



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.*

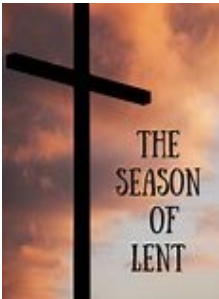
Assistant Bishops

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 Third Sunday In Lent

March 23rd, 2025 at 8AM (One Sung Mass)

Opening Sentence

BCP 98

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

BCP 164

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send

you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”’: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 63:1-8

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

CPWI 413

(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: 1-9

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 13, beginning to read at the 1st verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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

Offertory Hymn: Sinful, Sighing To Be Blest (Tune: ST BEES)

A&M 645

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	Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus	CPWI 439
The Proper Preface		BCP 128
Eucharistic Prayer	Form A	BCP 131
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
COMMUNION HYMNS	I Hunger And I Thirst	CPWI 598
	And Now, O Father	CPWI 571
	Nothing But The Blood	P&W 168
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
Recessional Hymn	We Are Soldiers of Christ	CPWI 440

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, 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, Naomi Williams.

SERMON NOTES:

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 4 weeks of Lent would be **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 28-** Sunday Sch./CYM; **April 4-**Pastoral Care; **April 11-**Social Outreach.

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 re: Parish Community Center, please send TO FCIB Branch # 09706 A/C # 21044633



The annual **Pauline Bastian Lenten Tea will take place TODAY in the Emerald Ballroom at St. John's College AT 2:30PM.** 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 superb 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.)

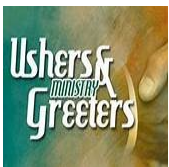


On **March 30th 2025** (the 5th Sunday of the Month/Lent IV), there will be **ONE MASS AT ST. AMBROSE (8AM)**. Please note that you are **to wear your blue St. Ambrose T-shirts for Mothering Sunday Service (3:30pm) & Parade (4:45pm)** at Christ Church Cathedral and march behind our marching band. *Make a special effort to attend!*

Our Reboot Youth Retreat will be held **April 25th- 27th**. All High school students are invited to attend. **There is a Registration fee of \$25** & forms are available from the ushers or on St. Ambrose Facebook page. Donations welcome via the Reboot envelopes.



March:24h Rashad & Rasha Darling ; **25th** Rhea Treco, Brian Nottage; **27th** Jacintha Wallace, Karen-Myers-Rolle; **28th** Pamela Miller; **29th** Krystal Rolle, Stephen Bellot, Janae Douglas, Alexander Beneby



8am-Alma Albury, Phillipa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Nathalie Nairn, Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper.



We express heartfelt sympathy to Jestina Ferguson, Sandra Kelly and Sheila Brown on the passing of their aunt **Joan Mortimer**. We also express condolences to Della Kelley & to Trevor Adderley on the passing of her father & his uncle **Capt. Donald Pinder**, respectively.

CIRCLE TIME!

As part of the Diocese's Christian Education Week 2025, **CIRCLE TIME** is when ALL Sunday School children meet. This year, they will meet at Holy Trinity Church on **Sat. March 29th from 8:30am-1pm.**

Weekly Attendance (March 16th & 19th 2025)

Attendance: Sun. 7am — **90** Sun. 9:30am — **53** Sunday Sch. — **27**
 Wed. 6am — **10** Wed. 6:30pm Bible Study — **12**

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps 80; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Romans 4:1-12;	Ps. 85, 87; Isaiah 52:7-12; Hebrews 2:5-10	Ps. 119:97-120; Jeremiah 8:18-9:6; Romans 5:1-11	Ps. [83] or Jeremiah 42, 43; Isaiah 10:11-24; Romans 5:12-21	Ps. 95, 88; Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-20; Romans 6:1-11	Ps. 87, 90; Jeremiah 13:1-11; Romans 6:12-23
P	John 7:14-36					
E	Ps. 8, 138; Genesis 3:1-15; Romans 5:12-21 or Galatians 4:1-7	Ps. 110:1-5 [6-7], 132; Wisdom 9:1-12, John 1:9-14	Ps. 81, 82; 2 Genesis 45:16-28; John 8:12-20	Ps. 85, 86; Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34; John 8:21-32	Ps. 91, 92; Genesis 47:1-26; John 8:33-47	Ps. 136; Genesis 47:27-48:7; John 8:47-59 Collect: Lent 4, 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)
- Ms. Deja Burrows - **CYM President** (429-1592)
- 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)