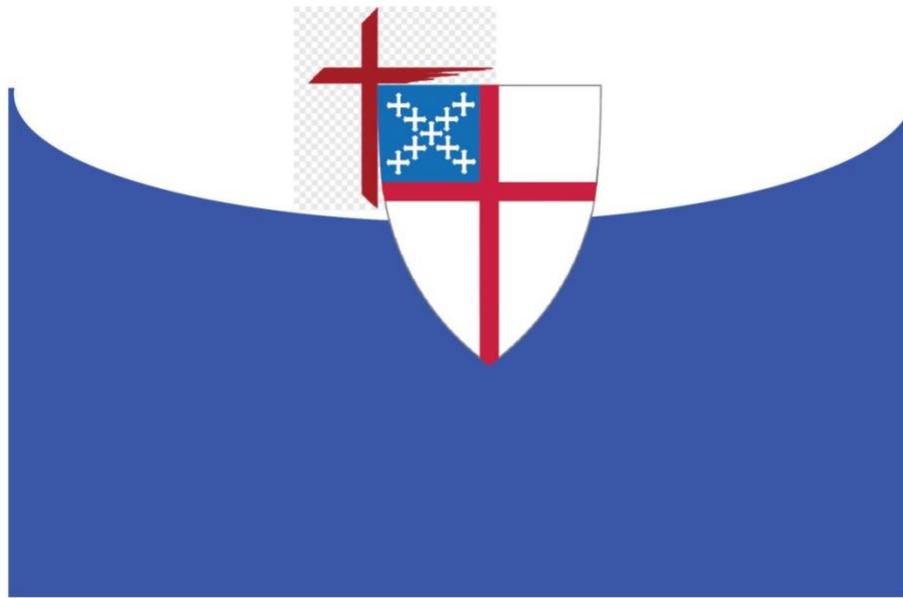


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

## Parish Profile



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## An Invitation

Church of the Epiphany is a parish located squarely at the heart of the City of Vacaville, just one block from its business district and on the edge of its historic residential neighborhood. Several doors down the street of old Queen Anne-style Victorian homes sits the Buck Mansion, built in 1892 and listed in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Our congregation was established in 1896 and has been at the corner of Buck and West Streets (albeit on two different corners) since 1914.

Our parish reflects the love and diversity of God's creation. Our community includes the strong influence of the area's military base and agricultural roots, with many festivals, arts and crafts shows, and community events, reflecting the continuing evolution from a small farm town to a thriving, cutting-edge community which has been hailed as a Top 10 place to live in America.

We invite you to visit in person and online to learn about our parish, our work in the name of God, and our plans for the future. We are currently looking for a Priest in Charge. We know God will send us a leader who will inspire us, challenge us, and love us deeply as we continue our work to bring the light of God to our community. We hope you will guide us in Christ's love as we grow together in whatever direction God has planned for us.

## At Epiphany, Mission and Vision

Within our walls, we live our mission statement: "Epiphany exists to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the community as we share God's love by feeding ALL." We strive to welcome everyone as children of God, created in the image of God. Whatever religious background, age, race, disability, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, or economic status – all are welcome at Epiphany.

Every Monday through Saturday, we conduct Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. and Compline (Night Prayer) at 8 p.m., live on our Facebook page. On Sunday, we live-stream the 10 a.m. service on YouTube and Facebook. We currently have two Sunday Services: Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10. Masking is currently optional and we follow the direction of the Diocese and CDC on health protocols.

Epiphany is involved in many ministries. Of note is our "Community Meals" Program. We oversee a 20-year-long program that now encompasses 14 different churches which work with local merchants, food banks and volunteers to distribute more than 350 meals per week to the hungry, homeless and needy in Vacaville. In-person dining is mostly back after a Covid take-out-only break, which allows people to enjoy a warm meal every Tuesday afternoon and Friday evening, while meeting with "navigators," specialists in city and county services. We provide on-site nursing assistance, and have coordinated such things as transportation, showers and dentistry to meet specific needs. In addition, non-perishable snack bags are available anytime for the asking, and a Food Bank uses our parish hall to distribute food to Senior Citizens twice a month.



Besides our substantial food program, Epiphany was the first church to take part in our city's inaugural "Pride" festival in 2021, and did so again in 2022. We stand up for veterans, the homeless, and social issues, and are not afraid to "walk the walk." During the fires of 2020, when Vacaville and surrounding communities suffered much damage, our food program was able to mobilize within an hour to give food and water to exhausted first responders and volunteers. When large animal evacuation became a critical need, our unique network of churches, merchants and volunteers were able to mobilize quickly. We have supported the local Boys and Girls Clubs, the Opportunity House homeless shelter, prison outreach, kid's lunch programs, the Vacaville Police Community Resource team and many others who reach out to us.



