

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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As many of you know, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have been blessed to serve the faithful here in Lowell since 1868. For more than 150 years, Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine has stood in the heart of downtown as a place of prayer, peace, and welcome. Generations have come here to light candles, celebrate the sacraments, and encounter the presence of Christ.

Now, as we look toward the future, we must care for the home that has cared for us. Our beautiful Shrine is in need of significant capital improvements, most urgently, repairs to our stained-glass windows, our aging roof, and the air conditioning system. These are not just cosmetic updates; they are essential to preserving the integrity and comfort of our sacred space. Our overall goal is to raise \$15 million, but we are beginning with a first phase of \$1 million to address these immediate needs.

To help us begin this important work, we are hosting a special concert with composer and musician Eric Genuis on Tuesday, November 12 right here at the Shrine. Eric's music is deeply inspiring - uplifting the soul and reminding us of God's beauty present in art and community. This will be more than a concert; it will be an evening of faith, hope, and fellowship as we join together to support the future of the Shrine we all love.

Your presence and generosity will make a real difference. The Oblates want to continue serving the people of Lowell for at least the next 30 years—and with your help, we can make sure this sacred place remains a beacon of faith for generations to come. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I look forward to seeing you at this special event!

I pray for you. You pray for me.