

St. Edward's Church

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AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Saturday Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Reconciliation 9:00-9:30 a.m. (or by appointment)
Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.

AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

2359 Calais Road, Duncan
Mass - Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundock Avenue, Duncan
Mass - Friday 11:00 a.m.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

From Fr. Luyen's Desk

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast is not about Jesus being up there now, waiting for us to join Him eventually, rather this Feast prepares us for a deeper presence of Jesus, a presence brought by the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The word "Ascension" can be understood as: the End of Special Appearances - After His Resurrection/Ascension, Jesus was no longer limited by time and space. He was... and is... present to His followers even more closely than before. In the days after His Resurrection/Ascension, Jesus manifested Himself to the disciples at various times and places in an extraordinary visible way. At some point... these special appearances came to an end.

Bishop Fulton Sheen says this about the Ascension: "Had Christ remained on Earth, sight would have taken the place of faith. In heaven there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love for love endures forever!"

The Ascension of Jesus tells us that the Lord has completed His earthly work of our redemption. Through his numerous apparitions to hundreds of people between the Day of his Resurrection and the Day of His Ascension, Jesus proved two things: First, he proved that he was the promised Messiah who came to redeem them. Secondly, he proved that through him who overcame death, those who persevere in their living faith shall also overcome death and inherit the Kingdom of God.

Also, The Ascension of the Lord affirms that Jesus is the Messiah. The Gospel of St. Luke emphasizes that the proclaiming of repentance and the forgiveness of sins is to proclaim His Name. This emphasis, in "His Name," shifts the faith of the believers from Yahweh, the God of the Old Testament, to the divinity of Jesus. "For in Him all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell bodily." At the same time Ascension of the Lord Jesus opened the door for the beginning of the Divine ministry of the Holy Spirit. Here Jesus raised His hands and blessed His disciples. The blessing of Jesus was not just an ordinary blessing. It was a blessing from the True High Priest, He who is a priest forever, who has returned to the Father. Thus, the moment of the Ascension, the living hope of all Christians has been for the Second Coming of Christ, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. It is also hope since His Ascension, He has been the Mediator between God and humankind. The Ascension of our Lord took place a long time ago but his parting words are to be taken to heart and carried out today courageously like the Apostles to be his witnesses in the world of today.

This Sunday is also MOTHER'S DAY – the day we traditionally remember all mothers and the gift of motherhood, a very special vocation and mission. Every year, we remember and celebrate all of the extraordinary women who have received this gift of generating life and caring for it: nurturing, comforting, consoling, challenging, protecting and educating.

As Redemptorists, we have St. Gerard Majella, who is a special patron saint for all motherhood. St. Gerard Magellan is the Redemptorist saint and has been divinely appointed as a special guide, protector and intercessor for women such as those who are expectant mothers; or who find it difficult to conceive; or who are experiencing a difficult pregnancy; or who are facing a complicated delivery. He is a saint for mothers of every kind, in every situation, all around the world.

In conclusion, I would like to offer a special St. Gerard's blessing for mothers:

May all mothers be blessed with good husbands, and children who will return their love.

*May all mothers be able to provide both milk and honey,
both sustenance for staying alive and the sweetness and joy of being alive.*

*May they be calm and have confidence that I am with them,
taking them by the hand and guiding them safely through life.*

May all mothers have the strength, wisdom and courage to be truly life-giving people. Amen

Happy Mother's Day!

Your Brother Priest, Fr. Luyen, CSSR

Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

Focus ***“The Holy Spirit will strengthen us with courage in times of trouble.”***



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen was faithful to the Lord even as he lay dying. Hatred did not consume him; rather forgiveness was on his lips and in his heart. May we pray often to St. Stephen for his intercession as we struggle to be forgiving when faced with dissension and conflict.



Happy Mother's Day

In honour of our mothers at St. Edward's the Knights of Columbus are having a pancake breakfast this Sunday.

-PPC Nominations-

On the week-end of May 28th/29th, 2016 the Parish will be holding selections for two seats on our Parish Pastoral Council.

Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor *ex officio* and six other parishioners. The PPC holds yearly selections in May. Normally, each year two seats become available. A Nominating Committee submits to Council a list of names of parishioners who, having been asked, have agreed to serve on the Council.

