



THE LAYMEN'S TIMES



The Official Newsletter of the St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Laymen

The Laymen of St. Ambrose are dedicated to sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ by engaging in worship, prayer, study, service and fellowship.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
MONTH'S ISSUE:



MAY EVENTS

Next Laymen meeting: May 1 2022 8:30 am
Join Zoom Meeting [Here](#).



May Events

May Spotlight:
Bishop Kim Lucas
Rector of St Ambrose
from 2005 to 2011

May Laymen's Birthdays

May Focus -
Mothers Day

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Woodrow Wilson signed
a measure that
officially made the
second Sunday in May
Mother's Day*

April Spotlight:
Bishop Kim Lucas



Photo by the Episcopal Church in Colorado

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May Spotlight: Bishop Kim Lucas



The Rt. Rev. Kimberly (Kym) Lucas was ordained and consecrated as the eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado on May 18, 2019 at Saint John's Cathedral in Denver.

Lucas became the first woman bishop as well as the first African American bishop in the diocese's 132-year history.

Lucas was chosen as the eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado during its 131st Annual Convention on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Lucas has served as Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. since January 2012. Previously, [she was the Rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh, NC, from 2005 to 2011.](#)

Bishop Lucas grew up in Spring Lake, North Carolina and received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Wake Forest University.

She received her Master of Divinity, New Testament, at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Bishop Lucas and her husband, Mark Retherford, have four children.

LAYMEN'S APRIL FOCUS: CELEBRATING AND HONORING MOTHERS

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE MOTHERS DAY?

It all dates back to Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, a social activist and community organizer, during the Civil War era. Before the Civil War, Jarvis, of West Virginia, created the Mother's Day Work Club, with the goal of teaching local ladies how to care for their children.

These clubs unified women. And in 1868, Jarvis came up with something called Mothers' Friendship Day, which had moms of Confederate and Union soldiers come together to promote harmony.

Right around the same time, suffragette Julia Ward Howe, in 1870, wrote what's called the Mother's Day Proclamation, to promote world peace and pushed for a Mother's Peace Day to be celebrated in June.

Meanwhile, in the 1900s, Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann, came up with a fairly genius idea that was ahead of its time: A day to honor mothers and the sacrifices they make for their kids.

Thus, Mother's Day was born.



Anna Jarvis

When her mother died on May 23, 1905, Anna Jarvis worked untiringly to have the second Sunday in May set aside each year as a day of honor to the mothers of the nation.

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Ironically, Jarvis herself was both unmarried and childless. Go figure. But she pushed to have her holiday added to the calendar by kicking off a letter-writing campaign.

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Happy Birthday to Our Brothers!



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| 1. Scott Hardy | May 4 |
| 2. William Birchette | May 9 |
| 3. Darius Merritt | May 9 |
| 4. Kwame Mbalia | May 12 |
| 5. Gerald Branker | May 13 |
| 6. Karl Abay Granlund | May 13 |
| 7. Charles Young | May 13 |
| 8. Kevin Brockenbrough II | May 14 |
| 9. Jack Fuller | May 15 |
| 10. Cameron Arrick | May 16 |
| 11. David Mallette | May 19 |
| 12. Ronald Reed | May 21 |
| 13. Dakari Josiah Mbalia | May 27 |
| 14. Joseph Abron | May 30 |

**Our presence is the greatest present.
Let's be a presence on Sunday mornings.**

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study, 9:00 am

Join via Zoom by clicking this [link](#) or calling in at 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 288 981 724.

Holy Eucharist, 10:15 am

Call in at 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 858 905 359. Password is 280158. See the live-stream video by visiting the church's website at this [link](#). Download the bulletin at the live-stream [website](#).

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