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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025
10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev'd James J Shand, DD, Assisting Bishop of Easton
The Rev'd Frank B Crumbaugh III, Priest-in-Charge
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Alesia Grier, Family Ministry Coordinator
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Nursery Care and Sunday School for children are available weekly during the 10 a.m. service in the Wiggle Worship Room, through the open door on the left side of the worship area. Activity/Coloring Tables are also available for children in the rear of the church.

To find restrooms and water fountains, exit the church through the rear doors and turn right. The restrooms and water fountains will be on your right before you exit the narthex.

A hearing-assist system and large-print bulletins are available. Please see an usher to request either of these items.

Our 10 a.m. Eucharist Service is live-streamed each Sunday. You can view the services on our website or our YouTube channel. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the narthex after the service.

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Rosekrans, Leslie Schneider

Lectors: Keith Fulmer, Jennifer Leach

Ushers: David Lee, Susan Hogan

Acolytes: Jordan McIlwain, Reagan Hohman, Vivian Dorsey

Altar Guild: Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Julia Bollinger

Counters: Judy Peppel, Kate McNealey

Greeters: Connie Clark, Molly Cannon

Video Tech: Steve Dombkowski

Sound Tech: Dottie Wilson

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Welcome

Prelude

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

Wagner

+Processional Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal #66

+Opening Sentences

Celebrant

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be **God’s Kingdom** now and forever. Amen.

+Collect for Purity (said by all)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Kyrie


(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

+ Please stand as able



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Read responsively by verse

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

+Sequence Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison
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E+ F Dm7 Eb° Em

Em-man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with

F Dm7 Eb° Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. C (final)

called Em - man - u - el.



+The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Please turn to face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

+The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

+The Prayers of the People Form Six

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For an end to violence in Ukraine, Syria and Lebanon, Israel and Palestine, Yemen and the Horn of Africa; for all refugees; for peace in this community, the nation, and the World; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who will be born today and all who will die today; for all who live out of doors by no choice of their own, for those who have little or nothing to eat and those who have no work; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, *Bud* our Bishop, and *Frank* our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

+The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

“Welcome to Our World”

Rice

Meg May, soprano

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking, how we need to hear from God.
You've been promised, we've been waiting, welcome Holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger. How I wish we would have known.
But long-awaited, Holy Stranger, make yourself at home.

Bring your peace into our violence, bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking heaven's silence, welcome to our world.

Fragile fingers sent to heal us, tender brow prepared for thorn.
Tiny heart whose blood will save us, unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you, breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy, Perfect Son of God. Welcome to our world.
(text by Chris Rice)

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Offertory Response

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**
(hymnal #112, stanza 4)

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

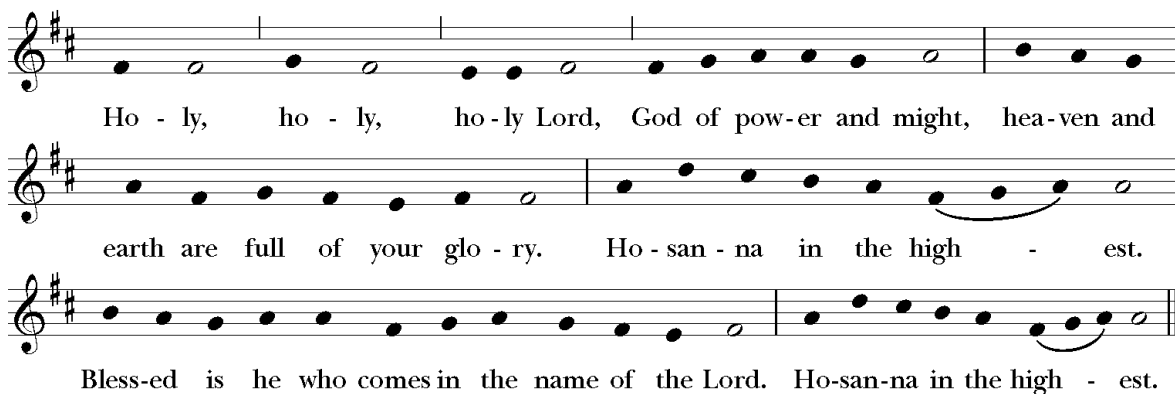
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

