

Wednesday digest

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- Cynthia Jarvis [responds to Blue's scenario](#)
- Jon Sweeney [reviews Library of America's Updike collection](#): "To read Updike is to remember just how upper-middle-class and masculine his fictional universe is."
- Randall Balmer on [Pope Francis and the windows he's opened](#)
- Why Carol Howard Merritt [loves to say "Happy Holidays"](#)

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- [Harold Camping, radio host who predicted world's end, dies at 92](#)