

# The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 23-29, 2020



The new school year is about to begin! Start off the school year with a prayer. We're praying for you and your families.

## Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)  
we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,  
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love  
as we learn from you and each other  
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

**R/. Amen**

I will give thanks to  
your name, because  
of your kindness  
and your truth:  
When I called, you  
answered me; you  
built up strength  
within me.

—PS 138:2-3

