

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

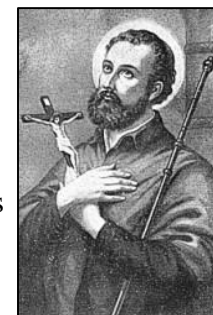
Halbryan and Foch Street
Eastland, TX 76448

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

Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>

Established 1920



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

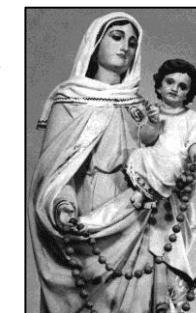
1108 Avenue F
Cisco, TX 76437

Sunday Mass: 11:30 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation: After Mass

www.ciscoholyrosary.com

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 Isidoro Ngei Ko Lat (1918 – 1950)

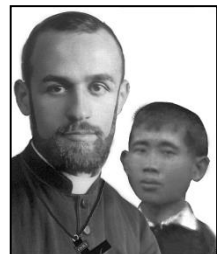
Blessed Mario Vergara (1910 – 1950)

Father Mario Vergara was born in Naples, Italy, on November 18, 1910.

Ordained a priest, he soon left for Burma. In 1935, he was entrusted the district Citaciò in the mountains and forests of Burma. He experienced truly harsh times.

During World War II (in 1941), he was interned with all the Italian missionaries in British concentration camps in India. On return to Burma in 1946, physically greatly weakened, he risked death after the removal of a kidney. He generously offered his service to the Bishop of Toungoo, Myanmar (formerly Burma). He studied the local language, bearing all kinds of sacrifices, covering long distances on foot, loving and taking care of all Catholics, catechumens, and non-believers.

The catechist **Isidoro Ngei Ko Lat** is the first Burmese to be beatified. Isidoro came from a family of farmers and was baptized in 1918. He lost his parents as a teenager. His cousin testified that as a child Isidore followed missionaries about and often went with them. He wanted to become a priest and entered the minor seminary of Toungoo. He was a simple, honest and humble young man with a religious sensibility and a strong aptitude for study. But due to poor health, he was forced to return to his family. He could not fulfill his dream of becoming a priest, but his desire to do something for the Lord was great. So he decided not to marry, rather help the catechist of the village. On May 24, 1950, Father Vergara went with the master catechist Isidore to convince the district chief to release another Catholic catechist who had been arrested. Instead, the rebel leader Richmond was lying in wait for him. The missionary priest and his catechist Isidore were killed at dawn on May 25, 1950. They were shot on the banks of the Salween River, with gunfire heard in the nearby village. Their bodies, sealed in bags, were thrown into the Salween River and never found.



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
1st 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 June Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 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 14 Last day for online Safe Environment Training at <https://safeandsacred-fwdioc.org>.
- 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
- Month of July Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus
- July 1 First day for Father Vijaya Raju Mareedu as our Parochial Administrator

***** **Mission Appeal on Saturday, June 9th and Sunday, June 10th** *****

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS MOTHER THERESA PROVINCE

www.heraldsogoodnews.org

Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life, founded in Eluru Diocese, India, on October 14, 1984. It became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, training of seminarians, and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations. Currently, the Order is blessed with 478 priests and 150 seminarians studying at various levels of formation, and Mother Theresa Province (one of the 5 Provinces) is blessed with 64 priests and 50 Seminarians.

I am glad to bring to your attention that priests from this order have served in this diocese since the year 2002. And two more priests are coming to the diocese shortly. Our priests are already serving in 10 Mission dioceses in India and 6 countries (Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand and United States of America). The Mission motto of our Province is “To live our call as Heralds with apostolic availability, adaptability and openness, relying on divine providence and the intercession of our Heavenly Patrons and in imitation of St. Theresa of Kolkata’s love for the poor and the needy.” **REV. FR. XAVIER PURAYIDATHIL FROM THIS ORDER WILL BE PREACHING IN ALL THE MASSES ON JUNE 9th and 10th IN OUR PARISHES, AND SHARE WITH US THE STORIES OF WONDERFUL WORK THEY DO IN THE WORLD.** Please generously support this great cause and take an active part in the work of Evangelization in the Third Millennium.

STEWARDSHIP

May 26 – May 27, 2018

Holy Rosary	\$	849.00
St. Rita	\$	466.00
St. John	\$	426.00
St. Francis	\$	412.85

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, June 3rd
Mass for the repose of the soul of Inez Solis
Requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses will not be celebrated this week.

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.

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