

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer



The Reverend Dr. ‘Rick’ Bauer currently serves as the Rector of Saint Edward’s Episcopal Church in Lancaster and earned his doctorate from Duke Divinity School, where he published work focusing on the relationship between meditation and neuroscience in cultivating meaningful and transformative spirituality. Father Rick worked closely with GOAL when he helped to launch the Addiction and Recovery ministry at Saint James Episcopal Church in downtown Lancaster and worked to assemble a team that has continued to grow in their commitment to welcome community and destigmatize Christian attitudes around addiction. Holding services of worship that focused on the inherent dignity of all who are actively battling the arc of addiction and recovery, Father Rick willingly offered up personal testimony around his own journey with a culture of substance abuse and the loss of family and friends to drugs and alcohol.

Prior to becoming an Episcopal Priest, Rick spent twenty years as a touring musician and record producer based in South Florida, releasing seven solo albums under the name *Mr. the Invisible* while crafting productions for a wide variety of other artists. A former voting member of both the Artist’s and Producer’s wings of the Recording Academy, Father Rick also holds a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Florida International University, and a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies from Nova Southeastern University. He is the proud father of two little boys: Ricky and Christian, and is currently working on a book that incorporates Eastern spiritual wisdom into a program for Christian formation.