



# CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



## PARISH & SHRINE

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium II**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades, Ages 6-8**

2020-2021

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#### **Overview:**

The elementary age child is captured by the image of the True Vine. “I am the vine, you are the branches, whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” The proclamation responds to the deep need of these children to better know his or her relationship with God, family, friends, and the larger community. Moral parables offer a model for comparing their behavior with that of the Pharisee, the Tax Collector, or the Good Samaritan. The elementary children see the parts of the Mass – the Liturgy of the Word, the Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion – as one unified prayer made of many smaller prayers. Children prepare for the celebration of First Communion (or Solemn Communion) through a series of communion meditations focusing on the relationship with Jesus. Preparation of personal missals filled with illustrations and prayers is also part of this preparation which helps to deepen their love and understanding of the Eucharist.

*- from cgsusa.org*

#### **Important Considerations**

**Google Classroom Code:** [ fklqevt ] Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com), and enter the code. Here you will find PowerPoints, online resources, and announcements from your Catechists.

**Class Time:** Classes are held in St. Aidan classroom in Seton Hall on Sundays during the academic year, from 9:30-10:30am.

**Makeup Work:** If a student is absent, the family can check the Google Classroom for this course to find information on the Sunday’s activities, and to maintain communication with the catechists regarding any pertinent information.

**Additional Help:** If you have any questions or difficulties with the material of this course, or any questions about the Catholic faith in general please don’t hesitate to ask. We will be available after class, or you can contact the Director of CCD, Mr. Caruthers, at [tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org](mailto:tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org).

*Course Goals* - The child will:

- know Jesus the True Vine, they are his branches connected to him and others, called by Him to abide in Him;
- examine their lives with moral parables and Maxims;
- recognize the structure of the Holy Mass;
- recognize God's economy of Salvation contained in the Holy Bible.

*Course Objectives* - The child will be able to:

- abide in Jesus, the True Vine, through participation in the sacraments of the Church, prayer and love of God and others;
- write their page yet to be written with God applying moral parables to their lives;
- participate more fully in the Holy Mass and sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist;
- recognize God's plan in Creation, Redemption and Parousia recorded in sacred scripture, the abundant gifts bestowed by God on mankind and God's call to each of his children to respond to His love.

*Course Scope & Sequence: A 3 year cycle of learning:*

- Ordinarytime/Trinitytide: exploration of the Kingdom of God through timelines of God's gifts of Creation, Redemption and Parousia;
- Advent and Christmas: geography of the Land of Israel and synthesis of the infancy narratives;
- Ordinary Time/Epiphanytide: Summary of the Law, moral parables, parables of the True Vine, Found Sheep and Coin, Loving Father, Centurion's Servant;
- Lent: parable of the Good Shepherd with wolf and hireling, the Cenacle, origin of the Eucharist, Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd, Gestures of the Holy Mass, Synthesis of the Mass and City of Jerusalem.
- Eastertide: celebration of the Liturgy of the Light, Baptismal Rite, Empty Tomb, ending the year with a Pentecost celebration.