



St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

Archbishop of The Province of The West Indies

The Most Rev'd Howard Gregory, *B.A., S.T.M., S.T.D., D.D.*

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Laish Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

Assistant Bishops

The Most Rev'd Drexel W. Gomez, *B.A., D.D., C.M.G.*

The Rt. Rev'd Gilbert A. Thompson, *C.M.G., S.Th., M.A., J.P*

West Central Archdeaconry

The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, *B.A., S.T.M., J.P.*



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 am Said Mass



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 25th, 2024 - Year B

Liturgical Colour - Purple

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
 Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service,
 let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Introit Hymn	Christian, Dost Thou See Them	CPWI 112
Opening Sentence	Lent	BCP 98
Collect For Purity		BCP 101
The Kyries		BCP 102
Collects	Second Sunday in Lent & Ash Wednesday	BCP 163

Diocesan Theme Collect 2024

Almighty and generous God, You are the Creator and Giver of all that is good. We thank You and praise You for the beauty of the earth, for our work, our families, our loved ones and all the gifts which we have been given By Your grace may we show gratitude by sharing what we have received, always mindful that in serving others we are serving You. Guided by that same grace help us to be good stewards, who care for Your earth, and who work to preserve it for future generations. We remain grateful for Your constant love, for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, and the presence of Your Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Genesis chapter 17 verses 1 to 7 and 15 to 16.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 22:22-30

(The psalm is read responsively or sung by the choir and congregation)

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Romans chapter 4 verses 13 to 25.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

(The congregation stands for the singing of the Gradual Hymn)

Gradual Hymn

Take Up Thy Cross!

CPWI 509

(The following chorus is sung before the Gospel)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

(All stand)

Gospeller: The Lord Be With You

All: And Also With You

Gospeller: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his

disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeller: The Gospel Of Christ **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

(The following chorus is sung after the Gospel)

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
 In this world, where e'er we roam,
 Ancient words will guide us home.
 Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
 We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

Sermon Fr. Richard Wood
 Nicene Creed BCP 104
 Intercessions Form C BCP 108

PARISH PRAYER

O God, who has brought us into the fellowship of your dear Son, lead us all in St. Ambrose ever closer day by day to You and to one another, that we may become of one heart and mind in love toward You; and grant that our common life and work in sacrificial service may help to extend Your kingdom here where we are and in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Act of Penitence/The Peace BCP 123-125
Hymn for the Peace

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: O Lord, watch over those persons who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth and marriages, and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION

We prepare ourselves for the Feast

(Congregation may remain seated for the singing of the Offertory Hymn, and stand during the last verse)

Relatives & Friends: Rowena Albury (James Albury's mother), Almond Weech & Willimena Allen (Kenva Mullings' brother & aunt), Layla Bain (Melinda McKenzie's niece); Ken Bethel, Peter Bowe, LaShay Brown (Lenora Brown's daughter), Marvin Cooper (Bradley Cooper's brother), Natalia Cowderoy (Natalie Duncombe's daughter), Clara Cox (Robert Cox's mother), Trevor Sands & Jeffery Cox (Sherry Walkine's son & cousin), Walter Ferguson (Ophelia Cooper's brother), Brenda Heastie, Samuel Hunter (Father of Kenva Roxbury, Samantha Hunter, Shantia Goodwin-Davies), Bernadette Ingraham (Bridgette Ingraham's sister), Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Vanria Lightbourne (Cheyenne & Cheryl Bethel's sister), Logan McCaulsky, Benjamin Miller (Anya Miller's husband), Oswald (Sr.) & Betty Nixon (Brian Nixon's parents), Sylvia Pinder, Roger Ritchie (Gwen Ritchie's husband), Innis Robinson, Archdeacon Dwight Rolle, Steven & Helen Rolle, Ollie Sands (Cleo Hepburn's sister), Canon Peter Scott, Mar-yann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Ann Major's step-father), Mazel Turnquest (Rochelle Turnquest's mother).

Recovering Members: Cheryl Bethel, Shanae Forbes, Suzette Hanna, Crystal Holder, Delores Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith

Recovering Friends & Relatives: Louise Blyden (Veta Brown's sister), Lorelda Burrows, Coralee Butler, Andree Campbell (Canon Sebastian Campbell's daughter), Gloria Goodridge, Theron Hepburn (Carol Roach's brother-in-law), Cora Johnson, Errol Johnson, Errol Rolle, Ismae Smith, Aaron Spencer

Notices for the bulletin are to be submitted by **Noon on Tuesdays**.

Welcome Fr. Richard Wood, Assisting Priest at St. Gregory the Great, today's celebrant and preacher.

We also welcome members of **St. Michael #1634**, and Right Worshipful Master Bro. Cameron Smith, the **Knight Templars of Rising Sun**, and Venerable Preceptor Dave Munroe, and the **Youth Cadets** worshipping with us today.

