

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 †

January 5th – St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann was born in 1811 in the Kingdom of Bohemia (then part of the Austrian Empire, now the Czech Republic). However, following completion of his studies in 1835, he was not ordained because the bishop decided to cancel any more ordinations to the priesthood. John was determined to be a priest, learned English, and wrote to American bishops. Finally, the bishop of New York agreed to ordain him, and he left his home forever. John's parish in western New York State stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. The constant travel and isolation of his parish caused John to long for a community life, so he joined the Redemptorist congregation of priests. He was named bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. He was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system, increasing the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100. He collapsed and died of a stroke on a city street at the age of 48.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1st

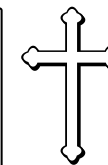
We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter have the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. This feast celebrates Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", this feast honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace".



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 Mark, 5 p.m.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

December 31	Vigil Masses for the <i>Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> Mass at 4 p.m., St. John, Strawn Mass at 6 p.m., St. Rita, Ranger
January 1	<i>Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holyday of Obligation, and New Year's Day</i> Mass at 9 a.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland Mass at 11 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco
January 8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 5 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church House
January 22	Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 3rd
9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco
7:15 p.m., St. John, Strawn (after Mass)

Thursday, January 4th
7:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland (after Mass)

Please continue to remember Father Reehan's mother, **Pauline Mary**, and his family in your prayers as Pauline Mary struggles with her serious illness. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for them.

January 1st is the final day for the Four-Parish Food Drive sponsored by our CCD classes. THANK YOU to everyone who donated food items during the month of December.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35)

STEWARDSHIP

December 23 – December 24, 2017

Holy Rosary	\$	678.00
Christmas	\$	587.00
St. Rita	\$	617.00
Christmas	\$	493.00
St. John	\$	917.00
Christmas	\$	817.00
December 17 th	\$	662.00
St. Francis	\$	672.50
Christmas	\$	104.00
Guadalupe	\$	286.91

May God bless you for your generosity.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	6:45 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, December 31st
For the repose of the soul of Rose Trapolino
Requested by Susan and Jim Horton

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will be towards the building fund. Please be generous.