



# ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Greetings and peace!

We have been alerted that several parishioners have received an email from someone posing as our pastor, Fr. Frank O'Rourke, requesting the purchase of gift cards to be given directly to someone else. ***If you receive one of these requests, please delete it immediately.*** This is a scam. Unfortunately, it is one of numerous email and phone scams that request monetary help, supposedly for a trusted friend or family member.



**To protect yourself from being the victim of a similar scam**, the Consumer Protection Agency advocates speaking directly to the friend or family member who appears to be asking for money. Ten helpful tips for avoiding fraud are available [here on their website](#). To verify the legitimacy of a request from any of our parish clergy, you may call the church office at 704-364-5431.

May God bless and guide you in your generosity and compassion.

In peace,

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