

**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**

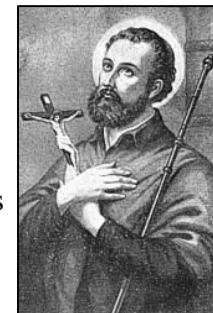
Halbryan and Foch Street  
Eastland, TX 76448

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

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 Francisca de Paula de Jesus (1808 – 1895)**

Blessed Francisca de Paula de Jesus, commonly known as Nhà Chica (“Aunt Frances”), was born in 1808 in Brazil. She was named for St. Francesco di Paola, a miracle-worker, founder of the Order of Minims, and a great saint, to whom the slaves of South America were very devoted. She had no surname, being the daughter of Izabel, a slave, and an unknown father, probably the master of the estate. She was baptized on April 26, 1810. In 1821, newly freed from slavery, Francisca de Paula moved with her mother and brother to southern Brazil where, a few months later, she was orphaned. Just before she died, Francisca de Paula’s mother advised her to lead a withdrawn life, so as better to practice charity and protect her Christian faith. She never married. Francisca de Paul chose, starting in her youth, a life of poverty, living in prayer, being poor among the poor. Her brother died in 1862 and, as she was designated his sole heir, used her inheritance to increase her social work and build a chapel dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary. She called the Blessed Virgin Mary “Minha Sinhá” (“My Lady”). She welcomed the poor into her simple 2-room cottage and became known as the “Mother of the Poor”. In her home, she constructed a small altar adorned with roses. Nhà Chica died on June 14, 1895, in her chapel and was entombed there on June 18, 1895. It was reported that there was an unusual smell of perfume when she was buried and when her coffin was opened on June 18, 1998.



**In the Parishes · En Las Parroquias**

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 Mark, 5 p.m.

**Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos**

- Month of April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- April 15 Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council Joint Meeting, 5 p.m., Eastland
- 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.  
“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 [www.ntxcmc.org](http://www.ntxcmc.org).
- April 23 Sacrament of Confirmation, Mineral Wells
- April 28 First Holy Communion – St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland & St. John Church, Strawn
- Month of May Month of Mary, Mother of God
- May 7 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco
- May 7 St. Rita Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Office, Ranger
- May 8 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Vocations. We will take up a special collection for the Seminarian Education Fund. There are currently 26 seminarians studying in seminaries throughout the United States. The Diocese of Fort Worth provides nine years of education and formation for each seminarian at an annual average cost of \$52,092. The Good Shepherd Sunday Collection assists with funding the annual cost. Please give generously next weekend, or donate online at [bit.ly/seminarians](http://bit.ly/seminarians) or text SEF to 91999.



As you go through spring cleaning at your home, consider having a “spiritual cleansing” – a house blessing. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Father Reehan at the Parish Office.

**Monthly Intention of the Holy Father – April 2018**

**Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**April 7 – April 8, 2018**

Holy Rosary	\$ 1,365.43
Building Fund	\$ 253.00
St. Rita	\$ 836.00
Building Fund	\$ 340.00
St. John	\$ 852.00
Building Fund	\$ 460.00
St. Francis	\$ 805.45
Building Fund	\$ 342.10

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

**Mass Intentions**

- +Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Ron Scheuren  
Requested by the Holy Rosary Altar Society.
- + St. Francis Xavier, Eastland – SUNDAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mass for the repose of the soul of Jose Angel Sanchez  
Requested by the Hernandez Family.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	9 a.m., St. John, Strawn
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

**Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council Joint Meeting**

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Eastland Church House to go over next year's budget.  
**Please attend without fail !!!!!**

**RICE BOWL**

PLEASE BRING YOUR RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH.