



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 & Rt. Hon. Laish Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

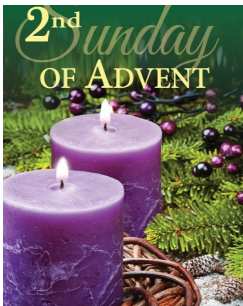
Assistant Bishops

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

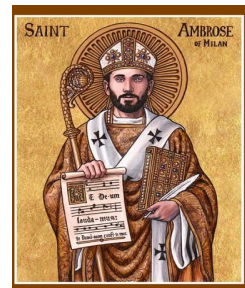
Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Said Mass

Sunday-3pm –Patronal

Wednesday - 6:00 am Said Mass

Wednesday—6:30pm-Bible Study



OCTAVE OF ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN/PATRONAL FESTIVAL DAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Introit

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Opening Sentence

The Kyries

Collect

Rejoice In God's Saints

Major Saints

St. Ambrose, Our Patron Saint**CPWI 822**

Special Booklet

BCP 99

BCP 102

COLLECT

O God, you gave your servant **Ambrose** grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honour of your name: Mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellence in preaching and faithfulness in ministering your Word, that your people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 1 Kings 21:17-29**

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: Have you killed, and also taken possession?' You shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood.' Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' He answered, 'I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have provoked me to anger and have caused Israel to sin. Also concerning Jezebel the Lord said, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the bounds of Jezreel." Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the air shall eat.' (Indeed, there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord, urged on by his wife Jezebel. He acted most abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites.) When Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth over his bare flesh; he fasted, lay in the sackcloth, and went about dejectedly. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: 'Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster on his house.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 27:5-11

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Acts 4:23-31

After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, 'Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah." For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CPWI 34

(The following chorus is sung before and after 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

LUKE 12: 35-46

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 12 beginning to read at the 35th verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom

the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful.

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.**

Homily

Fr. Scott Brennen

The Apostles Creed

BCP 106

Intercessions

Form B

BCP 107

Parish Prayer. 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/Greeting of the Peace

BCP 123

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 sur-

passes 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.**

Offertory Hymn

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

CPWI 546

The following is sung during the Presentation of the Offerings

**All things are Yours, no gifts have we; Lord of all gifts to offer Thee.
And then with grateful hearts today, Your own before Your feet we lay.
Amen.**

The Proper Preface	Saints' Day	BCP 129
Eucharistic Prayer	Form E	BCP 142
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
Communion Hymns	We Come As Guests Invited	CPWI 625
	O Thou, Who Art Thy Eucharist Didst pray	CPWI 616
	Jesu, Gentlest Saviour	CPWI 599
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
Recessional Hymn	Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending	CPWI 46

NOTICES

VISITORS, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. May God richly bless you!

MEMBERS, if you were away, or have returned after an absence, it is good to have you back home, and we give thanks to God for your presence.



Our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are travelling, fishermen, farmers, teachers, students, pilots, legal and medical professionals, law-enforcement officers, the lapsed and indifferent members of our church, and all who have requested our prayers.

THE SICK

Leannza Beneby, Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Gina Ross, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart., Phillip Styles.

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), Fr. Ranfurly Brown, 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), Patrick Ferguson (Patrice Murell's father), Walter Ferguson (Ophelia Cooper's brother), Brenda Heastie, Samuel Hunter (Father of Kenva Roxbury, Samantha Hunter, Shantia Goodwin-Davies), Branae Kelly, Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Vanria Lightbourne (Cheyvonne & Cheryl Bethel's sister), Petrona Major (Katherine Cartwright's mother), 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, Steven & Helen Rolle, Zyhaire Rolle (Alma Albury's nephew), Ollie Sands (Cleo Hepburn's sister), Maryann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Ann Major's step-father), Mazel Turnquest (Rochelle Turnquest's mother). **Recovering Members:** Cheryl Bethel, Tanisha Brathwaite, Shanae Forbes, Hazel Hunt, Alice Hunter, De-lore Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield, Diana Swann, Tamara Rolle. **Recovering Friends & Relatives:** Louise Blyden (Veta Brown's sister), Lorelda Burrows, Coralee Butler, Andree Campbell (Canon Campbell's daughter), Theron Hepburn (Carol Roach's brother-in-law), Cora Johnson, Errol Johnson, Archdeacon Dwight Rolle, Errol Rolle, Canon Peter Scott, Ismae Smith, Aaron Spencer. As a parish family, we extend **Prayers and Condolences** to those who have buried loved ones recently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



7am– Alma Albury, Philippa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Natalie Nairn.
9:30am– Sheryl Forbes, Cozetta Johnson, Rachael Ferguson, Sherell Cox.



