

## Scam alert

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice have been made aware that someone is creating fake text/email accounts using the names of priests and or Parish staff requesting donations in the form of gift cards and/or wire transfers. The messages often greet the person by name and have the priests name in the closing signature of the message.

If you receive an email allegedly from a priest or parish staff member, originating from an email address with a domain other than the parish's domain, please ensure the authenticity of the email. Immediately call the parish office and under no circumstances respond to these scam requests.