

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Vincent Pallotti

St. Vincent Pallotti (1795-1850) was born in Rome and founded the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (The Pallottines) in 1835, over 150 years ago. His parents were Peter-Paul Pallotti and his wife Maddalena and he was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of 10. From his earliest years, his devout parents took him to daily Mass and religious devotions in the many neighborhood churches of Rome. For a time, Vincent had trouble with his studies until his mother sought the advice of a close friend, Father Fazzini. He advised her to make a novena to the Holy Spirit with Vincent. The Novena completed, something clicked in the boy's head. He became the brightest student in his class. Vincent had an innate desire to do what he could to help the poor. Before he would give them a coin he would wash it in the nearby fountain. "When I give to the poor," he would say, "I give the coin to Christ. I want it to look nice." He felt called to do penance. When his parents informed Father Fazzini of the penances, he replied, "Let us leave Vincent undisturbed. It appears to be a higher call than we have been given. It seems to come from God." In Vincent's time there was a tremendous desire for positive action. Many men and women were drawn to Vincent's spirit and spread his message all over the continent. This missionary zeal brought the Pallottines to the United States in the early 1880's and to the Midwest Province headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1923.

St. Vincent Pallotti died in 1850 surrounded by a handful of followers which now numbers thousands of priests, brothers and sisters and an even more vast number of lay people committed to the apostolate. He was canonized in 1963 by Pope John XXIII. St. Vincent Pallotti's dream was to enable lay people to assume their proper role in the mission of the Church and to establish a community to translate his vision into reality. The Pallottines were founded to remind the Church that the lay people are essential members and that, together with clergy and those in consecrated life, we are all sent as apostles for the Church and the World.

### 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/>

### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

1108 Avenue F  
Cisco, TX 76437

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

[www.ciscoholyrosary.com](http://www.ciscoholyrosary.com)



#### STEWARDSHIP January 14-15, 2017

St. John	\$	601.00
St. Rita	\$	559.57
St. Francis Xavier	\$	662.00
Holy Rosary	\$	891.00

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

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

St. Francis, Eastland	Monday – Rosario (Rosary in Spanish), 7 p.m. Tuesday – Estudio Biblico (Bible Study in Spanish), 7:30 p.m. Friday – Oracion (Evening Prayer), 7 p.m.
Holy Rosary, Cisco	Wednesday – Rosary 9 a.m., then coffee & donuts 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

January 22	Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti
January 23	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Holy Rosary, Cisco
February 2	St. Andrew's Dinner, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mineral Wells
February 14	St. Valentine's Day Mass for Couples, 6 p.m., St. John, Strawn
February 21	Friendship Meal, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. <i>"Everyone in need of a meal is invited to attend."</i>
March 1	Ash Wednesday
April 22	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grapevine. Please visit <a href="http://www.ntxcmc.org">www.ntxcmc.org</a> .

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#### Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day

A Special Mass for Couples on Valentine's Day  
Mass at 6 p.m. at St. Rita Church, Ranger,  
with reception to follow. Please use the sign up  
sheets at the entrance of the church to sign up –  
and let us know how long you have been  
married!

The Second Collection next weekend (January  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>) is for the **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**.  
Please be generous.

#### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Holy Rosary Church, Cisco  
Monday, January 23, 2017**

**Mass at 6 p.m., followed by Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m.  
the following morning.**

**Please sign up for your "adoration hour" to  
ensure that we have continuous adoration  
and prayer for 11 hours.**

#### Mass Intentions

+ St. John, Strawn – SATURDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mass intention for William Joseph Smith.  
Requested by Tom & Margo Smith & Family.

+St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Anita Frerich.  
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.

+St. Francis Xavier, Eastland–SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mass intention for Marion Bason.  
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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

#### St. Andrew's Dinner, February 2, 2017

Young men, high school to 35 years old, are invited to  
the St. Andrew Discernment Dinner at Our Lady of  
Lourdes Parish, Mineral Wells. Bishop Olson will  
celebrate Mass at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and time of  
discernment. Please RSVP by calling 817-945-9321 or  
sending an email to [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org).