Further, a general invitation (of which this is one) goes out to all adult parishioners to stand. Any parishioner who has not been invited specifically to stand may nevertheless do so. In that case the following method of selection is used: The names of all candidates are placed in a container and, in the presence of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair, the Pastor draws two names at random. These two people each serve a three year term.

This method is deemed preferable to elections, as in this way no one who has offered to serve need feel their generous offer has been rejected by their not having been chosen in an election.

This year Mary Hof's term ends. She has led the Council as Chair for the past five years and is looking forward to a well-earned rest from that onerous task. Last year Julia Hengstler agreed to serve on Council, but her plate has since become overloaded, necessitating her departure from the Council, so there remain two years left of her term to be served.

The Council meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., except for July, August and December. Any St Edward's parishioners in good standing who can make themselves available for those meetings may stand. Should you wish to stand, please indicate your wish by submitting a Nomination Form to the Nominating Committee c/o the Parish Office, not later than **12 o'clock noon Friday, May 20th, 2016**. The Nomination Forms are available at the Office.

As this is a very important ministry, one in which parishioners can give of their time and talent to the Lord, you are encouraged to participate actively and prayerfully in this project.

Tony Parr, Chair
Nomination Committee



A STORY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother." She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave. The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend I will be addressing the parish regarding taking a seat on Parish Council. We have many gifted and talented people in the parish,

***Can you take this role on?
Is God calling you?***

St. Paul says:

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Mary Hof, PPC Chair

Mark your calendar.....

**AGM Tuesday, June 21st 2016
after the 6:30 p.m. Mass**

**Please pray for the following
who are in special need of God's healing.**

Maggie Bell	Glen Lowe	Scott Wright
Anne Welch	Bob Benson	Paul Boray
Elizabeth Pickles	Peter Barfield	Ann Waugh
Fred Kelly	Tschi Fellmann	Justin Moore
Thomas Kay	Eileen Martin	Ria Donders
Steve Barkanyi	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Arlene Laughren
Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Tom Phillipson
Jenie Lauzon	Terry Christofferson	Tony Aquino
Kirby Flegel	Steven Christofferson	Ashley Pifko
Ray Marquis	Yvonne Gill	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	June Goode	Terry Thorpe
Paulette Nelson	Andy Vanderstapp	Carol Enns
Jan Spencer	Baby Benjamin	Frank Giere, sr.
Bob Goehring	Joan Getson	Jan Tokorcheck
Tim Cech	Kim Gunn	Riet Heemskerck
Steve Reiter	Maurice Foucher	Naomi Prodah
Dale Stelter	David McMahon	Winnie Finnie
Susan Ferguson	Verna Simard	Doris Brown
	Lindsey Bellvau	

If you are going into the hospital, or are house bound and you would like Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.

Infant Baptism Preparation Fr. Luyen offers Baptism Preparation Classes for parents/guardians at 10:30 a.m. on the **3rd Saturday of each month**. Dates of Baptism will be arranged at this meeting. Please call Parish Office to register.

Anointing of the Sick

Formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction, the Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing, appropriate not only for physical, but also for mental and spiritual sickness. please call Fr. Luyen at the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care Visits While in the Hospital Privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from Fr. Luyen or an Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office to leave a message for Marilyn Klizs.

RCIA—If you wish to become Catholic, this coming Fall the parish of St. Edward's will offer a series of meetings called R.C.I.A. which means Rite of Christian initiation for Adults. If you are interested in this journey proposed by the RCIA team we meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information Fr. Luyen will be most happy to meet with you. 250-746-6831.

YEAR OF MERCY

St. Edward's Parish

Each Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. we will have Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition, Adoration, Benediction and Mass at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Luyen and Fr. Steven will hear confession from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Clare's Monastery

During the Year of Mercy, Fr. Michael and Fr. Joachim, ofm offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Clare's Monastery Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

you may call the Franciscan Friary at 778-455-2501.

