in a human trafficking network. Hats off to Talitha Kum for spurring the creation of this educational, and emotional, tool for raising awareness about human trafficking.

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