

## *It Comes in Many Forms*

### *Say Goodbye to Phishing Scams*

In a number of parishes (including ours), some parishioners have received emails saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them.

Tips to report **phishing emails and texts**. **Please be aware that more email scams may be around requesting gift cards. It is the holiday season and scammers are out and about.**

- Forward phishing emails to [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) – and to the organization impersonated in the email.
- File a report with the Federal Trade Commission at [FTC.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).
- Visit [Identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov)
- You can also report phishing emails to [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org).

**Mobile phone spam** is a form of **spam** (unsolicited messages, especially advertising) directed at the **text** messaging or other communications services of mobile phones or smartphones. **Text message** or **SMS phishing**—also called “smishing”—occurs when scam artists use deceptive **text messages** to lure consumers. To **stop spam texts**, there are several basic steps to take, regardless of which mobile carrier you use. You can report the **spam** to the carrier.