This Week In Our Parish

Sat	May 7th	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's— Louis Trapler+, Joe Hoffmann+, and Frank Seifert+
Sun	May 8th	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Reconciliation or by appointment Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo (For all the people of St. Edward's Parish) <i>Happy Mothers Day</i> Pancake Breakfast downstairs in the Church Hall.
Mon	May 9th	7:00 p.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED CWL General Council Meeting in Church Hall
Tues	May 10th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Tim Cech Adoration, Benediction & Rosary Mass at St. Edward's—Filomena Lomma+
Wed	May 11th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Mario Aere+ Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	May 12th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Peter Gillespie+ Choir Practice
Fri	May 13th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's— Chuck Gerwing+ Mass at Sunridge Place— Ambrasio Miguel+ St. Edward's-Exposition of the Blessed Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction (Confessions)
		6:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Edward's-Sanctity of Life, Conversion of the World and Peace
Sat	May 14th	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo (For all the people of St. Edward's Parish) Youth Group Meeting
Sun	May 15th	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Reconciliation or by appointment Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's - David+, Anne+ and Susan Bremner+ The Filipino Community will serve coffee after Mass today.

Mass Honouring The Blessed Virgin Mary

On the **1st Saturday of each month** at 10:00 a.m. a special Mass is celebrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Before Mass at 9:30 a.m. we begin with the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary. During this Mass there is anointing of the Sick.

Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited to gather after each Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass for prayer, games, singing and fun as an Education in the Faith.

Respect Life:

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Church Hall. If you need information, please contact:
Michael Vande Wiel (250-900-5461)

Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion

Children's Faith Formation—children are invited to attend gatherings at the Small Gym at Queen of Angles School on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
For more information please contact Paula Hudson at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
ST. EDWARD'S COUNCIL

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831

The next CWL general meeting
will be held in the Church hall
On Monday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

We have a guest speaker - demonstrator
and a very special presentation to one of our own members.

Come for the 'sister' love and fun !



Mercy Calls Your Name
Lent 2016



*When you pray through the Sunday Scriptures, ask God that
the power of His mercy may come into your personal and
community life.*

- 1) Take advantage of sales to buy small toothpastes, soaps, shampoo, socks and feminine products/toiletries; donate them to parish outreaches or make gift bags and have them ready to hand out where needed.
- 2) Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend) Forgiveness with those you live with, "Do not let the sun set on your anger". (Eph 4:-26)
- 3) Make a list of your enemies. "Then, every day, say a prayer for them.
- 4) Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle.

—FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS—

If you have a flower garden and would like to donate some of them to enhance the Worship Area, they would be greatly appreciated. Please drop flowers off at the parish office by noon each Friday. Long stems would be appreciated. Thank you, Heidi Seifert



Widows' Group

The Widows' Group will meet in the Church Hall next Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

We welcome all widows from St. Edward's to participate in our upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns please call:

Eileen Martell, Chair 250-748-0176

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Jerry Towles 1-250-244-1992,
Grand Knight

K. of C. Hall - Indian Road, Duncan

The K. of C. Hall is available for rent
If you or a group you belong to is interested
please call Bernie Langkammer at 250-748-9333.

Respect Life Committee



"IMPORTANT"

Special Note – Bus Cancelled

March for Life, Victoria, Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Bus transportation from St. Edward's to the March for Life has been cancelled. We're presently in the process of arranging ride sharing so if you need a ride to the event please contact:

Mike at 250-900-5461, mike.vandewiel@gmail.com,
or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714.

March for Life details: 12:00 noon: Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church, Victoria;
1:45 p.m.: March for Life begins at Centennial Square to BC Legislature; 3:15 p.m.: Rally ends at the BC Legislature.

For more information about the March for Life Victoria, see:
www.m4lvictoria.ca

Meeting with MP, Mr. Alistair MacGregor

We had a very respectful and informative meeting on Thursday, April 28th regarding pending legislation on assisted suicide as recently tabled in Parliament. Though Mr. MacGregor seemed to agree with the Supreme Court decision that assisted suicide must be made available he seemed to understand our concerns regarding few safeguards as well as the lack of conscience rights in the bill. We iterated to him our wish that the government would use the "not withstanding clause" to delay implementation of this legislation.

Mr. MacGregor has kindly agreed to meet with us again during the week of May 23rd. Further details on date and time will be in next week's bulletin.

