

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level 1 Atrium Now Open:

The first CGS Atrium in the Diocese of Victoria!

## Key Principles



**The Good Shepherd:**  
Relationship with Jesus



**Independence:**  
"Help me to do it myself"



**A Place to Slow Down:**  
Silence & solitude



**Age-Appropriate Development:**  
Skills, turn-taking, observation



**Worship & Faith:**  
Eucharist, baptism, parables, liturgy



**Grace & Courtesy:**  
Living well with others



**Prayer:**  
Nurturing many ways of prayer



## What is CGS?

- A work of the Holy Spirit, forming children and Catechists
- Rooted in Scripture, Liturgy & Montessori principles
- A time-tested approach to faith formation, present in 70+ countries, in Canada for 25 years

## What is an Atrium?

- A sacred space for children ages 3–6
- Hand-crafted, purposefully designed child-focused environment
- A beautiful space where children come to know Jesus, The Good Shepherd

## Who Will Participate?

- Queen of Angels K–Grade 1
- Angel Care Preschool
- Children from the community (days/times TBA)

## Our Catechists

- 7 Catechists completed a 45-hour Level 1A Formation Course in July 2025.
- Includes 5 teachers/assistants/ preschool staff + 2 Sisters of the Virgin Mary.

## Location:

### Queen of Angels School

*A space where children encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd*



St. Ann's  
Parish



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