



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.*

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 Bahamas Archdeacon

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

As for me
and my
HOUSE
we will
serve the
LORD

Joshua 24:15

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday - 6:00am Said Mass

*6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study

resumes January 22nd, 2025



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

The First Sunday After The Epiphany
Baptism Of Our Lord

January 12th, 2025

Introit**When Morning Gilds The Skies****CPWI 392**

Opening Sentence

BCP 97

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect**1st Sunday After the Epiphany****BCP**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord**All: Thanks be to God****PSALM 29****THE EPISTLE****Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of

God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove

CPWI 272

(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 2: 41-52

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 3, beginning to read at the 15th verse. (15-17, 21-22)

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

The Nicene Creed

Intercessions

Form D

BCP 104

BCP 111

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

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.**

Offertory Hymn

The Comforter Has Come

P&W 260

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

Fill Thou My Life O Lord My God

CPWI 367

The Proper Preface

BCP 127

Eucharistic Prayer

Form C

BCP 137

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

Communion Hymns

Faithful Shepherd Feed Me

CPWI 583

Here O My Lord I See Thee Face To Face

CPWI 589

Jesu Gentlest Saviour

CPWI 599

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

Recessional Hymn

To God Be The Glory

CPWI 387

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., Tamara Rolle, Tanisha Braithwaite, Nikeva-Eve Benjamin, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley.

SERMON NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays **January: 12th** Keisha Dames; **13th** Vernita Mackey, Hyacinth Curtis, Nickeva-eve Benjamin; **14th** Gia Stubbs, Jestina Ferguson, Julian Ferguson; **16th** Shante Bethel; **17th** Clifton Astwood, Joseph Moxey; **18th** Jeff Moncur



Please be advised that 2025 church offering envelopes have arrived. Please contact the Administrative Secretary Ms. Alma Albury, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm in the church office for collection.

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



7am– Nicara Sands, Hazel Caroll, Monique Rolle
9:30am–Cleo Hepburn, Alinda Bowe, Norma Dean, Nickevs-Eve Benjamin



7am–Theresa Kermp, Jemma Smith, Kenva Roxbury
9:30am–ACM



When planning your Last Will & Testament and/or your Life Insurance Policy, please consider leaving a (partial) monetary or real estate benefit specifically to your church, St. Ambrose Anglican Church. This would assist greatly in the church's continuity with ministries to adequately assist our growing community in SW New Providence and beyond.



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).



The 2025 Diocesan Theme is “Family Matters” based on Joshua 24:15 which reads “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” This verse encapsulates the spirit of the theme. As the Israelites are occupying the Promised Land, Joshua admonishes them to stay faithful to God in all things.



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.

PLEDGE

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- GIVE A ONE TIME GIFT
 GIVE A MONTHLY DONATION
 MAKE AN ANNUAL PLEDGE
\$ _____

ALL CHURCH

Fellowship
BREAKFAST



The Vestry has launch our **Pledge Campaign to raise funds for St Ambrose (Community) Parish Center.** Pledge Forms and Envelopes are available. Please contact our Assistant Treasurer Mr. Robert Cox for details.

Today's breakfast is sponsored by Vernita Mackey, Hyacinth Curtis, and Elsworth Johnson.

The Kitchen Crew will be having a Bake Sale on **January 26th** after both services.

WHEN YOU GO THROUGH
deep waters
I WILL BE WITH YOU
Isaiah 43:2

Weekly Attendance (Jan. 5, 2025)

Attendance: 7am — 72 9:30am — 88

Sunday School: closed

Wednesday Mass—Resumes Jan. 15th

Bible Study— Resumes Jan. 22nd

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Ps 1, 2, 3; Isaiah 40:25	Ps. 5, 6; Isaiah	Ps. 119:1- 24;	Ps. 18:1-20; Isaiah 41:	Ps. 16, 17; Isaiah 42:(1	Ps. 66, 67; Ezekiel 3:4
M	-31	40:25-31;	Isaiah 41:1-	(17-29) 10-	-9) 10-17;	-11;
P	Ephesians 1:15-23	Ephesians 1:15-23	16; Ephesians 2:1-10	17; Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:1-13	Acts 10 ³⁴ -44
	Ps. 10, 11; Genesis 3:1 -24	Ps. 10, 11; Genesis 3:1 -24;	Ps. 12, 13, 14; Genesis 4:1-	Ps 18:21-50; Genesis 4:17-26;	Ps. 22; Genesis 6:1 -8;	Ps 118; Ezekiel 34:11-16;
E	Mark 1:14- 28	Mark 1:14- 28	16; Mark 1:29-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13- 22	John 21:15 -22
P						St. Simon By The Sea, Aba- co

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)