

St. Joseph the Worker
Shrine
Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

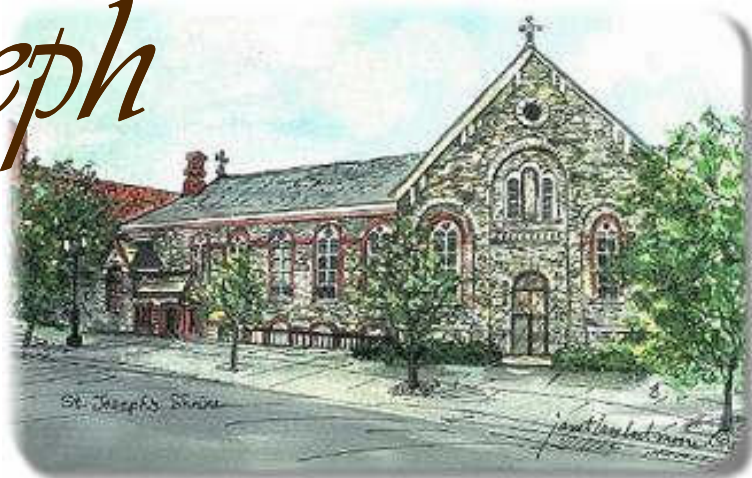
*Master, to whom shall we go? You have
the words of eternal life. We have come to
believe and are convinced that you are
the Holy One of God. John 6:68-69 (NAB)*

St. Joseph

The Worker Shrine

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Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28,

“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is a ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province.

Shrine Resources

Shrine Staff

Fr. Terrence O’Connell, OMI, Director
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Masses

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8 AM, 12 Noon, & 4 PM
Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

Confessions (Summer Hours)

Weekdays: 10:30AM - 11:45PM & 4:30PM - 5:15
Saturday: 10 AM- 1 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
First Fridays: 8:30 AM – 5:15 PM

Holy Days, Holidays & Special Masses are announced

Oblate Associate Mission Office

(978) 458-6346 X 215

Oblate Historical Museum

Every Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00PM Please visit the Museum after the Saturday noon Mass.
Tours Given 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Gift Shop & Bookstore

Monday-Saturday:
9 AM – 5 PM
(978) 459-9522 or Toll Free (800) 287-9522
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Offering a variety of quality religious giftware, cards & books to support the practice of the Catholic faith at home and at work.

Visit us on the Web:

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Mass Intentions

August 25 - September 2

- Saturday August 25, 2018**
 - 8:00 Intentions of Timothy J. Bradish
 - 12:00 Raymond Chandonnet - 1st Ann.
 - 4:00 Leo Lagasse - 10th Ann.
- Sunday August 26, 2018**
 - 8:00 Jeannette Painchaud
 - 10:00 Gerard Bedard
 - 12:00 Bobby Cronin - 15th Ann.
- Monday August 27, 2018**
 - 8:00 Michael Casey - intentions
 - 12:00 Bernadette Nguyet Phamminh - B/day - living
 - 5:30 Timothy Shawn King
- Tuesday August 28, 2018**
 - 8:00 Brian A. C. Jobson
 - 12:00 Brian Pendleton
 - 5:30 Marthe Gagne - 24th Ann.
- Wednesday August 29, 2018**
 - 8:00 William Casey - intentions
 - 12:00 Shrine Benefactors
 - 5:30 Julien Pinard - living
- Thursday August 30, 2018**
 - 8:00 For a Special Intention
 - 12:00 Sean Hutchinson - intention
 - 5:30 William Casey - intention
- Friday August 31, 2018**
 - 8:00 Jim & Anna Cunningham - 50th Wedding Ann.
 - 12:00 Meridith Tucker - 2nd Ann.
 - 5:30 William Casey - intention
- Saturday September 1, 2018**
 - 8:00 Fr. Jacques Nguyen, O.M.I.
 - 12:00 Bill Kerins
 - 4:00 Napoleon Mercier
- Sunday September 2, 2018**
 - 8:00 "Michael"
 - 10:00 Gerard Bedard
 - 12:00 Norman Sayer

<i>FINANCIAL REPORTS</i>	
THANK YOU for all Contributions!	
We thank you for your generous support of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Remember that our future is in your hands. Please remember St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in your will.	
Week Ending	August 12, 2018
Weekend Total:	\$2,144.01
Weekday Total:	\$982.58
Total Offertory:	\$3,126.59

Music For Sunday, August 26, 2018

CHOIR 8AM.

