

**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

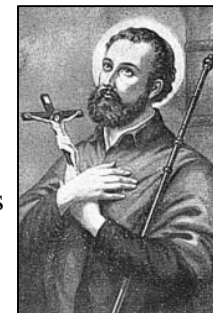
Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)  
Reconciliation: Half Hour Before Mass  
Established 1919



**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.cisoholyrosary.com](http://www.cisoholyrosary.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, S.A.C. . . . . . 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

The Path to Sainthood

**Blessed Mariam Vattalil (1954 – 1995)**

Blessed Mariam Vattalil - in religious Sister Rani Maria - was a professed religious and a social worker in the Franciscan Clarist Congregation who worked among the poor within the Diocese of Indore, India. She was born on January 29, 1954, as the second of 7 children. She was baptized on February 5<sup>th</sup> that same year and was given the name Mariam. She joined the Franciscan Clarist Convent at Kidangoor in 1972 and chose the name Rani (Queen) Maria. Sister Rani Maria began her mission in northern India in 1975. She dedicated herself to catechetical formation and educational instruction during her time as she moved place to place teaching in different areas. Sister Rani Maria was very outspoken in matters of social justice and in social activism, which sadly led to her death at the hands of those who were opposed to her efforts in aiding the poor and downtrodden.

Sister Rani Maria was 41 years old when she died of 54 stab wounds from an assassin in central India. Samandar Singh, hired by some landlords, stabbed her inside a bus on February 25, 1995, as she was traveling to her native place in southern India.

The slain nun's family made international headlines when they accepted Singh as a member of their family after forgiving him. Rani Maria's young sister Selmy Paul, also a member of the same congregation, accepted Singh as her brother by tying "rakhi," a sacred thread, on the festival of siblings Rakshabandan. Sister Paul's gesture helped Singh to regret his action.



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.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

March 11 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 5 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church House, Eastland  
March 14 Lenten Confessions, 6:30 p.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco and St. Francis Xavier, Eastland  
March 18 Lenten Vespers, 6 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, Cisco  
March 19 Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  
March 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."  
April 1 Easter Sunday  
April 18 CCD "Annual" Talent Show, 7 p.m., Majestic Theatre, Eastland  
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).  
April 23 Sacrament of Confirmation, Mineral Wells  
April 28 First Holy Communion, St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland & St. John, Strawn

Holy Week Program

Holy Thursday 6 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger  
Good Friday 5:30 p.m., Way of the Cross  
6 p.m., Veneration of the Cross  
St. Francis Xavier, Eastland  
Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco  
Easter Sunday 8 a.m., St. John, Strawn  
9:45 a.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland  
11:30 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger  
Tuesday 7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland  
Wednesday 9 a.m., St. John, Strawn  
Thursday 9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco  
Friday 9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco  
5:30 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger  
Saturday 9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
Lenten Vespers  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
6 p.m.  
Holy Rosary Church,  
Cisco.

**STEWARDSHIP  
March 3 – 4, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$	735.00
Building Fund	\$	637.00
St. Rita	\$	781.00
Building Fund	\$	251.00
St. John	\$	782.00
Building Fund	\$	319.00
St. Francis	\$	776.00
Building Fund	\$	468.00

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Jane Cozart  
Requested by the Holy Rosary Altar Society.  
+ St. Francis Xavier, Eastland – SUNDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Jose Angel Sanchez  
Requested by the Hernandez Family.  
+St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of James Rouseall Smith  
Requested by Tom Smith and Family.

Lenten Confessions

Sacrament of Penance  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Francis Xavier, Eastland and Holy Rosary, Cisco  
Guest priests will be available.

Way of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross during Lent –

Fridays at 5 p.m.	St. Rita, Ranger- <b>Lectors</b>
Fridays at 5:30 p.m.	Holy Rosary, Cisco- <b>CCD</b>
Fridays at 7 p.m.	St. Francis Xavier, Eastland- <b>Bible Study and Prayer Group</b>
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.	St. John, Strawn- <b>All</b>

Soup or non-meat sandwiches may be provided at your parish after Stations of the Cross – optional.