

**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**

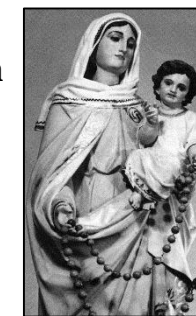
1108 Avenue F  
Cisco, TX 76437

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.

[striaoffice2018@gmail.com](mailto:striaoffice2018@gmail.com)

If you need Fr. VJ in an emergency (hospital, Anointing of the Sick, etc.), please call (940) 577-1874.

Pastoral Staff

Father Vijaya Raju Mareedu, S.A.C. . . . . Parochial Administrator

Ed Ferguson . . . . . Deacon  
Viridiana McQuade . . . . . Bookkeeper  
Ann Geasland . . . . . Safe Environment Coordinator  
Brandi Brauker . . . . . Director of Religious Education  
Maritza Esquivel . . . . . Youth Director

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Notify Parish Office during pregnancy – instructions for parents and godparents are required.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before or after Mass at each Parish, as time allows. Advent and Lenten Penance Services as announced. Other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Contact Father VJ at least six months before the possible wedding date. Couples must participate in the Marriage Preparation Program.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Emergency calls answered immediately. Families are asked to notify Father VJ or the Parish Office concerning parishioners who are ill or in hospital.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS:** Families are asked to contact Father VJ or the Parish Office for arrangements.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please use the envelopes provided near the entrance of each Church and give to Father VJ.

**RELIGIOUS STORE:** St. Rita Religious Store is open on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays after Mass. Call 254-433-9393 and someone will meet you at the store.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING**

Beginning on August 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Strawn, there will be several opportunities to renew your Safe Environment training or take the training for the first time. The dates and locations for the sessions are listed in the bulletin calendar. If you need information on the classes or how to register online, please contact Ann Geasland at 254-246-5611.

**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 Luke, 5 p.m.

**Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos**

- Month of August** *Month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

  - August 27 Joint Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Eastland Church House
  - August 30 Safe Environment Training, 6 p.m., St. John Parish, Strawn
- Month of September** *Month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary*

  - September 3 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco
  - September 4 Eastland Friendship Meal, Meals on Wheels Building, Eastland, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
"Everyone is welcome"
  - September 5 CCD classes start!!!
  - September 9 Safe Environment Training (Spanish), 4 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland
  - September 9 Safe Environment Training, 2 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish, Cisco
  - September 10 St. Rita Alter Society meeting 6:30 pm at St. Rita Parish office, Ranger
  - September 13 Knights Of Columbus Mass and Meeting 7 pm at the Eastland Church House
  - September 17 Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger
  - September 18 Cisco Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
"Everyone in need of a meal or fellowship is invited to attend."
  - September 20-23 National V Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel & Convention Center, Grapevine, Texas - <https://vencuentro.org/>
  - September 27 Red Mass (for attorneys, judges, public officials, their families & staff), 6 p.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, downtown Fort Worth
- Coming Parish Events:**

  - October 7 Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Holy Rosary Parish, Cisco
  - October 8 Safe Environment Training, 6 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland
  - October 20 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland
  - November 3 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Magi's Bazaar, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco

**STEWARDSHIP**

**August 18-August 19**

Holy Rosary	\$ 677.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Assumption	\$ 71.00
St. Rita	\$ 490.00
St. John	\$ 499.00
Building Fund	\$ 139.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 803.00
Assumption	\$ 327.25

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

**Mass Intentions**

St. Rita August 26, 2018 For the repose of the Soul of: Bartolo Gonzalez and Conception Gonzalez- Requested by Rosalia Inzunza

Holy Rosary August 26, 2018 Special Intention for: Father Vijaya, on his Birthday. Requested by: Holy Rosary Alter Society

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	6 45 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

**As well as school starting it is also time for sports here is a Prayer for the athletes**

God, let me play well but fairly. Let competition make me strong but never hostile. Forbid me to rejoice in the adversity of others. See me not when I am cheered, but when I bend to help my opponent up. If I know victory, allow me to be happy; if I am denied, keep me from envy. Remind me that sports are just games. Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over. And if through athletics I set an example, let it be a good one.

God, our Father, We pray for our coaches. We thank you for their unselfish dedication to the team. We thank you for the hours they have dedicated to our team, And for the honor they bring to our school By their leadership and commitment. Lord God, bless our coaches in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

**Do you know someone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic? Do they have lots of questions? If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Father VJ or Deacon Ed. They hope to start RCIA instruction classes in September.**