## Who Are We?

Stop by Epiphany on any given day and what may you find? Our volunteer office staff is there from 9 to noon Monday through Thursday. You will also find volunteers, not just from our church but our



community partners, working in the kitchen or receiving a pallet of drinks from Coca Cola, food from McDonald's or Chick-Fil-A, or water from Lowe's or Home Depot. You may find Ullman runners sleeping in our church while on a nationwide journey for cancer awareness, or a busload of prison families being fed breakfast enroute to visiting their imprisoned relatives. You may find 12-step groups meeting in the hall, Girl

Scout troops making up snack bags for the homeless, or Project Linus seamstresses making blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

You will be welcomed with open arms in a warm environment where a homeless person may be invited to coffee hour, a child can be found reading the Sunday lessons or passing the offertory plate, or a service dog is regularly greeted during the Passing of the Peace. We are an open, loving, "Stand Up for Jesus" congregation and a Jubilee Center of our Diocese. Our Deacon, Cookie Clark, was the Archdeacon for many years. Our programs and people have been recognized by our local, county and Congressional leaders for our work with the homeless and needy, all of which is funded entirely by grants and donations. You may find a police team bringing a hungry person over for a meal, or a bunch of kids making Easter baskets for Guatemalan refugees. You may find a dinner meal team locking arms in prayer in the kitchen, holding back tears as twin 2-year-olds with dirty diapers eat for 40 minutes straight and then are helped by nurses as their single dad talks to navigators.



In church, you will find an active shut-in ministry for our aging population. We've had a strong online presence since the pandemic, and technology is much more evident now than in years past. We have in-person and Zoom coffee hours where everyone can catch up or talk to someone new. As of this writing, we are looking for a Music Director/Organist to lead our small choir. We look forward to our new Priest in Charge helping to shape the music program.

Christian Formation is important to us. Unfortunately, we had to suspend our Sunday School programs during Covid. We are looking forward to reopening opportunities for children and youth, and we continue to offer outlets for fellowship and inclusion in Sunday services. Adult education is returning, and as of this writing we are conducting a Lenten book study, as well as updating our training for Eucharistic Ministers, Visitors and Acolytes. Prior to the pandemic, we held regular Education for Ministry classes, as well as Bible and Spiritual formation programs. During the pandemic, we conducted three Sacred Ground circles and are looking forward to continuing those. We have a strong Daughters of the King chapter with 17 members.

Other ministries include or have included Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Greeters, Secret Sisters, Labyrinth, Readers, Healing Ministers, Prayer Chain, Ushers, Little Free Library, Merriment on Main, 12-Step Groups, Scouting events, Columbarium and prison ministry.



## Financial Health

So that current information may be obtained, our Treasurer's Report is available on our website. We do not have debt, but since the pandemic our budget's general fund has been in the red. Our designated funds, such as the meal program, memorial and such, are very strong. Like everyone, attrition has hurt us in the last few years due to the pandemic.

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## City Demographics

Vacaville sits approximately midway between San Francisco and Sacramento along the Highway 80 corridor with a land area of approximately 30 square miles. Its population is just over 103,000, which includes nearly 8,000 inmates at two state prisons. It is the third largest of Solano County's seven cities.

The median age is 38. Some 24% of residents are under age 19, and 34% are over 50 (with more than 20% over age 60). 47% are female. Vacaville is a multi-ethnic community, where 46% identify as White (non-Hispanic); 25% as Hispanic or Latino; 12%, black; more than 8%, Asian/Pacific Islander; and around 7%, multiracial. Some 90 percent of residents have graduated from high school, while 36% have earned an associate's degree or higher.

Median household income is \$95,400, and more than 46% of households have an income of more than \$100,000. About 7 percent live in poverty. Roughly 20% of households speak a language other than English at home. Some 63 percent of households own their home, and more than 54% of households contain only one or two people. The city of Vacaville offers a more detailed look at our demographics: <https://www.choosevacaville.com/demographics.html>.

In the shadow of Travis Air Force Base, the largest military base in California and home of the 60<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, military presence is palpable. Veterans make up 9% of the city's overall population and 30% of its senior population. The Travis Air Museum hosts one of the largest collections of military aircraft on the West Coast and the yearly air show is one of the largest



aviation events on the West Coast, hosting more than 100,000 people in its two-day events.

This vibrant area also has become home to some of the largest and most successful life-science companies in the world, including Genentech, Johnson & Johnson, Polaris Pharmaceuticals, Agenus and RxD Nova. One reason Vacaville has become a biomanufacturing hub is that it is located within a short drive of two University of California research centers, at Davis and Berkeley. The Solano Community College campus in Vacaville includes a unique biomanufacturing program, and the city is only a short drive from two other campuses in the county: the Touro University medical school and Cal State University Maritime, an engineering hub.

Vacaville's public schools are above average, and the city prides itself in being family-friendly. There are excellent performing arts venues, a local history museum, outdoor recreation options, restaurants, and plenty of shopping at the Vacaville Premium Outlets and the historic Nut Tree Plaza. Both the ocean and the mountains are only a few hours' drive. Vacaville has been named one of the Top 10 most livable small cities in the United States by the website SmartAsset, and just this year, GoBankingRates listed it as the top affordable place to retire in the Golden State.

## Prayer

*Almighty God, giver of every gift we receive:  
look graciously on your Church,  
and guide those who shall discern  
whom God is calling to be rector for this parish.  
Grace us with patience, trust, and hope  
through the interim times of doubt and uncertainty.  
We pray that we may receive a faithful pastor,  
who will care for your people and equip us  
to continue, improve, expand, and reach out  
with our ministries to all whom we can touch;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Contact information

To engage with us in discernment regarding a call to serve as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, please submit a Ministry Portfolio, a resume and a cover letter via email to:

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