

**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**

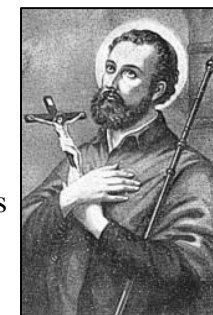
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

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 S. Antony, SAC. . . . . 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

Vacant . . . . . Mission Activities Coordinator

**Catholic Sites to Explore in Texas**

In 1854, a group of about 150 Catholics from Poland, led by Father Leopold Moczygemba, arrived at the port of Galveston, Texas, often called the "Ellis Island of the West". They had traveled 9 weeks on the sailing ship "Weser", and then walked 200 miles to the place picked out for them by Fr. Leopold. They reached a site 60 miles south of San Antonio, a hill that overlooks the junction of the San Antonio River and Cibolo Creek. According to tradition, they arrived on Christmas Eve 1854. Beneath a large oak, they offered their first Mass, and named their new home *Panna Maria* – which in Polish means *Virgin Mary*. In reality, the site was a poor choice as the land was poor and settlers were plagued with drought, fever, and Indian attacks. One story told is that a group of new arrivals were invited to dinner by the good Father. After listening to their stories of hardship, he assured them that the worst was over – and at that moment a rattlesnake fell out of the roof and onto the dinner table! The original church – hit by lightning and destroyed by fire – was rebuilt in 1877. This plain white structure was remodeled in 1937. One renovation revealed a full painted ceiling in the sanctuary – it has been meticulously restored and is available for visitors to view. This historic Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, remains open and active to this day and sits peacefully next to the famed Oak Tree. Panna Maria, Texas, is the oldest Polish settlement in America.

**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. Mass on Sunday 4:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. 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**

- February 1 Adoration, 7: 30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland
- February 2 WORLD DAY FOR COSECRATED LIFE- Solemn Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, Fort Worth
- February 5 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco
- February 5 St. Rita Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Office, Ranger
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 20 Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
*"Everyone in need of a meal or fellowship is invited to attend."*
- February 27 All Night Adoration, Holy Rosary Church, Cisco
- March 1 Quilt Raffle Drawing, Holy Rosary Altar Society
- 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**

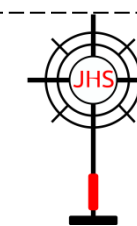
Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma priest whose courage and commitment to his parishioners in the mountains of Guatemala cost him his life, was beatified on September 23, 2017. Fr. Rother answered the call of Pope John XXIII, who asked for pastoral outreach to the Church in Central America. For 13 years, "Padre Francisco" worked alongside the native Tz'utujil Indians in the fields, started translating the New Testament into their native language, and began a Catholic radio station. Fr. Rother lived in Guatemala during a 1971 to 1981 civil war. As people were dragged from their homes and disappeared, he sought to find the bodies of those parishioners who died and care for their widows and orphans. But his involvement drew attention, and two gunshots ended the priest's life during one night. To quote Fr. Rother, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger".

**Second Collection**

Next week, we will take up the Second Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support in this Collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**All Night Adoration**

We will have All Night Adoration for the transformation of our parishes at Holy Rosary Church, Cisco, from Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. until Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 20 – 21, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$	682.50
St. Rita	\$	501.00
St. John	\$	432.00
St. Francis	\$	774.00

*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

**Mass Intentions**

- +Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the souls of Maria and Nasario Soto  
Requested by the Sevara and Soto Families.
- + St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Lisa Glazebrook  
Requested by Devony Norris.
- +Holy Rosary, Cisco – FRIDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of John Torres  
Requested by Agnes Johnson.

**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.

A companion of St. Francis of Assisi, Brother Juniper (feast day January 29<sup>th</sup>) is remembered as a "fool for Christ". Once, when someone in need asked him for clothing, he said, "My superior has told me not to give my clothing to anyone. But if you pull it off my back, I certainly will not prevent you". Francis is said to have joked about how he wished for a "forest of Junipers".