

**St. John Parish**

126 Hickory Street  
Strawn, TX 76475

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

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Established 1912



**St. Rita Parish**

1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation: Half Hour Before Mass

Established 1919



**St. Francis Xavier Parish**

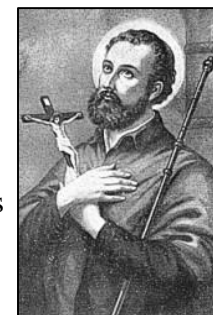
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

Sunday Mass: 9:45 a.m. (Spanish)

Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>

Established 1920



**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish**

1108 Avenue F  
Cisco, TX 76437

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

Reconciliation: After Mass

[www.ciscoholyrosary.com](http://www.ciscoholyrosary.com)

Established 1920



**PARISH INFORMATION**

Parish Office

1109 Blackwell Road, Ranger, TX 76470

254-647-3163

Parish Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If you need Fr. Reehan in an emergency (hospital, Anointing of the Sick, etc.), please call 682-207-8557.

Pastoral Staff

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| Father Reehan Antony, S.A.C. .... | Parochial Administrator         |
| Ed Ferguson .....                 | Deacon                          |
| Viridiana McQuade .....           | Bookkeeper                      |
| Ann Geasland .....                | Safe Environment Coordinator    |
| Val Loftin .....                  | Director of Religious Education |
| Vacant .....                      | Youth Director                  |
| Vacant .....                      | Adult Formation Director        |
| Vacant .....                      | Mission Activities Coordinator  |

The Path to Sainthood

**Blessed John Sullivan (1861 – 1933)**

John Sullivan was born in May 1861 in Dublin, the last of 5 children. With a Catholic mother and Protestant father, the parents raised their daughters as Catholics and their sons as Protestants. Upon his father's death in 1885, he came into a comfortable inheritance. After his college years, he traveled across Europe, and then became a teacher. In December 1896 – at the age of 35 – he made a momentous decision. He was received into the Catholic Church at the Jesuit Church, Farm Street, London. From this time onward, he changed the way he lived. On returning to the family home in Dublin, he stripped his room of anything that was superfluous, satisfying himself with simple furniture on a bare floor. The young man, who was formerly known for his fashionable dress, now wore plain clothes. He started his Jesuit novitiate on September 7, 1900, and the Archbishop of Dublin ordained Sullivan as a Jesuit priest on July 28, 1907. He prayed constantly – he walked with God continually – he listened to Him and he found Him and God worked through him. Many who were in need of spiritual or physical healing flocked to him and asked his prayers – and strange things happened. The power of God seemed to work through him and many were cured. The call to serve God in serving those who suffered in any way was a driving force for the rest of his life. He was always caring for others – a source of comfort and peace to anyone in trouble. John Sullivan was beatified on May 13, 2017, in St. Francis Xavier Church in Dublin, Ireland.



In the Parishes - En Las Parroquias

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

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

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| April 1     | Easter Sunday  |
| April 2     | St. Rita Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Office, Ranger  |
| April 3     | Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger  |
| April 8 - 9 | Divine Mercy Sunday - All Night Adoration, St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland   |
| April 9     | Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco  |
| April 16    | Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger   |
| April 17    | Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.<br>"Everyone in need of a meal or fellowship is invited to attend."  |
| April 18    | CCD "Annual" Talent Show, 7 p.m., Majestic Theatre, Eastland   |
| April 21    | 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Colleyville. Please visit <a href="http://www.ntxcmc.org">www.ntxcmc.org</a> . |
| April 23    | Sacrament of Confirmation, Mineral Wells   |
| April 28    | First Holy Communion, St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland & St. John, Strawn   |



"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through His own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of His Paschal Mystery - the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. **We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**"  
~ Pope Saint John Paul II, 1986

**It is that time of year again – time to prepare the budget for each parish!**

The new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2018, and the budgets must be prepared by mid-April. Some questions that we might consider –  
How does our income balance with our expenses?  
Will we each receive a diocesan operating grant again this fiscal year?  
What are our fixed expenses?  
If we have extra funds, how do we choose to spend them?  
Should we have more specific activities for our CCD youth? What kind?  
Should we consider more activities for families, and what should they be?  
How about programs that help us learn more about our faith and traditions?  
Or simply social events where we can get to know one another better?

**STEWARDSHIP**

**March 24 – 25, 2018**

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| Holy Rosary | \$ 1,490.00 |
| St. Rita    | \$ 595.00   |
| St. John    | \$ 789.00   |
| St. Francis | \$ 955.00   |

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Weekday Masses will not be celebrated this week.



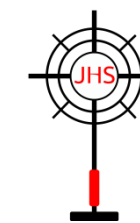
If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Parish Office.

**RICE BOWL**

PLEASE BRING YOUR RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH.

**All Night Adoration**

We will have All Night Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland, from Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. until Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 a.m. Mass will follow Adoration.



The Parish Finance Council is asking for your thoughts – so talk with your Council representatives over the next 1-2 weeks and share what you think is important.



**To Holy Rosary Parishioners –**  
Your Parish Council representatives will have a short survey that will be distributed after Mass next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that you take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts and ideas.