



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.

Senior Bishop of The Province of The West Indies

The Rt. Rev'd Errol Brooks.

Diocesan Bishop

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

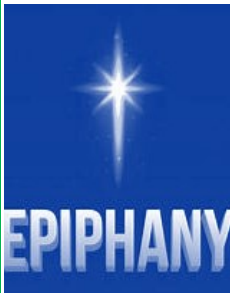
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The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, *B.A., S.T.M., J.P.*



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday - 6:00am Said Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 pm Bible Study



Diocesan 2025 Theme: "Family Matters" (Joshua 24:15)

The Third Sunday After The Epiphany

January 26th, 2025

Introit

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

CPWI 251

Opening Sentence

BCP 98

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

BCP 161

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2025 DIOCESAN COLLECT (Prayed by ALL)

Father in Heaven, whose blessed Son was born into an earthly family: Bless, we pray, the families of our church and our communities that Your love may rest upon us, and Your presence may be felt in every home. Teach us to love our families as you love us; Help us to bear one another's burdens with patience and understanding; and bind us together with cords that can not be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 19

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 1st Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord Thy Word Abideth

CPWI 397

(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 4: 14-21

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4, beginning to read at the 14th verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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.**

The Sermon

Fr. Scott Brennen

The Nicene Creed (7am only)

BCP 104

Intercessions Form B (7am only)

BCP 107

Baptismal Hymn (9:30am only) Heavenly Father, Send Thy Blessing CPWI 648

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/Greeting of the Peace

BCP 123/124

Offertory Hymn

Earth Has Many A Noble City

CPWI 99

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.**

Censing Hymn	Master, Speak!	CPWI 530
The Proper Preface		BCP 127
Eucharistic Prayer	Form C	BCP 137
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
Communion Hymns	Father, Who Dost Thy Children Feed	CPWI 587
	Lord, Speak To Me	CPWI 528
	We Pray Thee Heavenly Father	CPWI 627
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
Recessional Hymn	Count Your Blessings	P&W 237

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.

THE SICK & THOSE RECOVERING

Leannza Beneby, Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart, Phillip Styles, Alinda Bowe, Tamara Rolle, Nikeva-Eve Benjamin, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Alma Albury.

SERMON NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthdays **January: 26th** Sasha Guerrier, H. Mc Arthur Fernander, Destiny Butler, Erica Ferguson; **27th** Pedronique Saunders; **28th** Suzette Hanna, Sierra Toote, Rona Astwood, Rev. Beryl Higgs; **29th** Cailyn Benjamin; **30th** Ariana King; **31st** Simone Bellot, Kendrick Braithwaite **February 1st** Dillon Burrows, Cathy-Ann Johnson, Geann Campbell.



The parish family welcomes the newly baptized **Kysre Anais Quinn Colebrooke & Zion Madeline Michelle Dean**, into the church's family. Blessings be upon you and to your family and friends!

Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165. *For your Building PLEDGE for the Parish Community Center, please send to The Parish of St. Ambrose , CIBC Branch # 09706 & Account.# -21044633



7am– Joel Cunningham, Julie Harts, Vince Symonette, Rochelle Taylor
9:30am–Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper.



7am–Vanessa Percentie, Cardrington Coleby, Nathalie Nairn.
9:30am–Ramon Ferguson, Richard Pratt, Zennon Seymour



Our Dedication Mass will take place at 8am (one mass) and Groundbreaking for St. Ambrose's Parish Community Center will take place at 3pm on Sunday February 2nd, 2025. At 3pm, Our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. & Rt. Hon. Laish Boyd and our former Rectors are expected to attend. Light refreshments to follow. *All are invited to attend this historic event!*



Confirmation classes on Monday February 10, 2025 at 6pm. Classes may also be on Saturdays at 10am but a schedule will be given at the beginning. Classes are expected to run for approx. 3 months.

ALL are welcome to attend for a refresher!

(Applications to be filled out for new candidates only).



Ushers

After elections, the 2025 Usher Board members are: **President**-Gale Sheryl Forbes; **Vice-President**-Rachel Ferguson; **Secretary**-Julia Harts; **Assistant Secretary**-Nathalie Nairn; **Treasurer**-Rochelle Taylor; **Assistant Treasurer**-Melanie Badmus. *Congrats to all ushers who are our official church greeters!*



We are asking **ALL existing and new members** to please **fill out a Member Data Sheet** and eventually take a digital picture for our database. Please see one of our ushers for the form. Thank you for cooperating.



We are cordially invited to attend **the Patronal Festival of St. Agnes Church, New Providence TODAY at 3:30pm.** A gala reception follows Evensong, Sermon and Benediction as the parish celebrates 180 years of existence.



The Kitchen Crew will be having a Bake Sale **TODAY January 26th** after both services. Please support!

Weekly Attendance (Jan. 19, 2025)

Attendance: 7am — 80 9:30am — 72

Sunday School: 28

Wednesday Mass— 10 Bible Study— 11

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps 41, 52; Isaiah 48:1-11 Galatians 1:1-17	Ps. 45; Isaiah 48:12-21; Galatians 1:18-2:10	Ps. 119:49-72; Isaiah 49:1-12; Galatians 2:11-21	Ps. 50; Isaiah 49:13-23; Galatians 3:1-14	Ps. 40, 54; Isaiah 50:1-11; Galatians 3:15-22	Ps. 55; Isaiah 51:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23
	E P	Ps. 44; Genesis 14: (1-7), 8-24 Mark 5:21-43	Ps. 47, 48; Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21; Mark 6:1-13	Ps. 49, (53); Genesis 16:1-14; Mark 6:13-29	Ps (59, 60) or 118 Genesis 16:15-17:14; Mark 6:30-46	Ps. 51; Genesis 17:15-27; Mark 6:47-56

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)