

## 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](http://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."

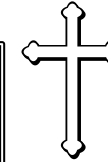
We pray that we, as individuals and communities, may never deny Jesus.



### 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grapevine. Please visit <a href="http://www.ntxcmc.org">www.ntxcmc.org</a> .

### **\*\*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.**

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

March 5, 2016

Holy Rosary Church at 5:00 p.m.

Second Collection March 4-5, 2017

For Black and Indian Missions. Please be generous.

### RICE BOWL

Please support the Rice Bowl Campaign this lent. Collection will help lots of need and poor children all over the world.

### STEWARDSHIP February 18-19, 2017

St. John.	735.00
St. Rita.	494.00
St. Francis.	802.50
Holy Rosary.	856.50

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

### Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Holy Rosary.~~~~~ For the repose of the Soul of: Ron Scheuren. Requested by: Holy Rosary Altar Society.

### MASSES THIS WEEK

MONDAY- ST. RITA- 8AM  
THURSDAY- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER- 7PM  
FRIDAY- HOLY ROSAY- 9 AM  
and ST. RITA- 5:30PM

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES- 3-1-2017

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This is a day of universal fast and abstinence in The Church. Ash Wednesday collections are for Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous.

### ADORATION

3-2-2017, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER- 7:30PM

### CONFESSION

3-4-2017, HOLY ROSARY CHURCH, 6PM