

January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A
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Good Morning! And how are you? Blessed.

Oh, the readings today are phenomenal! Especially the second reading and the gospel. Again, it's so important that we hear this in this time in the church and this time in our country. Because there is such division. And here, in the letter to Corinthians, St Paul says: "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you are united in the same mind and the same purpose". Today, there's such division in the church, there's such division in our country, and that's not of God. Cardinal Sarah says the devil is trying to pull us all apart, and some of us are gladly listening to the devil. We are instruments of him, if your will, by creating division, by saying we don't agree with one another, that this one's right and this one's wrong. And we're the right ones and everyone else is wrong.

God gave us a church with a Pope. And the pope is the one who has been there to promise that we would all stay in the will of God. Now, some of us like him, some of us don't. But he's our Pope. Our job is to not constantly be looking for all of the things he does wrong, or anyone who does wrong. But to be people who honor him, because he is our Pope. Do you sit there and do you honor him? Or do you go against him? Do you speak against him, who cause division? It's the devil who causes division. Remember what Jesus says? That they may be one. And the one he gave us to be one is our Holy Father. And just I have supported every single Pope, through my whole lifetime, no matter what, so I support this one. Why? Because he's the Pope. And again, if we listen to the gospel today, God calls the first pope. And he sat there and he told them to repent and believe. And we are all called to repent and believe. But what is it going to do? He says, go and I will make you fishers of men. If we stop squabbling amongst ourselves, and we decide we are going to unite to bring people to Jesus Christ. Think about what we could do? But people do not want to become members of our church when they see us bickering and fighting. It's not of God. God is calling us to unite to bring people to Jesus Christ. So, today, get on board. Let's together, in unity, work to bring everyone to Jesus Christ. This is the commandment of Jesus. Go and make disciples. Not fight amongst yourselves. So let's do it. Let's go and make disciples.

May each of you know his love, today and forever, Amen.