

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

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

St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

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

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2017

Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

When Pope Francis celebrated the Way of the Cross during World Youth Day last summer in Krakow he asked questions that naturally arise when we encounter human suffering:

"Where is God, if evil is present in our world, if there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, homeless, exiles and refugees? Where is God, when innocent persons die as a result of violence, terrorism and war? Where is God, when cruel diseases break the bonds of life and affection? Or when children are exploited and demeaned, and they too suffer from grave illness? Where is God, amid the anguish of those who doubt and are troubled in spirit?"

He answered: "God is in them'. Jesus is in them; he suffers in them and deeply identifies with each of them. He is so closely united to them as to form with them, as it were, 'one body'. Jesus himself chose to identify with these our brothers and sisters enduring pain and anguish by agreeing to tread the 'way of sorrows' that led to Calvary. By embracing the wood of the cross, Jesus embraced the nakedness, the hunger and thirst, the loneliness, pain and death of men and women of all times."

When we welcome those who suffer into our communities we welcome Jesus. Pope Francis went on to say: "We are called to serve the crucified Jesus in all those who are marginalized, to touch his sacred flesh in those who are disadvantaged, in those who hunger and thirst, in the naked and imprisoned, the sick and unemployed, in those who are persecuted, refugees and migrants. There we find our God; there we touch the Lord. Jesus himself told us this when he explained the criterion on which we will be judged: whenever we do these things to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do them to him (Mt 25: 31-46)." Elaborating on these words, Pope Francis said that if we ignore those who suffer we ignore, even deny, Jesus himself: "In the face of evil, suffering and sin, the only response possible for a disciple of Jesus is the gift of self, even of one's own life, in imitation of Christ; it is the attitude of service. Unless those who call themselves Christians live to serve, their lives serve no good purpose. By their lives, they deny Jesus Christ."

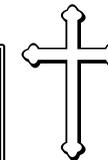
We pray that we, as individuals and communities, may never deny Jesus.



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	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 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

February 21	Friendship Meal, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. "Everyone in need of a meal is invited to attend."
March 1	Ash Wednesday
April 22	6 th Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grapevine. Please visit www.ntxcmc.org .

****Leave it to Beaver Star Benefitting Friendship Meal!****

Tony Dow, from *Leave it to Beaver*, and his wife Lauren, will be coming to Cisco to perform the 2 person play **Love Letters**, at the Crawford Theatre. This is a mature play, following the lives from childhood to adulthood of 2 friends all in their letters.

Tony is doing this to benefit our Friendship Meal and the Cisco Senior Nutrition Program.

Dates: March 10th 7 p.m. March 11th 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

There will be a small reception following the 2:00 p.m. matinee.

And a Q & A period after each performance.

Saint of the Week – February 20, 2017—Wulftric (d. 1154) + hermit and miracle worker. Born at Compton Martin, near Bristol, England, he became a priest and was excessively materialistic and worldly. After meeting with a beggar, he underwent a personal conversion and became a hermit at Haselbury; Somerset, England. For his remaining years, he devoted himself to rigorous austerities and was known for his miracles and prophecies. While he was never formally canonized, Wulftric was a very popular saint during the Middle Ages, and his tomb was visited by many pilgrims.

STEWARDSHIP

February 11-12, 2017

St. Francis.	721.00
Holy Rosary.	969.00
St. Rita.	672.00
St. John.	694.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, February 19th. Mass intention for Pauline Scheuren.

Requested by: Susan & Jim Horton.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday-	St. Rita- 8 am
Wed-	St. John- 6:45pm
Thursday-	St. Francis Xavier- 7pm
Friday-	holy rosary- 9 am

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES- 3-1-2017

St. Rita-	8 am
St. John-	12pm
Holy Rosary-	5pm
St. Francis Xavier-	7pm

Friendship Meal-February 21st

Hosted by the Cisco Holy Rosary Parish
Meal is served from 6pm-7pm. at Conrad Hilton.
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