



**Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County**

Sunday Reflections and Social Ministry

April 2010

For weekly bulletins, faith sharing groups, prayer at meetings, bible study, lectors, outreach actions...anywhere the word of God calls us to act with charity and justice.

Community and Parish Partnerships

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EASTER SEASON

April, 4, 2010

“He went about doing good.” Acts 10

Since the end of January, **TaxEZ** volunteers have been working at 6 sites from Mountain View to Gilroy helping low income workers prepare and file their tax returns. This good deed does wonders. The average household receives several hundred dollars of Earned Income Tax Credit that makes a great difference for a family working to make ends meet. Training for the IRS certification begins in October. To learn more about our **Economic Development** programs visit our web site at www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

April 11, 2010

“Peace be with you.” John 20

Catholic Charities after school reading program and gang intervention staff are working closely with the Holy Names sisters and the people of St. Maria Goretti parish in the **Santee Neighborhood** of San Jose. In addition to providing a safe place for young children and youth, the staff also meet with parents to address needs of the neighborhood. To learn more about the work of the **Children, Youth and Family Development** programs visit our web site at www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

April 18, 2010

“Tend my sheep.” John 21

The one who needs our care and compassion is the one who deserves our attention. This is called the **“Option for the Poor.”** Join with Catholic Charities to work with the poor so that they can become self-reliant. **Volunteer Opportunities** are listed at www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

April 25, 2010

“They will not hunger or thirst anymore...” Revelation 7

Every month The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops asks Catholic Charities in the Diocese of San Jose to accept young refugees who have no living relatives. Each one of these children is a survivor and prospers quickly in a new home. If you would like more information about **Refugee Foster Care**, contact Sergio Medina, smedina@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org or Coleen Higa, coleen@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org or call 408 325-5159. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org