

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. (English),
Reconciliation: Before Mass

† Feast Day of the Week †

January 13th – St. Hilary of Poitiers

St. Hilary was born in the town of Poitiers in central France (which was then called Gaul) around the year 300. Although he was not raised in a Christian family, he studied the Old and New Testaments and, with his wife and daughter, converted to Christianity. St. Hilary was very interested in Catholic theology and was chosen as Bishop of Poitiers around the year 353. He vigorously defended the Catholic Church against the Arian heresy, which was the first of the great heresies, and was a belief that did not accept the mystery of faith that Christ was both God and man. St. Hilary made some enemies with his preaching on this controversy, and he was exiled to Phrygia (in what is now the country of Turkey). While in exile, he visited eastern churches and wrote about theological matters, including the Trinity. He was eventually sent back to Poitiers, and brought back many wonderful hymns from the eastern churches. He began to write hymns in the Latin language, and became recognized as the Father of the

Latin hymn. St. Hilary was known throughout France as a great preacher and author, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851. St. Hilary of Poitiers is the patron saint for protection against snakebites and for parents dealing with wayward children.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday, January 8th at 5 p.m.
Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco

St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)
Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass



Parochial Administrator: Father Reehan Antony

Parish Office Telephone: 254-647-3163.

If you need a priest (Fr. Reehan) in an emergency (hospital, etc.),
please call 682-207-8557

Weekday Events in Your Parish/Eventos Durante la Semana de su Parroquia

St. Francis, Eastland	Tuesday – Estudio Biblico (Bible Study in Spanish), 7:30 p.m.
	Monday – Rosario (Rosary in Spanish), 7 p.m.
	Friday – Oracion (Evening Prayer), 7 p.m.
Holy Rosary, Cisco	Wednesday – Rosary 9 a.m., then coffee & donuts
	1 st Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary
	Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 5 p.m.
St. John, Strawn	Wednesday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

January 8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall
January 11	CCD Classes Resume after Christmas Break
January 17	Friendship Meal, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. <i>"Everyone in need of a meal is invited to attend."</i>
January 22	Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti
January 23	Annual Respect Life Mass, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, downtown Fort Worth
March 1	Ash Wednesday

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	5 p.m., St. Boniface
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Four-Parish CCD Food Drive.

Change in Rosary Time at St. Francis Xavier
There is a change in Rosary time at Francis Xavier, Eastland, from 7 p.m. on Wednesday to 7 p.m. on Monday, effective January 9, 2017.

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/>

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

STEWARDSHIP

December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

St. John	\$	1,121.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	39.00
St. Rita	\$	604.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	80.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$	538.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	18.00
Holy Rosary	\$	1,169.20
Solemnity of Mary	\$	182.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

+St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, January 8th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Barbara Patterson.
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.

+St. Francis Xavier, Eastland – SUNDAY, January 8th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Hellen Wachsmann.
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 8th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Margaret Torres.
Requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society.

New Year's Resolutions - The Pope Francis List

(A compilation of 10 of the Pope's most memorable quotes in the form of New Year's resolutions.)

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

With the start of this new year and new beginnings, consider volunteering to clean the Church in your parish.

Cleanliness is next to godliness! Cleaning the Church is a way to give thanks to God through the work of our hands. And, if you clean as a family or with friends, you can count on the Lord's presence, for He said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). A special note of thanks for those who cleaned their Church during this past year – you are special!
May Our Lord Bless you Always!