

**St. John Parish**

126 Hickory Street  
Strawn, TX 76475

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

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Established 1912



**St. Rita Parish**

1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation: Half Hour Before Mass

Established 1919



**St. Francis Xavier Parish**

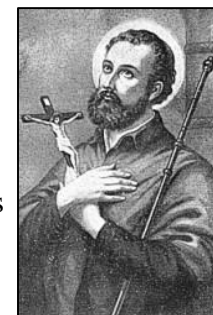
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

Sunday Mass: 9:45 a.m. (Spanish)

Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>

Established 1920



**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)

Established 1920



**PARISH INFORMATION**

Parish Office

1109 Blackwell Road, Ranger, TX 76470

254-647-3163

Parish Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If you need Fr. Reehan in an emergency (hospital, Anointing of the Sick, etc.), please call 682-207-8557.

Pastoral Staff

Father Reehan Antony ..... Parochial Administrator

Ed Ferguson ..... Deacon

Viridiana McQuade ..... Bookkeeper

Ann Geasland ..... Safe Environment Coordinator

Val Loftin ..... Director of Religious Education

Vacant ..... Youth Director

Vacant ..... Adult Formation Director

**Catholic Sites to Explore in Texas**

Before the famous 1836 battle between a few dozen men and the much larger Mexican army, the Alamo was already holy ground as a Franciscan mission founded to evangelize the area's Native Americans. In 1724, Father Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares relocated Mission San Antonio de Valero (founded 6 years earlier) to a more promising location. It was the first of 5 missions in the San Antonio area. During the 1836 battle, the mission suffered a great deal of damage, leaving only a small chapel and the friars' residence. In San Antonio's San Fernando Cathedral, a white marble sarcophagus contains the remains of the mission's fallen defenders, all that was left after their corpses were burned. The remains, sealed in a chest, had been buried in the cathedral's sanctuary. Rediscovered in 1936, they were moved to the vestibule. When you visit the Alamo, step into the old, battered chapel and say a prayer for the missionaries and their converts. Pray also for the souls of all brave men who died at the Alamo.

*(from St. Anthony Messenger, February 2017)*

***With the start of this new year and new beginnings, now is the time to volunteer to clean the Church – or the altar linens – in your parish. We are all called to use our talents in special ways. Remember "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"***

**CCD High School Retreat**

Our CCD High School youth are attending a retreat on January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend Retreat House, a retreat center along the Brazos River near Glen Rose. Please keep them in your prayers over this special weekend.

**In the Parishes · En Las Parroquias**

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 Mark, 5 p.m.  
NOTE: Bible Study is on hold until Deacon Ed recovers!

**Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos**

- January 22 Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti
- January 22 Annual Respect Life Mass, 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth
- January 27-28 CCD High School Youth Retreat
- February 5 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 20 Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
*"Everyone in need of a meal is invited to attend."*
- March 25 Palm Sunday
- April 1 Easter Sunday
- April 21 7<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Colleyville. Please visit [www.ntxcmc.org](http://www.ntxcmc.org).

**The Path to Sainthood**

The sainthood cause of Julia Greeley, a former slave who spent her days caring for the poor in Denver, Colorado, was formally opened on December 18, 2016. Despite working long hours taking care of children, cooking, and cleaning, she would often be seen walking at night through the streets of Denver, pulling a small wagon of food and supplies, which she would deliver to poor families. She was known as Denver's "Angel of Charity".

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**Second Collection**

Next week, the second collection is towards the Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund for the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please be generous.

**Saint Vincent Pallotti**

Saint Vincent Pallotti was born in Rome in 1795. From the time of his childhood, he offered his resources and his life to the service of people who are poor. He was a well-known priest because many people sensed that God worked extraordinary graces through him. In his lifetime, he founded the Union of Catholic Apostolate. At that time, the laity was not actively involved in the ministry of the church. Saint Vincent wanted to inspire people of all walks of life to work constantly for God's kingdom. Truly radical for his time, Saint Vincent was known for approaching the "faithful of every class, rank, and condition" to minister to "those who are most spiritually needy." He sought people to treat those in need "with care and with a loving and tender concern." He called the members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, laity, sisters, priests, and brothers, to charity, patience, humility, zeal, and love of God and of Jesus Christ. Saint Vincent Pallotti died in January 22, 1850, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire people worldwide.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 13 – 14, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$	507.00
St. Rita	\$	667.00
St. John	\$	1,003.00
St. Francis	\$	862.00

***May God bless you for your generosity.***

**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

**ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS**

Please join Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth, for the Annual Respect Life Mass on Monday, January 22, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth.

**Mass Intentions**

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mass intention for Nelson Rolong (Birthday)  
Requested by Susan and James Horton.  
+ St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of William Joseph Smith  
Requested by Tom, Margo and Dustin Smith.

**Quilt Raffle**

The Holy Rosary Altar Society is holding a Quilt Raffle with proceeds to benefit the Margaret Torres Higher Learning Scholarship. The lovely queen-sized quilt was pieced and donated by our longtime member Carolyn Broughton. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on March 1, 2018. Tickets are available from any Altar Society member, or at JT Ranch Quilt Shop and Arbor Hill Emporium, both in Cisco.

Our Sunday Bulletin has a new look! We have increased the size to 11 inches by 17 inches to provide more information to parishioners. If you have requests for items to include in the bulletin, please let us (Father Reehan) know!