

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have been here in Lowell since 1868. That is more than 150 years of serving the people of this city. Our founder, St. Eugène de Mazenod, wanted his Oblates to be close to the people. That is still our mission today. And there may be no better place to live that mission than right here in the heart of downtown Lowell.

Every day, people walk through our doors. They come for Mass. They come to pray. They light a candle. And so many come to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We hear thousands of confessions each year. People come seeking God's mercy, sometimes after being away from the Church for many years. It is a privilege for us to be here for them—and for you.

We want the Oblates to continue this ministry in Lowell for generations to come. But we cannot do it without your help. Just as the costs of maintaining your own homes have increased, the costs of operating the Shrine continue to rise. Utilities, insurance, salaries, repairs, maintenance, and everyday expenses all add up. That is why we are holding our Inaugural \$10,000 Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$100 and only 300 will be sold. One lucky winner will receive \$10,000! Yes, it is a chance to win a nice prize. But more importantly, every ticket helps keep this Shrine open and helps the Oblates continue the mission that began here in 1868.

We have been here for generations. With your help, we hope to be here for generations to come. Thank you for supporting our Shrine and our ministry.

I remember you at Mass.