



## *St. Titus Parish*

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### **SCAM ALERT UPDATE!!**

Please be advised that the “Gift Card” scam of which we notified you last year at this time has come around again in 2020.

Most recently, parishioners and St. Titus staff members have received either an email or a TEXT MESSAGE on their mobile phone using the pastor’s name with a request to do him a favor or specifically to purchase gift cards for some false reason and asking that the numbers off the back of the cards be provided to the originator of the email or TEXT. THIS IS A SCAM – NO PASTOR WOULD EVER EMAIL OR TEXT A REQUEST FOR ANY MONETARY TRANSACTION!

If you receive a TEXT MESSAGE or EMAIL from **Fr Len, Fr Leonard or any other party from the Archdiocese or the St. Titus staff**, please delete immediately as they are fraudulent – requests for gift cards, payment or wire transfer would never be made from these parties to parishioners. We would ask you also to notify the Parish Office if you receive any of these fraudulent texts or emails. The local police can be notified and you can make a report to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) about the incident. The police also suggest you check your accounts and credit report to be sure that no unauthorized charges appear or your information has been compromised.