The Respect Life Ministry meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. (right after Mass).

Sponsoring a Refugee Family

As you know, the Cathedral parish, with assistance from Sacred Heart parish, St. Edward's parish and others, has been attempting to sponsor a family from Iraq by the name of Saqat. This is a Christian family of two parents and six children who had fled their homeland because of religious persecution. We became aware of their existence and need from the Office of Refugees in the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and after acquiring our SAH number from the Anglican Diocese here in Victoria we were able to choose this family as the ones we would sponsor. Due to their family size, many other groups were hesitant to sponsor them.

Working closely with ORAT we raised a substantial amount of money and leased and furnished a house. In short we were prepared for them to arrive at any moment from the camp in Jordan based on government encouragement. However, what the government neglected to mention is that once they brought over the 25,000 Syrian refugees they would be returning to business as usual. As a result, we and many other private sponsorship groups in Canada have experienced an inability to sponsor refugee families and thus our efforts with this particular family have fallen through. The doors to Canada appear to be put on hold for private sponsors except those who already have family in Canada or are sponsored by blended VISA groups or government sponsorship.

Another challenge for us was that we desired to bring a Christian Refugee family to safety. Christians are being slaughtered in Syria and Iraq; genocide is a word you hear often. Yet, there seems to be great resistance in understanding this reality and bringing these people to safety.

Due to what appears to be a change of heart and mind by the government regarding the effort to uphold their commitment to private refugee sponsorship the Saqat family accepted an invitation to flee to Australia and start a new life in that country. The committee understands completely the Saqat family's decision no longer wishing to wait to travel to Canada after spending more than two years in a refugee camp. Both the Saqat family and the committee experienced sadness as a relationship had evolved between us. They truly are a beautiful family. This is our loss but their gain, God willing. The Saqat family were provided with their travel papers, tickets and VISA last weekend to travel to Sidney, Australia. For this we are grateful.

In the process of preparing for the arrival of the Saqat family we received a great deal of assistance from three businesses:

- 1) **Duttons and Co Real Estate Ltd** who went out of their way to assist us in finding and securing a home and were prepared to donate the equivalent of the monthly management fee back to the family to help them get started;
- 2) **2 Burley Men Moving Ltd.** Who assisting in moving furniture at no cost; and
- 3) **Heirloom Linens** who provided items at just over cost.

As a committee we are not yet certain how we will proceed; that is, will we attempt to sponsor another family given that the doors to the country are presently closed and are expected

Sponsoring a Refugee Family continued.....

to remain closed for many months or will we assist other groups who are attempting to sponsor or will we use the funds collected to assist refugees in the camps in Jordan.

With regards to the Saqat family we at peace knowing that our committee did all that they could to assist this family.

Fr. John Laszczyk,

Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral

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George Martin Bursary



Applications are now being accepted for the George Martin Bursary of \$500.00. The George Martin Bursary is a legacy of the late George Martin of this parish. It consists of a gift of \$15,000.00 dedicated to aiding students from this parish who are entering their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution. It provides that the principal remain untouched and that bursaries be funded from the interest only, so that the fund may carry on in perpetuity.

The bursary is administered by the Parish Pastoral Council through its George Martin Bursary Committee.

A candidate must:

- be currently enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution of learning;

- be a member in good standing of the parish of St. Edward the Confessor;

have contributed significantly of time and talent to this or another Catholic faith community; and have submitted to the Committee an application form properly completed within the specified time period.

Application forms are available at the parish office; further instructions are available on the forms.

The deadline for submission is

Friday, May 27th, 2016

- Submission by mail (postmarked up to and including May 27th) are to be sent to:

**St. Edward's Church
George Martin Bursary Committee
2085 Maple Bay Road
Duncan, BC V9L 5L9**

- Submissions by hand to the parish office are due at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 27th, 2016.

Please note that late submissions will not be considered.



DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Ordination to Diaconate

Mr. Michael Tinh Tran, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish in Courtenay. A reception in the parish hall will follow, and all are welcome to attend the Mass and Celebration.

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe – Still time!

