

**Sunday School Teacher**  
**Parish of the Good Shepherd (Waban, Mass.)**  
**July 1, 2024**

Time: Sunday mornings (2.5 hours on-site) and weekly preparation (1 hour, location flexible).

Thank you for your interest in helping our children grow in the knowledge and love of God! The Parish of the Good Shepherd in Waban (Newton), Massachusetts, is looking for two Church School teachers to lead our classes of pre-kindergarten/kindergarten and first–third grade children every Sunday from September 2024 through June 2025. The Parish of the Good Shepherd uses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-style approach focused on reflection and collaborative learning, using work and play materials, in concert with other approaches and activities.

Stipend: \$70 - \$105/week (commensurate with experience) while classes are in session (early September - early June). Compensation is based on the expected 2.5 hours of Sunday commitment at \$20-30/hour, and 1 hour of studying the upcoming lessons during the week (also at \$20-30/hour). Additional hours should be approved in advance and will be compensated at the same hourly rate.

Sunday School Teachers work closely with the Director of Christian Education (DCE) to prepare and teach each week and to support a growing Christian Education program at the parish. The ideal candidate will be ready to take initiative in planning lessons as well as to collaborate with a small, committed group of teachers.

I. Qualifications

- A. Experience with and enthusiasm for working with early childhood and/or elementary school age children
- B. Knowledge of or willingness to learn child-centered, experience-based teaching methods (especially Montessori methods)
- C. Willingness to experiment with creative outdoor activities to help kids grow in their relationships with God and one another
- D. Practicing Christian with basic understanding of Episcopal worship and tradition
- E. Reliable, responsible, and consistent presence, and commitment to complete a full school year of teaching
- F. Successful completion of Massachusetts CORI background check and Safe Church training (to be handled and paid for by the Parish)
- G. If necessary, completion of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training in fall 2024 (to be paid for by the Parish)

II. Responsibilities

- A. Practice the lessons for each week according to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentations, which are already prepared and planned out in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd books; or prepare other lessons as agreed with the DCE.

- B. Arrive at the Parish by 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning and plan to stay until 11:30 a.m.
- C. Work with DCE to prepare Atrium classroom and welcome students and parents.
- D. From 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:40/10:45 a.m., teach the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum or other lessons and activities.
- E. Bring children into the 10 a.m. Eucharist at approximately 10:40/10:45 a.m. and stay in the service until the end of the liturgy (typically around 11:15 a.m.)
- F. Work with DCE to restore and tidy Atrium classroom before leaving.
- G. Be available for discussions with children and parents from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.
- H. Work with DCE to restore and tidy Atrium classroom, including posting appropriate displays and signs and maintaining the classroom materials.
- I. Work with DCE to recruit and coordinate sign-ups for “Doorkeepers” — rotating parent helpers to assist with the Atrium lessons.
- J. Work with DCE to open the Atrium classroom for a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House program during regular Sunday hours annually

### III. Term

- A. Teaching begins in September 2024. The position has the possibility of beginning sooner in order to prepare the Atrium for fall opening. Position will extend through June 2024, with extension into future school years possible by mutual agreement of the teacher and the Parish.

### IV. COVID-19 Precautions

- A. Vaccination against COVID-19 is required.
- B. We follow the recommendations of the CDC and the Newton Department of Health in determining future COVID-19 precautions, and we will adapt our classroom policies as needed

To inquire further or to apply, please send the following materials to Dr. Rachel Teubner, Director of Christian Education, at [ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org):

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Three references (name, email, and phone)

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until position(s) are filled.

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