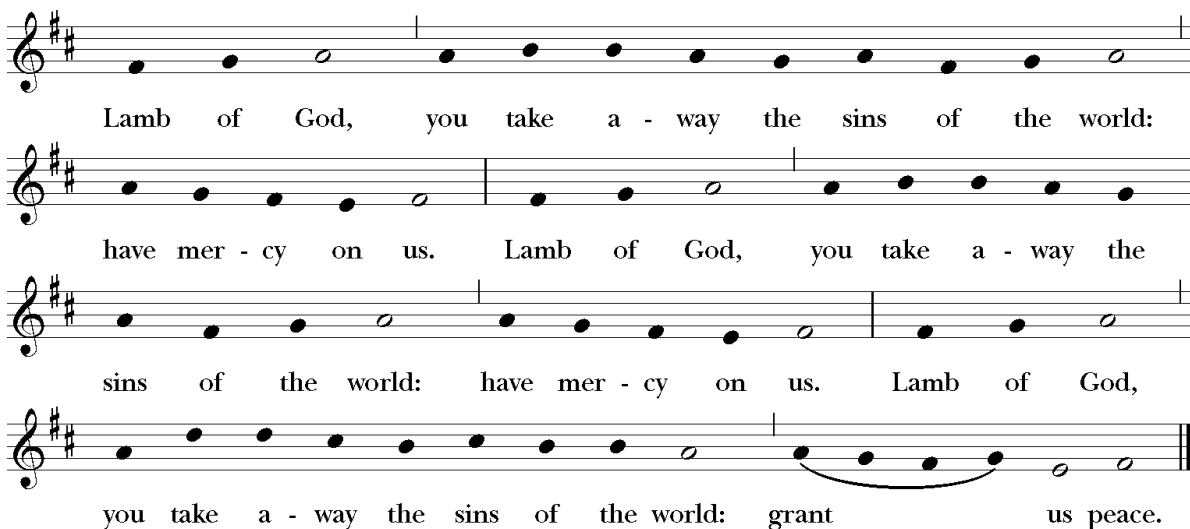
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns

How bright appears the Morning Star
Savior of the nations, come!

Hymnal #497

Hymnal #54

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

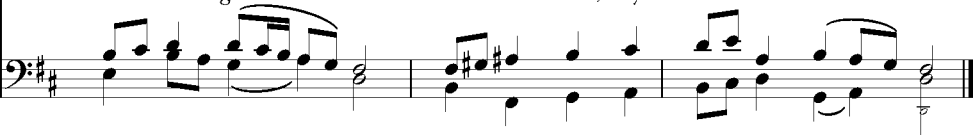
Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es;
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.





1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+Blessing

Birthdays & Anniversaries

+Recessional Hymn

People, Look East

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+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”


Willcocks

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Recessional Hymn

People, Look East



1. Peo-ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
 4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in
 brim, shin-ing be - yond the frost - y weath-er, bright as
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the

People, look east and sing to - day:



hearth and set the ta - ble. People, look east:
 course the flower may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. People, look east:




Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

TODAY!

Wiggle Worship Room: 10:00 for Pre-School – K

Sunday School: 10:00 for 1st – 5th Grade

Choir Rehearsal: 11:25 a.m. in the Choir Room

Youth Group: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

SCHEDULED MEETINGS THIS WEEK

AA: Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday 2:00 p.m.

AA Women's Book Study: Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon: Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Parish Office Closed for the holidays. Reopens Jan 6, 2026

Soup Group Closed for the holidays. Reopens Jan 8, 2026

CECDS Closed for the holidays. Reopens Jan 5, 2026

COME AND CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
WITH US ON CHRISTMAS EVE!



4:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Pageant and Choir

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir and Candlelight

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 28th AND Sunday, January 4th
ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. NO Youth Group

SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, January 17th **Watercolor Painting Class** with Stan Link
Join us in Shand Hall as we get creative learning to paint a lovely winter scene under the guidance of Stan Link. Please register in advance. A sign-up sheet is available in the church narthex.

ORDINATION FOR CURATE TERRANCE LIVELY

On January 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Curate Terrance Lively will be ordained at Christ Church Kent Island. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this glorious event with lunch to follow. Please RSVP no later than January 18, 2026, by emailing curate@ccpki.org or by calling the Parish Office.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 after the 10:00 am Worship Service. Ministry Leaders are asked to provide their reports by January 18th. The completed report will be available for review on Sunday, February 1st.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2026 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the church narthex. If you do not have envelopes and need to be assigned a giving number, please call the parish office. 410-643-5921

SCAM ALERT

Spoof Email and Text Messages which appear to be from Fr. Frank or the Staff of Christ Church are circulating among the parish asking for gift cards and money transfers.

Please know that you should never respond to an email like this, asking for help, gift cards, money or personal information. If in doubt, please contact the Parish Office directly.