

**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**

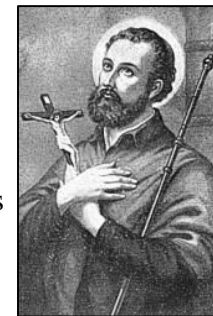
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

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, 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 Justus Takayama Ukon (1552 - 1615)***

Four hundred years ago, in Japan, an extraordinary moment dawned upon a warrior. The man was Ukon Takayama, born in 1552 to a landed gentry called the *daimyo*, in Haibara-cho, Japan. When Jesuit missionaries led by St. Francis Xavier introduced Roman Catholicism in Japan, the Takayama family was among the first to be converted. Ukon Takayama was 12 years old when he was baptized as a Catholic in 1563. In time, he rose to become governor of the castle town of Takatsuki near Kyoto, then the capital of Japan. Before that, he made a mark as an outstanding general. In civilian life, he became known as a builder of castles, churches, seminaries and oratories. As a person, he had been reared in the ways of the *samurai* and in the best traditions of their civilization. The only difference was that he was a Christian *samurai*, which was rare. The turning point came when a new *shogunate* rose to power in Japan, that forbade the practice of Christianity. Those who disobeyed the order were executed. But in the case of Takayama and other nobles and *samurais* who occupied positions of social prominence, they were exiled to Manila, Philippines. Takayama and 300 followers arrived in the Philippines in December 1614. These sturdy Japanese chose to lose their possessions, honor and social status and lead ordinary lives in a foreign land rather than renounce their Catholic faith. Less than 2 months later, Takayama fell ill and passed away on February 4, 1615. Though he died of natural causes, because he contracted the fatal illness due to choosing his faith over the world, he is considered a martyr.



*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 27 Chrism Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth  
April 1 Easter Sunday  
April 2 St. Rita Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Office, Ranger  
April 3 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  
April 9 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco  
April 16 Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  
April 17 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 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 7 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger  
Good Friday 6 p.m., Way of the Cross  
7 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

**ONE HOUR WITH CHRIST**

After the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Holy Eucharist will be taken in Procession to St. Rita's Church Hall, for adoration until midnight. Please come as a family and spend one hour with the Lord.



**PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offers religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**March 17 – 18, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$	689.00
St. Rita	\$	568.25
St. John	\$	602.00
St. Francis	\$	1,017.00

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

**Mass Intentions**

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Patti Mertl  
Requested by the Holy Rosary Altar Society.

+ St. Francis Xavier, Eastland – SUNDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Jose Angel Sanchez  
Requested by the Hernandez Family.

+St. John, Strawn – SUNDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Martin Barcenas  
Requested by Paula Barcenas.

*Chrism Mass*

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**  
**St. Patrick Cathedral – All are welcome.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	6:45 p.m., St. John, Strawn

**Holy Rosary Altar Society  
Quilt Raffle Winner**

Father Reehan selected the winning raffle ticket after Mass on March 2<sup>nd</sup> – and we would like to announce that the lucky winner of the lovely quilt pieced by our own Carolyn Broughton is Susan Thompson, parishioner at Holy Rosary Parish. Congratulations, Susan!

Easter egg hunt for the Children after Easter Sunday masses. Children bring your own baskets to collect...

