

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
June 21, 2026**



For more than 150 years, the Missionary Oblates have served the people of Lowell. Since 1868, generations of immigrants, families, workers, and pilgrims have found a spiritual home here. The Shrine itself stands as a testament to the faith, sacrifice, and generosity of those who came before us.

That is why I am especially grateful that our French Heritage Celebration Concert this Sunday, June 21, at 4:00 p.m. is part of Franco-American Week. The French-speaking community played an important role in the history of this Shrine and in the history of the Oblates in Lowell. It is fitting that we gather to celebrate that heritage through music and fellowship.

I am particularly grateful to Marie-Line Morin, who is generously donating her time and talent for this concert. Her gift to the Shrine is a wonderful act of generosity. She will be joined by Frank and Ellen Rene, friends, and special guests for what promises to be a memorable afternoon.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Shrine's SOS Fund. These funds help us care for this beautiful house of prayer by supporting important capital projects, including repairs to the ceiling, roof, elevator, and other maintenance needs that arise in a historic building such as ours.

The Oblates have been here since 1868. We hope to continue serving God's people for generations to come. But preserving this sacred place requires all of us working together.

I hope you will join us this Sunday, June 21 for an afternoon of beautiful music, a celebration of our Franco-American heritage, and an opportunity to help ensure that St. Joseph the Worker Shrine continues to welcome pilgrims for many years to come.

Thank you for your support and generosity. I look forward to seeing you there.

I remember you at Mass