

### 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

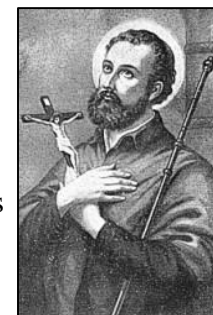
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

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 Flavianos Michael Malke (1858– 1915)*

Blessed Flavianos Michael Malke was born in Kalat'ül Mara, a village in Turkey. He belonged to a Syriac Orthodox family. In 1868, Malke joined the Saffron Monastery where he studied Syriac, Arabic, and Turkish languages along with theology. He was consecrated a deacon in 1878 and a secretary of the library and a teacher in the monastery's school. He leaned towards Catholicism and subsequently joined the Syriac Catholic Charafe Monastery school. He was ordained a priest in Aleppo, Syria, on May 13, 1883 and was assigned to various villages in southeast Turkey. His church and house were sacked and burned during the massacres of 1895, which led to the murder of many parishioners, including his mother. In the following years, he helped rebuild sacked villages in the area. Due to his works, Malke was ordained Chorbishop in 1897 and vice bishop of Mardin and Gazarta. In January 1913, he was consecrated a bishop in Beirut. In the summer of 1915, during the height of the Assyrian Genocide, in the rural region Tur Abdin in southeast Turkey, Malke returned to Gazarta upon hearing news of an impending massacre against the Christians. He refused to flee despite being advised so by local Muslim leaders. He was arrested by Ottoman authorities on August 28, 1915. He was given a choice between death or conversion to Islam the next day. Upon his refusal, Michael Malke was beaten until he became unconscious and was afterwards beheaded. Pope Francis said that he was killed in hatred of the faith.



#### 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 Luke, 5 p.m.

#### Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

Month of May Month of Mary, Mother of God  
June 3 Town Hall Meeting, St. Rita Parish, 5 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  
June 5 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  
June 16 Knights of Columbus Food Booth at Cisco TX Pie Fest, Cisco  
June 18 CCD Year-End Teacher's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church House, Eastland  
June 30 Last day for Father Reehan Antony as our Parochial Administrator  
July 1 First day for Father Vijaya Raju Mareedu as our Parochial Administrator

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RENEWAL

The Diocese of Fort Worth requires that everyone serving in any parish ministry take Safe Environment training every three years. If you took the training in 2015, it is time to renew. If you are unsure as to whether you took the training in 2015, there is a list posted on the bulletin board at the back of each church. The training is accessible online at <https://safeandsacred-fwdioc.org>. The Diocese is moving back to live training in the fall. As of June 15, 2018, online training will no longer be available. If you wish to renew your training online, you must do it before that date. More details on the transition back to live training will appear in the bulletin at a later date.

**For any needs or emergency, please call Deacon Ed at 830-998-5570.**

**Town Hall Meeting, St. Rita Parish  
June 3, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
Please attend.**

The CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes for the 2017-2018 school year for our parishes have now ended. In a short 4 months, the new CCD school year will begin. Please consider volunteering as a CCD teacher, helping our youth to learn about and live their Catholic faith.

#### TRANSFER ANNOUNCEMENT

##### **Rev. Reehan Soosai Antony, SAC**

*From:* Parochial Administrator – St. Rita Parish, Ranger / Holy Rosary Parish, Cisco / St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland / St. John Parish, Strawn  
*To:* Pastor – St. John the Baptizer Parish, Bridgeport / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Decatur / St. Mary Parish, Jacksboro  
Effective: July 1, 2018

##### **Rev. Vijaya Raju Mareedu, SAC**

*From:* Parochial Vicar – St. John the Baptizer Parish, Bridgeport / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Decatur / St. Mary Parish, Jacksboro  
*To:* Parochial Administrator - St. Rita Parish, Ranger / Holy Rosary Parish, Cisco / St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland / St. John Parish, Strawn  
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#### STEWARDSHIP

##### **May 19 – May 20, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$	507.02
St. Rita	\$	484.25
St. John	\$	604.00
St. Francis	\$	742.00

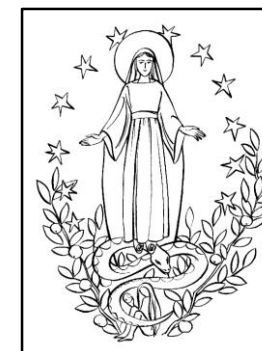
*May God bless you for your generosity.*

#### Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Mass intention for Father Kyle Walterscheid on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood  
Requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society.

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses will not be celebrated this week.



The month of May is the "Month of Mary" – please pray the rosary as a family. Another idea is a May Altar – a small surface in your home that is dedicated to honoring Our Blessed Mother during the month of May. It is not too late!

Next weekend, the **Second Collection** is for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages and migration. This collection is an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa and support pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. In announcing this new special collection, Bishop Michael F. Olson said, "The Diocese has benefited from the ministry of African priests. Please express your gratitude by generosity in this collection".