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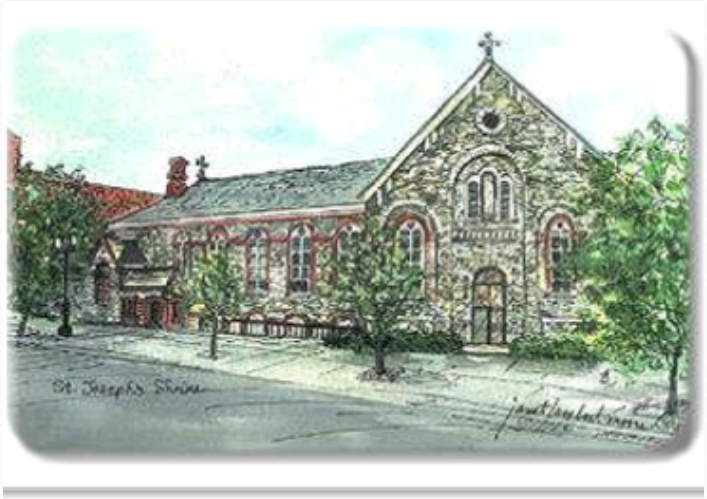
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SHRINE IS A MINISTRY OF
THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE, UNITED STATES PROVINCE

OUR MISSION IS BASED ON MATTHEW 11:28
"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE OVERBURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

November 22, 2026 | Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



Welcome!



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Sunday

8:00, 10:00, Noon

Saturday

8:00, Noon, 4:00 (Vigil)



WEDNESDAY

Monday to Friday

8:00, Noon, 5:30



CONFESSION

Weekdays

10:00-Noon & 4:30-5:15 (September to June)
10:30-11:45 & 4:30-5:15 (June to September)

Saturday

10:00-1:00 double confessors

Every First Wednesday

7:00-8:00 pm



Anointing of the Sick

*Every **First Saturday** after all Masses*



ADORATION

*Every **Saturday** immediately following the Noon Mass to 3:45*

*Every **First Friday** immediately following the Noon Mass until 5:15*





A MOMENT WITH FR. MIKE

It's hard to believe another year is almost behind us!

As Thanksgiving approaches and we prepare for the beautiful season of Advent, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings God has given me. The older I get, the more I realize that life's greatest blessings are often the people who share our journey.

I am especially thankful for my fellow Oblates, the men with whom I live, pray, and minister each day. Their friendship, dedication, and support are gifts I never take for granted. I am also grateful for another year of good health, which allows me to continue doing what I love—serving God and His people.

One particularly joyful memory from this year was the installation and blessing of our beautiful statue of St. Carlo Acutis. What a special day for our Shrine family! I pray that this young saint will continue to inspire people of all ages, especially our youth, to grow closer to Christ.

Most of all, I am thankful for you, our Shrine family. Your prayers, kindness, generosity, and faithful support make St. Joseph's such a special place. Whether you come for daily Mass, Confession, or simply a quiet moment with the Lord, you are part of what makes this Shrine a spiritual home for so many.

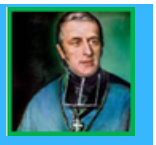
There is something beautiful about Thanksgiving leading us into Advent. Thanksgiving invites us to recognize the blessings God has already given us, while Advent invites us to open our hearts to the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ.

As we move from gratitude to joyful anticipation, may we carry thankful hearts into this holy season and make room for Christ in our daily lives.

And please know that when I count my blessings this Thanksgiving, you will be among them.
God bless you, and Happy Thanksgiving!

I remember you at Mass.

Our Oblate Heritage



St. Joseph the Worker Shrine traces its roots to St. Eugène de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. As a young priest in France, he reached out to dock workers by preaching in their own language, believing that the Gospel should be accessible to everyone.

In 1868, one of his missionaries, Father André Garin, OMI, brought that same vision to Lowell. Preaching in French to the city's French-Canadian mill workers, he inspired them to establish the first French-speaking Catholic parish in Lowell. That parish would eventually become St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in 1956, continuing the Oblate mission of bringing Christ to working people and welcoming all.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 11/21

8:00 Police Officers & First Responders
Noon Raymond Bellerose, Jr.--deceased
4:00 Michael Taylor, Jr.

SUNDAY 11/22

8:00 Christina Cameron--deceased
10:00 Bill & Betty Quigley--living
Noon Normand Lemire--deceased

MONDAY, 11/23

8:00 Police Officers & First Responders
Noon Deceased members of Legion of Mary
5:30 All forgotten souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, 11/24

8:00 Margaret Forkey
Noon Richard Barry--deceased
5:30 Forgotten Souls in puragatory

WEDNESDAY, 11/25

8:00 Police Officers & First Responders
Noon Shrine Benefactors
5:30 Normand Lemire--1 year anniversary--deceased

THURSDAY 11/26

9:00 Benefactors of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

FRIDAY, 11/27

8:00 President Donald Trump
Noon Chad Potvin--deceased
5:30 Priests in purgatory

SATURDAY, 11/28

8:00 Cathleen Hall & Richard Hall--deceased
Noon Deceased members of the Passe Temps Club
4:00 Martha Cooriea

