

St. Thomas More Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Guidelines for All Students

- Parents, please go over these guidelines with your children.
- Attend Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil).
- Be on time for Mass and atrium sessions.
- Before coming to the atrium, be sure to:
 - Have breakfast or a snack
 - Get a drink of water
 - Use the restroom
- Call your catechist if you are sick and unable to attend.
- Be polite in speech and respectful in manner at all times.
- Do not run or shout in the Church or atrium.
- Enter the Church and atrium quietly.
- Do not bring personal food, candy or gum to the atrium. (Group snacks will be coordinated with catechists for each atrium.)
- Dress appropriately for Mass and the atrium.
- *Leave all cellphones, I-Pods, and other games at home or turn them off and place in your purse or pocket.*

FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAFETY, A PARENT OR OTHER ADULT MUST COME TO THE DOOR OF THE ATRIUM TO PICK UP CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE ATRIUM SESSION.

Please wait quietly outside until the catechist opens the door. Thank you for respecting our policy!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attend the atrium every week.
- Only 3 absences from the atrium, with an excuse, are allowed per year.
- Call your catechist if you are ill or unable to attend your atrium session.
- **BE ON TIME!** Significant tardiness may count as an absence.

MASS ATTENDANCE

- The atrium is *NOT* a substitute for Mass.
- *There is no other way to participate in the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross at Calvary other than attending Mass!*
- Call your catechist if you are ill or unable to attend your atrium session.
- **BE ON TIME!** Significant tardiness may count as an absence.
- You must attend Mass at St. Thomas More each week. If you attend Sunday Mass at another Parish or out of town, you must bring a bulletin from that Church to prove your attendance at the Eucharist that Sunday.