



# 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.

## REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

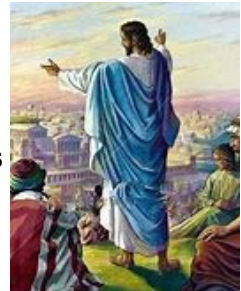
Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Monday - 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday - 6:00am Said Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday - 6:30pm Stations of The Cross



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

## **The Second Sunday In Lent**

**March 16th, 2025**

**Introit**

**Lord Speak To Me**

**CPWI 528**

Opening Sentence

BCP 98

The Kyries

BCP 102

**Collect**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**BCP 163**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, say-

ing, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## **PSALM 27**

### **THE EPISTLE**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Word of God written in Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn**

**All Ye Who Seek For Sure Relief**

**CPWI 110**

*(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 13: 31-35**

**Gospeller:** A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 13, beginning to read at the 31st verse.

**All:** Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me

until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

**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

**The Litany of Penitence**

**BCP 217-219**

**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`

**Greeting of the Peace**

BCP 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**

**What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

**CPWI 491**

*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**

**Jerusalem The Golden**

**CPWI 690**

The Proper Preface

BCP 128

Eucharistic Prayer

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BCP 142

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Sweet Sacrament Divine**

**CPWI 620**

**Glory Be To Jesus**

**CPWI 131**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

**P&W 47**

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 22nd, 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 66-Chapter breakdown of The Book of Isaiah for the next 5 weeks of Lent would be **March 17-21** - chapters 21 – 30; **March 24-28** - chapters 31-40; **March 31- April 5** - chapters 41-50; **April 7-11** chapters 51-60; **April 14-18** -chapters 61 - 66.

**+STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (Led by parochial organizations) at 6:30pm. **March 21-** Usher Board; **March 28-**Sunday Sch./CYM; **April 4-**Pastoral Care; **April 11-**Social Outreach.

**The First Duly Constituted Vestry Meeting** will take place TOMORROW **March 17th 2025 at 6:30pm** in the church. All existing and new members are urged to attend and be on time.



The annual **Pauline Bastian Lenten Tea** will take place **NEXT Sunday March 23rd 2025** in the **Emerald Ballroom** at St. John's College. The **Theme is "Vogue"**. Co-chairs **Suzanne Simmons** and **Kenva Mullings** wish to advise that **Table Hosts** are responsible for decorating and setting tables e.g. china, cutlery, water goblets etc. The **Lenten Tea Committee** will provide water, crackers, chicken salad, guava & pineapple tarts & pumpkin bread. **Come and enjoy an exquisite afternoon of fellowship and blessings to all!** (After the event, hosts are responsible for securing their personal items as St. Ambrose will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.)



On **March 30th 2025** (the 5th Sunday of The Month), there will be **one mass at 8am**. Please note you are **to wear your blue St. Ambrose T-shirts for the Mothering Sunday Parade** at Christ Church Cathedral at 3pm just behind our marching band. *Make a special effort to attend!*

**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:17th** Sean Bowe, Christopher Bowe, Blair Crawford, ; **18th** Shyanne Saunders; **19th** Logan Butler, Blayre Fernander; **21st** Indy Hunter, Alicia Moss, Ashley Moss



**March 17th**-Jai & Margot Munnings **22nd** Dave & Tamica Munroe



**7am**-Nicarra Sands, Hazel Carroll, Monique Rolle, Suzanne Simmons  
**9:30am**-Kenva Mullings, Jacintha Wallace, Schenicka Campbell, Rebbly Storr



**7am**-Cleo Hepburn, Cheryl Moxey, Althea "Bobbi" Adderley, **9:30am**-Antoinette Turnquest, Marva Brown, Rona Astwood

**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 are no emergencies.*

**Weekly Attendance (March 9th, 12th & 14th 2025)**

Attendance: Sun. 7am — **80** Sun. 9am—**65** Sunday Sch.-**30**  
 Wed. 6am— Wed. 6:30pm Bible Study- Fri. 6:30pm Stations-

## DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>M P</b>	Ps 56, 57 [58]; Jere- miah 1:11- 19; Romans 1:1-15	Ps. 61, 62; Jeremiah 2:1-13; Romans 1:16-25; John 4:43- 54	Ps. 132; Isaiah 63:7- 16; Matthew 1:18-25	Ps. [70], 71; Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19- 28; Romans 2:12-24	Ps. 95, 69:1 -23 [24-30], 31-38; Jer- emiah 5:1- 9; Romans 2:25-3:18	Ps. 75, 76; Jeremiah 5:20-31; Romans 3:19-31
<b>E P</b>	Ps. 64, 65 Genesis 41:46-57; John 4:27- 42 <b>St. Pat- rick</b>	Ps. 1, 15; Genesis 50:22-25; Matthew 13:54-58	Ps. 34; 2 Chronicles 6:12-17; Ephesians 3:14-21 <b>St. Joseph</b>	Ps . 74; Genesis 42:29-38; John 5:19- 29	Ps. 73; Genesis 43:1-15; John 5:30- 47	Ps. 23, 27; Genesis 43:16-34; John 7:1- 13 Collect: Lent 3, BCP pg. 164

## 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)
- Ms. 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** (424-0550)
- Mr. Philip Styles - **Elected 2025-2027** (376-2919)
- Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed 2025-2026** (601-5777)
- Mrs. Cozetta Johnson - **Appointed 2025-2026** (427-5437)