

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. (English),
Reconciliation: Before Mass

† Feast Day of the Week †

January 3rd – St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve was born a peasant girl in a small town near Paris, France, in the year 422. At a young age, she confided that she wanted only to live for God, and she became a nun at the age of 15. When Attila and the Huns were marching on Paris, St. Genevieve persuaded the citizens of Paris to repent, fast, and pray, rather than flee the city. When the praying started, Attila's armies suddenly changed course and the city was saved. St. Genevieve is the patron saint of Paris.

January 1st is the final day for the Four-Parish Food Drive sponsored by our CCD classes.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated food items during the month of December.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35)

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1st

We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter have the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. This feast celebrates Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", this feast honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace".

St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)
Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass



Parochial Administrator: Father Reehan Antony

Parish Office Telephone: 254-647-3163.

If you need a priest (Fr. Reehan) in an emergency (hospital, etc.),
please call 682-207-8557

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Halbryan and Foch Street
Eastland, TX 76448

Sunday Mass: 9:45 a.m. (Spanish)
Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>



Weekday Events in Your Parish/Eventos Durante la Semana de su Parroquia

St. Francis, Eastland	Tuesday – Estudio Biblico (Bible Study in Spanish), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday – Rosario (Rosary in Spanish), 7 p.m. Friday – Oracion (Evening Prayer), 7 p.m.	
Holy Rosary, Cisco	Wednesday – Rosary 9 a.m., then coffee & donuts 1 st Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 5 p.m.	
St. John, Strawn	Wednesday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m.	

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

December 31	New Year's Day Vigil, Mass at 4 p.m., St. John Church, Strawn
January 1	Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holyday of Obligation, and New Year's Day – Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
January 7	First Saturday Confession, Holy Rosary Church, Cisco
January 8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall
January 22	Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti

Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer Guide

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."
2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

1108 Avenue F
Cisco, TX 76437

Sunday Mass: 11:30 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation: After Mass

www.cisoholyrosary.com

STEWARDSHIP

December 24-25, 2016

St. John	\$	852.12
Christmas	\$	205.00
St. Rita	\$	432.00
Christmas	\$	144.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$	520.00
Christmas	\$	10.00
Holy Rosary	\$	504.94
Christmas	\$	262.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 1st
Mass for the repose of the soul of Eugene Maynard Graham.
Requested by Maria M. Graham.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	6:45 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, January 2nd

6 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger

Wednesday, January 4th

9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco
7:15 p.m., St. John, Strawn (after Mass)

Thursday, January 5th

7:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland (after Mass)

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday, January 8th at 5 p.m.
Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco