

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Atrium I

Atrium I is the first level of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, for children from age 3(if potty trained) to age 6. Rather than learning from a textbook the children engage in a variety of concrete works, based on various scripture and liturgical texts, which are designed to lead to prayer. The 3 to 6 year old child is particularly receptive to security, relationship, and growth, and therefore at this level the love and care of the Good Shepherd are given central place. The goal is to allow the child to experience his or her own relationship with God in a developmentally appropriate way and build a lifelong religious foundation of loving trust in God.

There are two time options available this year, and each class will be capped at 8 children. If more than 16 children desire enrollment, a third session will be added at a different time. The schedules during the 2020-2021 Catechetical Year are as follows:

Group A: Sunday Mornings 10:45AM-12:15PM

August 16th, 23rd, 30th

September 13^{th*}, 20th, 27th

October 4th, 18th, 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

December 6th, 13th, 20th

January 10th, 24th, 31st

February 7th, 21st, 28th

March 7th, 21st, 28th

April 11th, 18th, 25th

May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Group B: Thursday Evenings 5:15-6:45PM

August 20th, 27th

September 3rd, 10^{th*}, 17th, 24th

October: 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th

November 5th, 12th, 19th

December: 3rd, 10th, 17th

January: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

February: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

March: 4th, 11th, 25th

April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

May 6th, 13th, 20th

*= annual safe environment training class with age specific curriculum

All needed materials are provided in the Atrium, and children will take home their work twice a year. The fee to help with supply costs is \$35 per child, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.