

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

† Feast Day of the Week †

December 27th – St. John the Apostle

It is God who calls – human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the *Gospels*, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew – Jesus called them, they followed. John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a martyr's death. Tradition assigns to John the Fourth *Gospel*. Because of the depth of his *Gospel*, John is usually thought of as the eagle of theology, soaring in high regions that other writers did not enter. The Apostle John is also considered the author of three New Testament letters and the *Book of Revelation*. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. After the Assumption of Mary, John went to Ephesus, according to Church tradition. He later became banished to the Greek Island of Patmos, where he is believed to have written the *Book of Revelation*. The "beloved disciple" died in Ephesus after 98 AD. St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors.

Please continue to remember Father Reehan's mother, **Pauline Mary**, and his family in your prayers as Pauline Mary struggles with her serious illness. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for them.

Prayer for the Sick

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in His suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

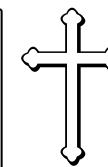
Father in heaven, grant her comfort in her suffering. Give her courage when afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and when alone assure her of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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 – Rosario 9 a.m., then coffee & donuts
1st Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary
Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 5 p.m.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

December 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Masses for the *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*
Mass at 5 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Mass at 9 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger
December 25 *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*, Holyday of Obligation
Midnight Mass at Holy Rosary, Cisco
Mass at 9 a.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
December 27 Celebration of the Feast of St. John, Mass at 6 p.m., St. John Church, Strawn
December 31 Vigil Masses for the *Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
Mass at 4 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Mass at 6 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger
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
Mass at 9 a.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Mass at 11 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco



Happy Belated Birthday,
Pope Francis – 81 years old on
December 17th!

Happy Birthday, Father Reehan – his
3rd birthday of the year (tsunami
birthday) is December 26th!

PEACE ON EARTH AND
GOOD WILL TO MEN
HAVE A BLESSED AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS



STEWARDSHIP December 16 – December 17, 2017

Holy Rosary	\$	428.00
Building Fund	\$	183.50
St. Rita	\$	511.00
Building Fund	\$	63.00
St. John	\$	not available
Building Fund	\$	not available
St. Francis	\$	659.00
Building Fund	\$	167.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

MASSES THIS WEEK

There will be no weekday Masses this week on Tuesday through Friday.

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, December 24th
For the repose of the soul of Jesus Escovedo
Requested by Robert Escovedo

Four Parish CCD Food Drive

Our CCD classes are again sponsoring a Four Parish Food Drive until January 1st. Please place your food donations in the box near the door of each church. Food donations will be collected through Christmas. **Let us do our part to help feed those in need in our neighborhoods and communities!**

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th.