

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

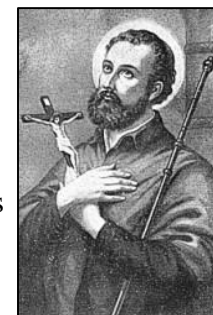
Halbryan and Foch Street
Eastland, TX 76448

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

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 Lucien Botovasoa (1908 – 1947)

“Tomorrow, one priest less,” said the representative of the Communist Party in Monchio, a town in northern Italy. Those words in 1945 signaled his decision that seminarian Rolando Rivi had to be executed. Rivi was only 14, and now he is the Church’s first beatified seminarian. Born in 1931 to a deeply Catholic family, Rivi discovered his vocation very early and entered the seminary when he was 11 years old. At that time, all seminarians wore cassocks, and so did he. With the Nazi occupation of northern Italy in 1943, groups of partisans were formed to support the Allies’ liberation effort – mostly communists and socialists with an anti-Catholic spirit. In June 1944, Nazi troops occupied the seminary and all seminarians were sent home. Rivi returned to his hometown of San Valentino, planning to continue his studies there. He never stopped wearing his cassock. When his parents suggested he stop wearing it for his own safety, Rivi replied: “I study to be a priest, and these vestments are the sign that I belong to Jesus”. Rivi’s days were spent between service in his parish and his studies. On the morning of April 10, 1945, after serving Mass, the 14-year-old took his books and went to the nearby woods, where he often studied. At noon, his worried parents went to the woods and found his books with the words: “Do not search for him. He just came with us partisans for a while”. Kidnapped and stripped of his cassock, Rivi was imprisoned and tortured by partisans for three days. On April 13th, Rivi was killed by gunshots to the heart and head. Four other seminarians were killed for hate of the faith, but Blessed Rolando Rivi was the youngest.



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
1st 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
- Month of May Month of Mary, Mother of God
- May 1 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger
- May 2 Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood, Father Reehan Antony
- 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 15 Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
"Everyone in need of a meal or fellowship is invited to attend."
- May 16 CCD Final Written Exam
- May 19 Ordination Mass of Jonathan Michael Demma and Maurice Lawrence Moon, “Live Streamed” from St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, 10 a.m., connect at <https://fwdioc.org>.
- May 21 Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger
- May 23 CCD Year-End All Class Party
- June 10 CCD Year-End Teacher's Meeting, 6 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church House, Eastland

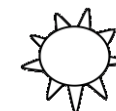
SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RENEWAL

The Diocese of Fort Worth requires that everyone serving in any parish ministry take Safe Environment training every three years. If you took the training in 2015, it is time to renew. If you are unsure as to whether you took the training in 2015, there is a list posted on the bulletin board at the back of each church. The training is accessible online at <https://safeandsacred-fwdioc.org>. The Diocese is moving back to live training in the fall. As of June 15, 2018, online training will no longer be available. If you wish to renew your training online, you must do it before that date. More details on the transition back to live training will appear in the bulletin at a later date.

For any needs or emergency, please call Deacon Ed at 830-998-5570.

An Old Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o’ sun
A bit o’ work and a bit o’ fun
Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit o’ butter
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for other’s sake
Give us, too, a bit of song
And a talc and a book to help us along
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise, and free
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, May 2nd
9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

Next weekend – Second Collection is towards the Building Fund. Please be generous.

STEWARDSHIP

April 21 – April 22, 2018

Holy Rosary	\$	510.90
Seminarians	\$	793.25
St. Rita	\$	904.00
Seminarians	\$	142.00
St. John	\$	641.00
Seminarians	\$	157.00
St. Francis	\$	1,077.00
Seminarians	\$	228.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

- +Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, April 29th
Mass for repose of the soul of Michael Anthony DeLeon
Requested by the Holy Rosary Altar Society.
- + St. Francis Xavier, Eastland – SUNDAY, April 29th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Jose Angel Sanchez
Requested by the Hernandez Family.
- + St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, April 29th
Mass in memory of Vernice Morein Vidrine
Requested by Rowena Butler.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses will not be celebrated this week.

Let us all keep Father Reehan in prayer for protection while traveling and for his safe return to us –

In the name of God, Father goes on this journey. May God the Father be with him, God the Son protect him, and God the Holy Spirit be by his side. Amen.

Our prayer – a quote from the Old Testament Book of Tobit, in which Tobit sends his son off on an important errand, assisted by the Archangel Raphael: “A good angel will go with him; he will have a good journey and come back to us well and happy.” (Tobit 5:22)