



**Catholic Charities  
of Santa Clara County**

**Sunday Reflections and Social Ministry**

**Lent, February and March, 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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February 21, 2010

**“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”** Psalm 91

Community Counseling, a new program of Catholic Charities, offers treatment for many issues including grief, life transitions, parenting and relationship challenges and depression. The staff have extensive experience serving a wide range of needs for all ages. Sliding Scale Fees to suit your budget. For children's counseling we can accept Healthy Families insurance. Contact Eric FitzMedrud, Ph.D., 408-325-5116 [efitzmedrud@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](mailto:efitzmedrud@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org) or visit [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org)

Feb 28, 2010

**“I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.”** Psalm 27

Help answer this prayer for the refugees who arrive here with only the clothes on their backs. Refugee Resettlement is a core program of Catholic Charities and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. One on one help is invaluable for learning English, computer skills, and the ways of social interaction to become self sufficient. Help the stranger feel welcome and comfortable. [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org)

March 7, 2010

**“I shall cultivate the ground and (the tree) may bear fruit in the future.”** Luke 13

**“Hope does not disappoint.”** Romans 5 (Year A)

When young children learn to read they begin to hope for their future. To tutor children in the poorest sections of San Jose or Morgan Hill see the Volunteer Opportunities at [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org). To donate children's books contact [DonationStation@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](mailto:DonationStation@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org)

March 14, 2010

**“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again,  
he was lost and has been found.”** Luke 15

**“I was blind and now I see.”** John 9 (Year A)

Youth in gang impacted neighborhoods often have a limited sense of their options. Catholic Charities works with the Probation Department to help youth turn their lives around for the better. The case managers are working in collaboration with the diocesan Restorative Justice Program. [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org)

March 21, 2010

**“See, I am doing something new.”** Isaiah 43

**“Take away the stone.”** John 11 (Year A)

Catholic Charities’ whose mission is rooted in Gospel values, promotes both Catholic and Ecumenical JustFaith programs. Participants meet in small groups to pray, read, view videos, and share experiences (three Saturday field trips) all related to the kingdom of God that Jesus preached. Alumni often say that JustFaith opened their eyes to the social mission and tradition of the church. To learn more contact Elizabeth Lilly, 408 325-5262, [elilly@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](mailto:elilly@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org) or visit [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org)

March 28, 2010

**“I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.”** Isaiah 50

Ombudsman can be the voice for the resident of a Skilled Nursing Facility, or they can offer the encouragement for the residents to find their own voices whenever there is an unmet need. Protecting Our Elders offers training in our county so that no older adult will be subject to neglect or other forms of abuse. Visit [www.protectingourelders.net](http://www.protectingourelders.net) to learn more and contact Marlene Siebert, (408) 325-5260, to learn more about Ombudsman or see the program description at [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org).

