

## St. Ambrose Anglican Church

Gladstone & Carmichael Roads

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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)

Mothering or Refreshment Sunday (Lent IV)
YOUTH SUNDAY/March 30th, 2025 at 8AM (One Sung Mass)

IntroitPraise To The Holiest In The HeightCPWI 143Opening SentenceBCP 98The KyriesBCP 102CollectTHE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENTBCP 164

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the True Bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY COLLECT (Prayed by ALL)

Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself; strengthen us in our daily lives that in joy and sorrow, we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 32

#### THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to

us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the right-eousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn** 

**Amazing Grace** 

**CPWI 495** 

(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 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15, beginning to read at the 1st verse.

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

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field: and

when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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: All To Jesus, I Surrender CPWI 494

 ${\it The following is sung during the Presentation of the Offerings}$ 

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	Shall We Not Love Thee, Mother Dear	<b>CPWI 747</b>
The Proper Preface		Bcp 128
Eucharistic Prayer	Form D	Bcp 140
The Lord's Prayer		Bcp144
COMMUNION HYMNS	Break Thou The Bread of Life	<b>CPWI 393</b>

## Father, Who Dost Thy Children Feed I am the Bread of Life

CPWI 587 P&W 595

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

Recessional Hymn

# When Mothers of Salem Their Children Brought To Jesus

#### **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.

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SERMON NOTES:								

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



TODAY March 30th 2025 (the 5th Sunday of The Month/Lent IV), Please note that you are to wear your blue St. Ambrose T-shirts for Mothering Sunday Service (3:30pm) & Parade (4:45pm) at the 'mother church', Christ Church Cathedral and march behind our marching band. Make a special effort to attend!

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

- 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: Sat. April 5th, 2025 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Meeting ID: 976 3555 2296 Passcode: 943324

The 66-Chapter breakdown of The Book of Isaiah for the remaining 3 weeks of Lent would be **March 31- April 5** - chapters 41-50; **April 7 -11** chapters 51-60; **April 14-18** -chapters 61 - 66.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS General ACW Meeting— All ACW members and interested ladies are asked to attend a meeting TO-MORROW Monday, March 31st 2025 at 6pm at the church.

**+STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (Led by parochial organizations) at 6:30pm. **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 # 201044633



**8am**-Joel Cunningham, Julie Harts, Vince Symonette, Rochelle Taylor, Sheryl Forbes, Rachel Ferguson, Cozetta Johnson, Sherell Cox.



8am-Liam Astwood, Jakaylen Octeus, Rashae Roker

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:30th Nicarra Sands; 31st Sandra Kelly; April 1st Rachel Ferguson, Lyntonae Ritchie, Genevie Adderley; 2nd Paige Ferguson; 4th Francise Bowe, 5th Davia Munroe.



March 30th-Jose & Althea Adderley; April 2nd Talbot & Nicarra Sands; 5th Conrad & Norma Fernander



We express heartfelt sympathy to Zydon Benjamin, on the passing of his grandmother **Florence Benjamin**, of Grenada, BWI. Also to Kim Cartwright, on the passing of her uncle **Robert Cartwright**.



On Monday March 24th 2025, The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands met in elective assembly. The conclave elected **The Rt. Rev. Leon Golding** as Diocesan Bishop-Elect of their Diocese. He is currently Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay, Jamaica. He is married to Lauren, a career community nurse, and they are the parents of three children.

#### Weekly Attendance (March 21st, 23rd & 26th 2025)

Attendance: Fri. 6:3opm Stations –31 Sun. 8am Mass —61 Wed. 6am—10 Wed. 6:30pm Bible Study– 12

#### DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps 89:1-18; Jeremiah 16:10-21; Romans 7:1 -12	Ps. 97, 99, [100]; Jeremiah 17:19-27; Romans 7:13-25	Ps. 101, 109:1-4 [5- 19] 20-30; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Romans 8:1- 11	Ps. 69:1-23 (24-30) 31- 48; Jeremi- ah 22:13-23; Romans 8:12-27	Ps. 95 & 102; Jere- miah 23:1- 8; Romans 8:28-39	Ps. 107:33 -43, 108:1- 6 (7-13) Jeremiah 23:9-15; Romans 9:1-18
E P	Ps. 89:19- 52; Genesis 49:1-28; John 6:1-15	Ps. 94, [95]; Genesis 49:29- 50:14; John 6:16-27	144; Genesis 50:15-26;	Exodus 1:6- 22; John	Ps. 107:1- 32; Exodus 2:1-22; John 6:52- 59	Ps. 33; Exodus 2:23-3:15; John 6:60- 71; Collect: Lent 5, 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)