

## 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

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

1108 Avenue F  
Cisco, TX 76437

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

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### ++Feast Day of the Week++

Blessed Rose was born at Viterbo in 1656, the daughter of Godfrey Venerini, a physician. Upon the death of a young [man](#) who had been paying court to her, she entered a convent, but after a few months had to return home to look after her widowed mother. Rose use to gather the women and girls of the neighborhood to say the [rosary](#) together in the evenings, and when she found how ignorant many of them were of their religion, she began to instruct them. She was directed by Father Ignatius Martinelli, a Jesuit, who convinced her that her vocation was as a teacher "in the world" rather than as a contemplative in a convent; whereupon in 1685, with two helpers, Rose opened a preschool for girls in Viterbo: it soon became a success. Blessed Rose had the gift of ready and persuasive speech, and a real ability to teach and to teach others to teach, and was not daunted by any difficulty when the service of [God](#) was in question. Her reputation spread, and in 1692, she was invited by [Cardinal Barbarigo](#) to advise and help in the training of teachers and organizing of [schools](#) in his [diocese](#) of Montefiascone. Here she was the mentor and friend of Lucy Filippini, who became foundress of an institute of maestre pie and was canonized in 1930. Rose organized a number of [schools](#) in various places, sometimes in the face of opposition that resorted to force in unbelievable fashion - the teachers were shot at with bows and their house fired. Her patience and trust overcame all obstacles, and in 1713 she made a [foundation](#) in [Rome](#) that received the praise of Pope Clement XI himself. It was in [Rome](#) that she died, on May 7, 1728; her reputation of [holiness](#) was confirmed by miracles and in 1952, she was beatified. It was not until sometime after her death that Blessed Rose's lay school teachers were organized as a religious congregation: they are found in [America](#) as well as in Italy, for the Venerini Sisters have worked among Italian immigrants since early in the twentieth century. Her [feast day](#) is May 7



### 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.	

### Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

May 7	Holy Rosary parish pastoral and finance council meeting at 5pm
May 22	St. Rita's Church Feast Day Mass at 6pm

### Prayer Intentions for April 2017

**Pope's Prayer Intention -Young People:** *That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.*

**Urgent Intention - Landslide Victims:** Victims of the landslide in Colombia and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, and Paraguay.

### Council Meeting

Parish pastoral and finance council meeting on 5/7/2017, 5pm at Holy Rosary church Hall

### Fr. Reehan's vacation

Father Reehan will go to India to visit his parents from May 23 to June 23. Anything needing his attention, needing any sacraments, in those days please meet him as soon as possible

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday - St. Rita -8am  
Wednesday-St. Boniface -5pm  
Thursday - St. Francis Xavier -7pm  
Friday- Holy Rosary- 9am

### Save the date

St. Rita's Church feast day mass is on May 22 at 6pm.

### STEWARDSHIP

April 29-30, 2017

St. John.	\$317.00
Holy Rosary.	\$925.00
St. Rita.	\$654.75
St. Francis.	\$408.25

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

### Mass Intentions

**Holy Rosary-Sunday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Helen Gaeta. Requested by: Gaeta Children.

**St. Francis Xavier-Sunday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Tommy Brock. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren.

**St. Rita-Sunday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Larry Jessup. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren.

**St. John-Saturday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Claude Wachsmann. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren

**Holy Rosary Friday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Helen Gaeta. Requested by: Holy Rosary Altar Society.

**St Rita -Monday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Gerald Wachsmann. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren.

**St John -Wednesday -** For the repose of the Soul of: Larry Jessup. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren.

**St Francis -Thursday-** For the repose of the Soul of: Ron Scheuren. Requested by: Pauline Scheuren.

### HOUSE BLESSING

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.