



# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

For children ages 3 to 12 years old

**“The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name and they follow him because they recognize his voice.”  
John 10: 1-5**



## THE YOUNG CHILD (Ages 3 to 6)

The pivotal point of the Catechesis is the covenant, the underlying theme of the Bible. The individual themes presented to the younger and the older children all refer to the reality of the Covenant, and it is this reality that gives all the individual themes their unity.

The Covenant reality is lived by the younger children most fully through the image of the Good Shepherd.

## THE MIDDLE CHILD (Ages 6 to 9)

After six years of age, this image is integrated with that of Jesus as the True Vine. The Covenant reality is further expanded in the dimension of time by being placed in the context of sacred history, a history which goes from creation to the Parousia and is the history of all people and of each one of us.

The history of salvation is realized in time, and therefore in daily life. It is most concentrated in moments of celebration, particularly in liturgy.

History and celebration are moments of the same reality: the reality of the covenant. Both history and celebration culminate in the “sacrament of the new and eternal Covenant”.

## THE OLDER CHILD (Ages 9 to 12)

The age of reaching out to touch new and wider horizons requires a “cosmic education”, also referred to as an “expansive education”.

This is an education that opens one’s vision to the marvelous network of relationships and interchanges which binds together the world surrounding us, both at the level of nature and of history.

At all levels, the children meet their spiritual and religious needs with the aid of a trained catechist and prepared environment and materials.

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH

### Catechists and Contact Information:

Lilia Villaseñor-Garcia  
Monica Chagoya  
Joe and Donna Verner  
Heather Harper-McLaurin  
Jen Ward

[liliagarcia@sympatico.ca](mailto:liliagarcia@sympatico.ca)  
[mchagoya.cgs@live.com](mailto:mchagoya.cgs@live.com)  
[donna.verner@rogers.com](mailto:donna.verner@rogers.com)  
[stanheather@hotmail.com](mailto:stanheather@hotmail.com)

[jennyward@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyward@hotmail.com) Michele Hundertmark

## SESSIONS October 3, 2016, to April 10, 2017

Level 1:

Monday or Tuesday: 10:00 to 11:30 am  
Or Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Level s: 2, 3 and Album 1:

Mondays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Donation suggested per family: \$160.-