



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.

The Senior Bishop of The Province of The West Indies/Bishop of Belize

The Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., OBE

The Diocesan Bishop

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

Assistant Bishops

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

The Rt. Rev. 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.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Monday - 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday - 6:00am Said Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 pm Bible Study



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

The First Sunday In Lent

March 9th, 2025

Introit

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

CPWI 513

Opening Sentence

BCP 98

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect

The First Sunday In Lent

BCP 163

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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."

O.T. LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and

bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Romans 10:8b-13

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

CPWI 114

(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: 1-13

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4, beginning to read at the 1st verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the

devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 Apostles Creed

BCP 106

Intercessions

Form D

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

Lord, Accept The Alms We Offer

CPWI 606

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

Rescue The Perishing

The Proper Preface

BCP 128

Eucharistic Prayer

Form A

BCP 131

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

COMMUNION HYMNS

And Now, O Father

CPWI 571

Just As I Am

CPWI 504

I Need Thee Every Hour

CPWI 552

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

Recessional Hymn

And Can It Be

CPWI 496

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 & 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, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Alma Albury, Carol Roach, Lisa Butler, Hyacinth Curtis.

SERMON NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE
OF THE BAHAMAS
& THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

LENTEN MISSION 2025



THEME *Family Matters* **JOSHUA 24:15**
"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

Night 1 *Night 2* *Night 3*

DATES & LOCATIONS	
MARCH 5TH-7TH	GRAND BAHAMA
MARCH 9TH-11TH	NEW PROVIDENCE
MARCH 16TH-18TH	PROVIDENCIALES
MARCH 17TH - 19TH	GRAND TURK
MARCH 18TH	SOUTH CAICOS

 <i>Marie Roach</i> HEPBURN MISSIONER	 <i>Kirkland Russell Jr.</i> MISSIONER	 <i>Deangelo Bowe</i> MISSIONER
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Led by parochial organizations) at 6:30pm. **March 14-ACM; March 21-Usher Board; March 28-Sunday Sch./CYM; April 4-Pastoral Care; April 11-Social Outreach.**

St. Ambrose Prayer Ministry is proposing the following LENTEN DISCIPLINES:

1. Pause for prayer at 12 noon each day. (We pray for our church, unity, the leadership, health, the activity centre)
2. Focus on the reading of the book of Isaiah for the season. (10 chapters per week)
3. Participate in the meditations on the book of Isaiah each SATURDAY morning at 7 via ZOOM link. 7 a.m.-8 a.m. See the link below

Topic: PRAYER MINISTRY MEDITATIONS LENT 2025
Time: Mar 8, 2025 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every 6 weeks on Sat, 7 occurrence (s)
Meeting ID: 976 3555 2296
Passcode: 943324

The Pastoral Care and Counselling Ministry is inviting persons interested in working with this ministry to kindly fill in your name and contact on the register held on the Ushers' table.



The annual **Pauline Bastian Lenten Tea** will take place on **Sunday March 23rd 2025 at 2:30pm**—in the **Emerald Ballroom** at **St. John’s College**. The **Theme is “Vogue”**. For further details, please contact co-chairs **Suzanne Simmons** and **Kenva Mullings**.

Our Reboot Youth Retreat will be held **April 25th- 27th**. All High school students are invited to attend. Registration forms are available. Volunteers and sponsors are welcome!!



March:9th Dail Pearce; **10th** Phillipa Robinson, Hunter Simmons; **11th** James Albury, Alphanatte Rolle, Ilesha McKay; **14th** Marissa Brown



March 13th—Wallace & Crystal Rolle; Harvey & Sherell Mc-Sweeney-Johnson



7am—Julie Harts, Vince Symonette, Rochelle Taylor
9:30am—Cleo Hepburn, Alinda Bowe, Norma Dean, Nickeva-Eve Benjamin



7am—Theresa Kemp, Cadrington Coleby, Tara Baptiste
9:30am—A.C.M. representatives

RECTOR OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Brennen will have office hours on **Tuesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm or by appointment**. Please feel free to call him at 801-4037 or on Whatsapp. *He is officially off on Fridays, if there is no emergencies.*

Weekly Attendance (March 2nd, 3rd, 4th& 5th 2025)

Attendance: 7am — **72** 9am—**149**
Shrove Tuesday—**22** Ash Wednesday Masses—

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps 41, 52; Deuterono- my 8:11-20;	Ps. 45; Deuterono- my 9:4-12;	Ps. 119:49- 72; ; Deuter- onomy 9:13-	Ps. 50; Deuterono- my 9:23-	Ps. 95, 40, 54; Deuter- onomy	Ps. 55; Deuterono- my 11:18-
P	Hebrews 2:11-18	Hebrews 3:1-11	21, Hebrews 3:12-19	10:5; He- brews 4:1- 10	10:12-22; Hebrews 4:11-16	28; He- brews 5:1- 10
E	Ps. 44; Genesis 37:1-11, 10-	Ps. 47, 48; Genesis 37:12-24;	Ps. 49, [53]; Genesis 37:25-36;	Ps . [[59, 60] or 19, 46; Genesis 39:1-23;	Ps. 51; Genesis 40:1-23;	Ps. 138, 139:1-17 [18-23]; Genesis
P	12; John 2:1 -12	John 2:13- 22	John 2:23- 3:15	John 3:16- 21	John 3:22- 36	Genesis 41:1-13; John 4:1- 26 Collect: Lent 2, BCP pg. 163

PARISH VESTRY

- Fr. Scott Brennen - **Rector** (801-4037)
- Dr. Ricardo Crawford - **Priest's Warden** (327-2678)
- Mr. Joel Cunningham - **People's Warden 2025-2027** (421-2589)
- Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - **Elected 2025-2027 (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)
- Mrs. Melinda McKenzie - **A.C.W. President** (544-2558)
- Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - **A.C.M. President** (808-5750)
- Chief Supt. 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 2025-2027** (424-9042)
- Mr. Cadrington Coleby - **Elected 2025-2027** (421-2589)
- Mr. Philip Styles - **Elected 2025-2027** (376-2919)
- Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed** (601-5777)