We offer **prayers and condolences** to Malinda & Dennis Williams on the death of his sister, Delilah Williams. May she R.I.P.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 6:00pm. The following ministries will lead the stations: **ACM & Youth** - Mar 1

Pastoral Care & Social Outreach - Mar 8

Ushers & Choir - Mar 15

Saturdays in Lent: The Prayer Group will be covering the Gospel of John on Zoom 7am to 8 am. Meditations for Feb. 29 - Mar. 2 are John 8, 9, 10.

In-person **Bible Study** continues on Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00pm. This week we will be looking at Genesis chapter 2.

Reboot Youth Retreat is scheduled for April 12th-14th. Application and volunteer forms are available at the office or Usher's table. Theme competition forms can be submitted to the ushers or office.

St. Ambrose Church website: For information, weekly bulletins, service live streams, and news, log on to: <http://stambrosebahamas.com>

St Ambrose Media email: stambrose41@hotmail.com



Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165

Christian Education Week: Theme, "All Things Bright & Beautiful". Saturday March 9th: Circle Time: 9:00am-1:00pm at Holy Trinity.

Mothering Sunday Service: Sunday March 10th: 3:30pm-4:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral followed by a Procession of Witness Christ from Church Cathedral to the Eastern Parade Grounds.



Birthdays: **Feb 25** - Darnell Rolle-Ferguson, Jade Moncur; **Feb 26** - Adrienne Bellot; **Feb 27** - Gerard Brown, Julian Stewart; **Feb 28** - Alinda Bowe, Talbert Sands; **Mar 2** - Latalya Baker

Anniversaries: **Feb 27** - Sandra & Beauregard Kelly, **Mar 2** - Gia & Gregory Stubbs



For Today

7:00am - Frances Dean, Vanessa Percentile, Janna White

LECTORS **9:30am** - Youths



USHER SCHEDULE

7:00am - Joel Cunningham, Elsworth Johnson, Julie Harts, Vincent Symonette

9:30am - Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18TH

7:00am - 96

9:30pm - 74

Wednesday Mass - 9

Bible Study -

Stations of the Cross (Feb 16th) - 17

DAILY READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	P s56,57(58) Genesis 41:46 57	P s. 61, 62 Genesis 42:1-17	P s. 72 Genesis 42:18-28	P s. (70), 71 Genesis 42:29-38	P s. 95, 69:1 -23, (24-30), 31-38	P s.75, 76 Genesis 43:16-34
M	1 Cor 4:8- 20 (21)	1 Corinthi- ans 5:1-8	1 Corinthi- ans 5:9-6:8	1 Corinthi- ans 6:12-20	Genesis 43:1-15 1 Cor 7:1-9 <i>St. David</i>	1 Corinthi- ans 7:10-24 <i>St. Chad</i>
	P s. 64, 65 Jeremiah 1:11-19	P s. 68:1-20 (21-23), 24- 36	P s. 119:73- 96 Jeremiah 3:6 -18	P s. 74 Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19- 28	P s. 73 Jeremiah 5:1-9 Mark 4:35- 41	P s. 23, 27 Jeremiah 5:20-31 Mark 5:1-20
E	Mark 3:7- 19a	Jer 2:1-13 Mark 3:19b -35	Mark 4:1-20	Mark 4:21- 34		

PARISH VESTRY



Fr. Lynden Douglas - Rector
Dr. Ricardo Crawford - Priest's Warden (327-2678)
Mrs. Cleo Hepburn - People's Warden 2023-2025 (361-3989)
Ms. Pamela Miller - Elected 2024-2026 Interim Treasurer (357-5738)
Mrs. Leja Burrows - Asst. Secretary/Sunday School Supt. (676-2341)
Miss Anatchas Hart - A.C.W. President
Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - A.C.M. President (808-5750)
Mr. Brian Nixon - Audio Visual Chairperson (341-6040)
Mrs. Terri Bellot - Legal Advisor (361-7589)
Ms. Diane Stewart - Music Ministry (327-7559)
Mrs. Norma Dean - Pastoral Care & Counselling (364-8635)
Ms. Frances Dean - Social Outreach (327-4031)
Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - Ushers Ministry (455-0120)
Mr. Robert Cox - Elected 2024-2026
Mr. Reno Major - Elected 2024-2026 (376-6211)
Mr. Humphrey Simmons - Elected 2024-2026
Mr. James Albury - Elected 2023-2025 (424-9042)
Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - Elected 2023-2025 (426-0457)
Mr. Joel Cunningham - Elected 2023-2025 (421-2589)
Mr. Philip Styles - Elected 2023-2025 (362-1378)
Mr. John Michael Clarke - Appointed (601-5777)