

## St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street  
Strawn, TX 76475

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

## St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

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

## 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.cisoholyrosary.com](http://www.cisoholyrosary.com)

### **++Feast Day of the Week++**

#### **St. Silverius**

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places



### **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

### **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.	

### **Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos**

June 26-30	VBS
June 26-28	St. John's Bible School

### **Pope's Prayer Intentions**

**National Leaders** - *That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.*

### **For Emergencies**

Please call or email Dn. Ed in any emergency.

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**Pope Benedict XVI:** In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering

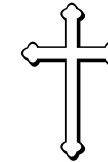
### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday- St. Rita- 8 am  
Wed- St. John- 6:45 pm  
Thursday- St. Francis Xavier- 7 pm  
Friday- Holy Rosary- 9 am

### **St. John's Bible School**

St John's Rectory - Strawn  
5:45 PM - 7:45 PM  
June 26, 27, 28

Everyone Welcome!  
Fun, Games and Learning  
Art, Music, Bible Study, Snacks



### **STEWARDSHIP**

**June 17-18, 2017**

St. John.	733.00
Holy Rosary.	858.00
St. Francis.	842.31
St. Rita.	616.00

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

### **Mass Intentions**

Holy Rosary (June 25) - For the repose of the Soul of: Inez Solis.  
Requested by: Holy Rosary Altar Society.

### **Fr. Reehan's vacation**

Father Reehan will go to India to visit his parents from May 23 to June 23. Anything needing his attention, needing any sacraments, in those days please meet him as soon as possible

### **VBS- CAVE QUEST**

VBS- June 26-30, 9AM-12 Noon, at St. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HOUSE.  
Registration form is at the entrance of the church.