Daily Homily
Third Week, Ordinary Time, Monday
Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
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<u>USCCB Daily Readings</u>

When I think about the issues that our world is facing... things that are happening and being accepted in our society as normal, things that we would never have thought of in the course of an ordinary conversation some five or ten years ago.

And if you don't accept these things, well, you're just "out of it," your old fashioned, behind the times... the in-thing is to be progressive and liberated with every whim and fad that comes along. This includes the issue of abortion.

However, great comfort comes from the prayer of the church... last week, all through the week our opening prayer was about God being in charge, not just in heaven but also on earth. Sure, there are powers-that-be in our world – governments, presidents, policies – but even they are fleeting and subject to the ultimate power who is God. That's comforting.

Today's Gospel also is a source of great comfort. The things that are not of God, cannot stand. They will always crumble and fade away. History has proven this.

May we continue to work for God's Kingdom, may we continue to pray for that Kingdom to come, may we continue to go to that source of wholeness and holiness, who is God, that we may weather what needs to fade away and stand firm in the Lord.