October 17th-23rd, 2016

Join us as we visit the places where evil was conquered under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Experience the gorgeous colonial city of Puebla. Visit the largest pyramid in the world in Cholula. Visit the amazing St. Michael's Miracle and Our Lady of Ocotlan. Experience all the beautiful and cultural places of the new world's largest city, Mexico City, including the home of St. Juan Diego, the remains of Blessed Miguel Pro, ancient Teotihuacan, the canals of Xochimilco, the churches of Coyoacan, and of course, visit twice the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All travel, accommodation, and most meals provided. Price: \$3100. Chaplain: Fr. John Laszczyk, Rector, St Andrew's Cathedral & Vicar General, Diocese of Victoria. Tour Leader & Contact for Itinerary & Details : Denise Buckley @ two-bucks@shaw.ca or 250-339-1807.

And if you wish, extend your stay in Mexico to Puerto Vallarta staying at the all-inclusive Royal Decameron Resort until Saturday October 29th. The price of \$695.00 per person includes airfare from Mexico City to Puerto Vallarta, airport transfers, accommodations, all meals, all drinks, nightly entertainment and return flights to either Victoria or Comox.

World Youth Day, Krakow 2016. We will have extra 2



spots available for World Youth Day in Krakow this Summer. If you are interested please let us know

Fr. Paul paul.szczur@mailsds.org or
Fr. Dean catholic@uvic.ca.

March for Life—May 12th

This year's theme is "Caring not Killing"

Mass will be held at the Cathedral or at St. Patrick's Parish in Oak Bay at 12:00 noon followed by

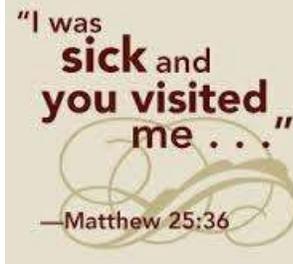
March at 1:45 p.m. from Centennial Square to the legislature down Government Street.

2:15 p.m. Rally for Life outside the legislature on front lawn.

Diocesan Family Conference

Join other Catholic families from August 12th-14th from around the island on the shores of Nanoose Bay at the 4th annual Diocesan Family conference. With plenty of opportunity to rest and play in the ocean, we will also be treated to a wonderful keynote speaker, the holy, dynamic Fr. Clair Watrin, founding chaplain of CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) who loves families and youth. Bishop Gary will join us too as we pray, play and deepen our family relationships. To register please go the diocesan website rcdvictoria.org

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry



Next Meeting at St. Edward's Parish
Wednesday May 18th
at 2:00 p.m.

Faustina

Messenger of Divine Mercy

Sunday, June 5th, 2016
7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Hall
1135 Fourth Avenue, Ladysmith, B.C.
Admission: free-will offering

For more information call
St. Mary's Parish Office 250-245-3414
Or
stmarysladysmith@shaw.ca





The Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre is a Christian, non-profit, charitable organization. Their heart's desire is to be an inner-city missions organization that shares the love of Christ to those facing a crisis pregnancy situation. Their clients may be families facing financial hardship, single moms or dads, grandparents raising their grandchildren, women who have been battered or abused and who have fled during pregnancy or shortly after the baby's birth.

Every day, clients come to the Center pregnant and afraid, with many young women unaware that pregnancy means an unborn baby is actually alive inside them. This generation has bought into the lie that it's just a clump of tissue, not a living, developing person.

The staff at Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center will lovingly take each woman in, share information about the development of their unborn child, discuss the options of parenting and adoption, and provide them with resources for their pregnancy and free baby resources such as food, diapers, baby clothing and equipment for the first two years of their baby's life. For those considering abortion, the staff will provide each woman with the facts about the procedure, and what the possible risks and complications look like, as well as offer post-abortion counselling and support to help women face the pain and trauma of this choice.

In 2015, the Center helped a record 216 babies while providing them with \$272,500 worth in FREE resources!.

Please give generously to the Pregnancy Centre by filling your bottle with loonies, toonies, quarters, or cash. You may also use a bottle donation envelope which can be mailed directly to the center. Official receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for donations of \$20 or more if you include your contact information with the donation. Thank-you for supporting your local Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre. Together, we can bring hope to women and men in a crisis pregnancy situation.

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