



## **Confirmation Update**

The Sacramental preparation sessions for Confirmation are continuing this year with twenty-two participants and a host of volunteers. Thanks to all who are participating and all who have been praying for us. We have been and are currently discussing and exploring who God is, how God is revealed to us, and our relationship with our Triune God. We are about one quarter of the way on this journey as of this December; please continue to keep the Confirmation participants and volunteers in your prayers.

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I & II Update**

The Level II/ Level III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students started their year by contemplating God's plan for them by studying the History of the Kingdom of God. The 3 main points are Creation, Redemption, and Parousia.

They have worked hard on learning to understand the liturgy through sacred scripture and learning the gestures we see in Mass. The children are encouraged to foster their own personal relationship with Jesus, the True Vine. We shared in the lives of the saints and how we can, and should, pray for those souls in purgatory. Through communal prayer and Bible work on the History of Salvation, the children recognize that Advent is a time of not only waiting / preparing to celebrate Jesus's birth, but also the additional meaning of waiting / preparing for Parousia – that time which God will be all in all.

Thus far, the children have studied 12 of Jesus' kingdom parables. We ended our 2025 year contemplating on the Annunciation and all of the Infancy Narratives of Jesus. How BIG and mysterious is our loving God!

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