

## *“I Have Seen the Lord!”*

### *A Lenten Quiet Day at the Parish of All Saints with Bishop Geoff Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

You are invited to join Bishop Geoff Peddle and the members of the Parish of All Saints, CBS, in a time of reflection on the words of Mary Magdalene to the Disciples that first Easter morning when, to her great surprise, she encountered Jesus in the garden. In a departure from many Lenten retreats that focus upon the solemn nature of Lent, Bishop Geoff will focus in his three short talks upon the unexpected joy of Easter contained in Mary's proclamation, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18)

The Bishop will begin with a reflection on Mary Magdalene's encounter with our Lord on the Day of Resurrection, reminding us that it was to Mary that Jesus revealed himself first of all. However, Mary's special place in Jesus' life was clear long before then and the mystery of their love continues to the present day. Holy Scripture tells us that Jesus cast seven demons out of Mary and from that time she followed him and was present at his Crucifixion. Criticized by some as sinful because of her past, it is clear from scripture that Jesus did not regard her as fallen and deeply loved this woman. It was Mary Magdalene who first told the disciples "I have seen the Lord," leading some to call her "the Apostle to the Apostles."



Bishop Geoff will reflect upon Mary's journey of faithfulness and healing and what it means for us personally in our walk with Christ. The Bishop will consider Jesus' constant love for Mary, made perfect in her brokenness and what it means for us as members of his Church. Calling Mary Magdalene a "Saint for our Time," he will offer Mary's story of faithfulness as a roadmap for the Christian Church in an age of disbelief. Claiming that individuals and churches sometimes get "stuck" at Good Friday and never move to Easter, the Bishop will show that by truly embracing Mary's story we become "Easter People" for the world!

There will be time for quiet prayer between each talk. Music and hymns will add to the day. The outline is as follows:

<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome and Prayer</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>First Reflection</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Quiet (Coffee/tea available)</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Second Reflection</b>
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Quiet (Coffee/tea available)</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Noon Lunch</b>
<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Third Reflection</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Quiet</b>
<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing and Strength by Bishop</b>

**There is no cost for the day, including lunch. A donation to offset the cost of the meal is always welcome.**

**To register please call the Parish of All Saints at 834-4501 or e-mail at [office@allsaintsparish.ca](mailto:office@allsaintsparish.ca)**