7am– Theresa Kemp, Alecia Willams, Vanessa Percentie

9:30am-ACM participants



We are delighted to announce that **Jakaylen Octeus**, son of Jacintha Wallace, has been named *Acolyte of The Year*, here at St. Ambrose. He, along with other outstanding acolytes, were honoured at The Altar Servers' service at St. Agnes' Church, N.P., on Friday Dec. 6th. *We are so proud of him!*



Birthdays: **Dec. 8** –Sewell Higgs, Monique Greenslade, Leja Burrows, Kali Taylor **Dec. 9**–Arielle Forbes, Frankie Smith, Crystal Johnson, D'Angelo Armbrister, Raquel Carol **Dec. 10**-Perisha Bethel **Dec. 11**-Kenisha Brown, Nathan & Jonathan Major, Locksley Brown Jr., Herb Simmons **Dec.12**– Joan Neymour, Sheryl Moxey, Marcus Meadows **Dec. 13**-Tyrique Cox, Arlene Brown, Tavan Smith, Keith McSweeney **Dec. 14**-Davio Barry



Dec. 9-Trevor & Tamarah Adderley **Dec. 9**-Oswald & Claudette Nixon



The Marriage Ministry has a monthly social gathering on a Friday, with exciting topics. The next encounter is **THIS Friday Dec. 13th at 7:30pm at Steve & Teri Bellot's home**. All couples are invited. *Please contact Kim Rolle at 422-6035 or Steve Bellot at 357-3308 for details.*

Weekly Attendance (Dec. 1st & 4th)

Attendance 7am- **82** 9:30am– **74** Sunday School-**38**
Wednesday Mass– **8** Bible Study– **Cancelled**

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps. 25; Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-23; 1	Ps. 26, 28; Isaiah 5:13-17, 24-25; 1	Ps.38; Isaiah 6:1-13; 2	Ps. 37:1-18; Isaiah 7:1-9;	Ps. 31; Isaiah 7:10-25; 2 Thes-	Ps. 30, 32; Isaiah 8:1-15; 2 Thes-
P	Thessaloni- ans 5:1-11	Thessaloni- ans 5:12-28	Thessaloni- ans 1:1-12	nians 2:1-12	salonians 2:13-3:5	salonians 3:6-18
E	Ps. 9, 15; Amos 7:1-9; Luke 21:20-28	Ps. 36, 39; Amos 7:10-17; Luke 21:29-38	Ps. 119:25-48; Amos 8:1-14; John 7:53-8:11	Ps. 37:19-42; Amos 9:1-10; Luke 22:1-13	Ps. 35; Haggai 1:1-15; Luke 22:14-30	Ps. 42, 43; Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 22:31-38
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PARISH VESTRY



Fr. Scott Brennen - **Rector**

Dr. Ricardo Crawford - **Priest's Warden** (327-2678)

Mrs. Cleo Hepburn - **People's Warden 2023-2025 / Asst. Secretary** (361-3989)

Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - **Elected 2023-2025 (Secretary)** (426-0457)

Ms. Pamela Miller - **Elected 2024-2026 (Treasurer)** (357-5738)

Mr. Robert Cox - **Elected 2024-2026 (Assistant Treasurer)** (424-3155)

Mrs. Leja Burrows - **Sunday School Supt.** (676-2341)

Miss Anatchas Hart - **A.C.W. President** (422-7142)

Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - **A.C.M. President** (808-5750)

Mr. Brian Nixon - **Audio Visual** (341-6040)

Mrs. Terri Bellot - **Legal Advisor** (361-7589)

Justice 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** (455-0120)

Mr. Reno Major - **Elected 2024-2026** (376-6211)

Mr. Humphrey Simmons - **Elected 2024-2026** (357-8360)

Mr. James Albury - **Elected 2023-2025** (424-9042)

Mr. Joel Cunningham - **Elected 2023-2025** (421-2589)

Mr. Philip Styles - **Elected 2023-2025** (362-1378)

Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed** (601-5777)