

Dear Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Families,

Aug. 2017

We are delighted that you are interested in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for your child. Twenty years ago a few of us began this work at St. Patrick Parish by studying and preparing the atrium. Nineteen years ago we opened the doors to our level I atrium. At that time we had 24 children and 4 catechists. Over the years, we have seen so much growth and change. God has been good in bringing more children and catechists to our family in faith.

This past summer, the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center in Federal Way was the host site to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd National Course. Over 70 people from around the world joined in this amazing training. Our very own Charla Johnson and Julia Looper were among those who gathered to learn and pray, remembering again the purpose of the atrium:

*To assist the involvement of children and adults in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant.*

Again, we are delighted that you are joining in this endeavor with your child(ren).

I am happy to announce that registration is now available [online](#) (paper copies by request). <https://goo.gl/forms/99iqCiG8P2OR7t0k1> Please register by Sept. 15th.

Thank you again, dear families, for entrusting your children to us. We really see the atrium as a partnership in faith. Our work is to support the faith you are instilling in your children in your homes.

In our Good Shepherd's love,

Kim Ward

Pastoral Associate

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
St. Patrick Parish, Tacoma, WA  
2017-2018 atrium sessions

**Level I**

Tuesday afternoon 3:45-5:45

Wednesday morning 9:00-11:00

Saturday morning 9:00-11:00

**Level II**

Tuesday afternoon 3:45-5:45

Saturday morning 9:00-11:00

**Level III**

Friday afternoon 3:45-5:45

**Fee:** \$75 for one child, \$85 for two or more per year. You may pay by check, cash, or online [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org). Find the DONATE button at the top right and follow the prompts to pay the fee to CGS. If paying by check or cash, you may use the Sunday collection basket if you wish. Please put CGS on the subject line of checks, or otherwise note where the payment goes. THANKS

*Confused about what session to register your child?*

- Level I children are ages 3 or 4 to begin. They are in this level I for 3 years. Children must be toilet trained.
- Level II is for children who have been in the level I atrium for 3 years. Generally the children are 6-9 years of age at this level.
- Level III is for children who have completed level I and II. Generally children are ages 9-12+ at this level.

Also:

Children are expected to commit to the whole two hour atrium session for the entire year. Exceptions to this policy will be taken on a case-by-case basis. Please set up an appointment with Kim if there is a situation you would like to discuss before enrolling your child, or if you would like to discuss payment. Also, please contact Kim if the fee presents a financial hardship.