SUNDAY,11/29

8:00 Albert, Irma & Florence Burbank--deceased
10:00 Richard Gilet--30th anniversary
deceased, Michelle Gilet--deceased & Queen family
Noon Edward O. & Rose M. Dowling--100th memorial birthday

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Thank you for your contributions!
We appreciate your generous support of St. Joseph the Worker Shrine and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Week ending	October 18, 2026
Weekend	$1,888.05
Weekday	$1,439.25
WeShare Online Offertory	$845.00
Second Collection	NONE
TOTAL	$4,172.30

OBLATE MUSEUM CORNER



Visit the Oblate Museum!
Learn about the Oblates & their missionary work.
Pictured is the Calvary of Christ on the Rio Grande (Texas). Among the 7 Missionary Oblates is Servant of God Fr. Pierre Kerulam, OMI. On a visit to his mission chapel, he got lost in the Texas desert and died there.

Hours: Saturday & Sunday
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Tours are free.

Free-will donations are gratefully accepted to support the museum's ministry.

OUR PATRON: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER



Please come and honor the Patron of our Shrine before each Sunday Mass. Ten minutes before each Mass all are invited
to pray the prayer on the back cover of the missalettes which was written by the late Shrine Director, Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI. This prayer time is a good preparation for Mass and a reminder that there are many in need of our prayers to obtain a good job to provide for their loved ones.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

During the month of November Memorial Flowers were offered in memory of:

Chad Potvin

Music For Sunday, November 22, 2026

8 am Choir
Hymns will be announced at Mass

4 pm, 10 am, Noon
Entrance # 724 The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns
Offertory # 616 You Gather In the Outcast
Communion # 638 O How Blessed (The Beatitudes)
591 Like A Shepherd
Sending Forth # 722 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."



94th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Beauraing

On Sunday, November 29, we commemorate the 94th anniversary of the first of 33 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to five children in Beauraing, Belgium, in 1932. The apparitions are beautifully depicted in our Shrine's Beauraing stained-glass window, created by Lowell native Richard Belley and dedicated on November 29, 1964, in the presence of Albert Voisin, one of the visionaries. Our Lady's message, "Pray, pray very much," is reflected in the window's rosary and praying hands.

A children's brochure by Br. Richard Cote, OMI, is available near the statue of St. Anthony. For more information, the book Our Lady of Beauraing—Queen of the Golden Heart is available in the Shrine Gift Shop.

94.º Aniversario de las Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Beauraing

El domingo 29 de noviembre conmemoramos el 94.º aniversario de la primera de las 33 apariciones de la Santísima Virgen María a cinco niños en Beauraing, Bélgica, en 1932.

Las apariciones están bellamente representadas en el vitral de Beauraing de nuestro Santuario, creado por Richard Belley, natural de Lowell, y dedicado el 29 de noviembre de 1964, en presencia de Albert Voisin, uno de los videntes. El mensaje de Nuestra Señora, «Recen, recen mucho», está representado por el rosario y las manos en oración.

Cerca de la estatua de San Antonio encontrará un folleto sobre las apariciones, así como un relato para niños en inglés. Para conocer más sobre esta historia, el libro en inglés Our Lady of Beauraing—Queen of the Golden Heart está disponible en la tienda de regalos del Santuario.

Christmas Giving Tree

Helping families in local shelters

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up on **November 25**. Please take a tag from the tree and help bring the joy of Christmas to families staying in our local shelters. Kindly return your gift unwrapped, with the tag attached, to the Shrine Gift Shop by December 14. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us share His love with those in need.

Thanksgiving Day at the Shrine

Let us Give Thanks

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, we invite you to join us in giving thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

A Concelebrated Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. This will be the only Mass of the day and there will be no confessions.

We ask those attending Mass to bring nonperishable food items to share with our brothers and sisters in need.

Altar of the Dead — Reminder

Our annual Altar of the Dead will be taken down on Friday, November 27. Please remember to retrieve any photographs or personal mementos of your loved ones before that date.

Thank you for helping us honor and remember our faithful departed throughout November.

November

Month of the Faithful Departed

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed. . If you haven't received our mailing, you can find these request forms in our Lobby display. **Please fill out a form with the names of your departed, and return those prayer requests as soon as possible using the envelope provided.** Once each month of the year, we celebrate a Mass in remembrance of those named loved ones. This Mass is listed as 'All Souls SBI' on the daily Mass schedules - the daily Mass schedule is posted in the lobby displa case, included in the weekly bulletin and is posted on our website.



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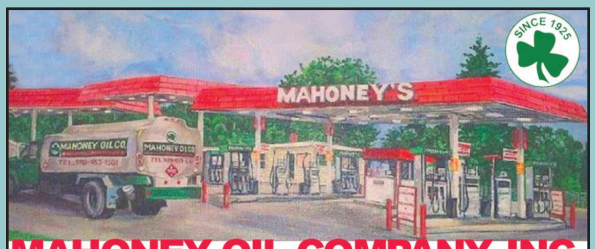

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