

# UPON THIS ROCK

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AT ST LAWRENCE  
(PREVIOUSLY AT ST PHILIP)



## ‘UPON THIS ROCK, I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH’

Jesus said these words when He established the Catholic Church. In this moment in history ‘The Rock’ was referring to Peter. Today we are missionaries called to pass on our Catholic Faith to the next generation just as Peter was entrusted to do so as our first pope. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method meets the individual based on the religious potential of each age and helps us to hear His voice and know He calls us by name.

CGS takes place in an Atrium. This is a room designated for the children to encounter sensorial materials that allow them to go deeper. They work with the Geography of Israel (**see pic top right ->> of Obed, 6, working with the puzzle map and quietly contemplating the location of the 3 major cities as he recreates his own map**), Kingdom Parables, Paschal Narratives, articles/gestures of the Mass, Baptism, and the Infancy Narratives (**see pic bottom right ->> Laila, 3, studying the diorama of the Annunciation. With some guidance, she found the scripture passage and simply sat quietly with the Word of God.**) All materials are hand made through the beautiful gift of a local woodworker. These materials lead the child to a full participation in the Liturgy from an early age.

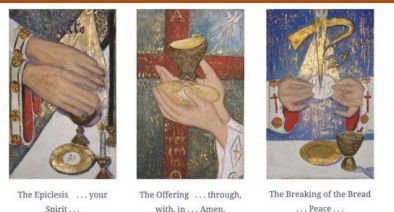
In Summer of 2020 an atrium was built to begin CGS. Through many individuals’ time and talent we served 12 children and it continues to grow each year, including children from surrounding parishes. Upon This Rock Atrium now walks with children ages 3-12 in their faith journey.

Questions?

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Please join our ‘Seed Planting’ on July 28<sup>th</sup> after 10:30am Mass to tour the new space in the school building – watch for signs!



*Annie, 3, contemplating the gesture of the Epiclesis at the gestures altar in the Atrium. The children learn that gestures are movements of the body that have great meaning.*



*Brooks, 7, building the Liturgical Calendar, which brings the seasons of the church and the significance of colors to life. Purple-Preparation, White-Celebration, Green – Growing season*