Entrance #636 Morning Has Broken
 Offertory #464 Fly Like A Bird
 Communion #632 O How Blessed
 Sending Forth #419 One Spirit, One Church

4pm/10am/12pm

Entrance #204 God We Praise You
 Offertory #621 Make Your Home in Me
 Communion #433 Amazing Grace
 #509 God of Mercy
 Sending Forth #547 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Scripture for the week of August 26, 2018

26 SUN	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
27 Mon	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
28 Tue	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
29 Wed	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29
30 Thu	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
31 Fri	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
1 Sat	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
2 SUN	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

DAILY OFFERING TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and suffering of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sins, the reunion of all Christians; I offer them for the intentions of our Bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen

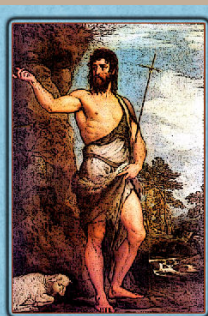
Labor Day at the Shrine



The **Gift Shop** and **Business Office** will be **closed** on **Monday, September 3rd** for Labor Day. There will be no confessions this day. Masses are at 8am and 12noon.

The Missionary Oblates and lay staff wish you a happy and safe holiday!!

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
August 29th



St. John the Baptist

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated.

Saint John the Baptist is the patron of tailors, lambs, converts, farriers, baptism, and monastic life. He was a prophet and cousin to Jesus. Saint John the Baptist converted as he preached repentance and prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ into public ministry. He was beheaded because of Herodias's jealousy and vengeance. St. John the Baptist's feast day is August 29th.

Collect from the Roman Missal

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Christian Worker Recognition Award 2018



The Christian Worker Recognition Award will be announced **Labor Day weekend, and will be presented the following weekend on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at the 4:00pm Mass.**

We are most grateful to all who support the mission of the Church in their day-to-day lives. The award recognizes those who give witness to their faith in their civil employment. The Christian Worker Recognition Award exhibits many ways in which our faith can be made evident outside of recognized church ministries and activities.

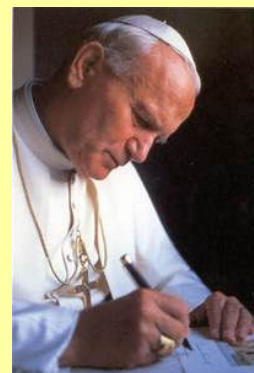
Welcome Fr. Ojulo



Please welcome Fr. William Ojulo from the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda for Mission Appeal Weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

The Gospel of Life

Evangelium Vitae



The ability to attain truth and freedom are human prerogatives inasmuch as man is created in the image of his Creator, God who is true and just (cf. Dt 32:4). Man alone, among all visible creatures, is “capable of knowing and loving his Creator”. The life which God bestows upon man is much more than mere existence in time. It is a drive towards fullness of life; it is the seed of an existence which transcends the very limits of time: “For God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity”.
-Pope St. John Paul II

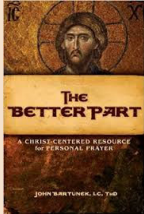
Anointing of the Sick

The Sacramental Anointing of the Sick will be offered at all three masses on the 1st Saturday of every month.
Mass Times are: 8 am, 12 noon & 4:00pm.



Gospel - John 6:60-69 Christ the Friend

Try to imagine how Jesus spoke the words, "Do you want to go away too?" Try to picture his expression as he looked into the faces of his chosen Twelve. He cared deeply about them; he had handpicked them to be his closest companions. He had given them his heart, and now, as other followers gave up on him, he looked to them with a tinge of sadness, perhaps even with apprehension. Would they too abandon him? How near God draws to us in Jesus Christ! He humbles himself - he makes himself weak, almost powerless, in the face of our freedom. He doesn't want mindless robots or heartless slaves; he wants friends, forever."



Taken from: The Better Part A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer

The Better Part is available now in the Shrine Gift shop

Further Reflection:

Catechism of The Catholic Church

1738 Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The *right to the exercise of freedom*, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order.³²

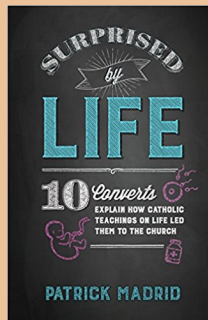
1742 *Freedom and grace.* The grace of Christ is not in the slightest way a rival of our freedom when this freedom accords with the sense of the true and the good that God has put in the human heart. On the contrary, as Christian experience attests especially in prayer, the more docile we are to the promptings of grace, the more we grow in inner freedom and confidence during trials, such as those we face in the pressures and constraints of the outer world. By the working of grace the Holy Spirit educates us in spiritual freedom in order to make us free collaborators in his work in the Church and in the world:

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine Gift shop/Bookstore

Here you'll read the eye-opening, often heartrending life stories of ten people who struggled with some of the most difficult issues human beings face and who, as they struggled were drawn out of pain and darkness by the beauty of Catholic teachings about life, marriage, and human sexuality.

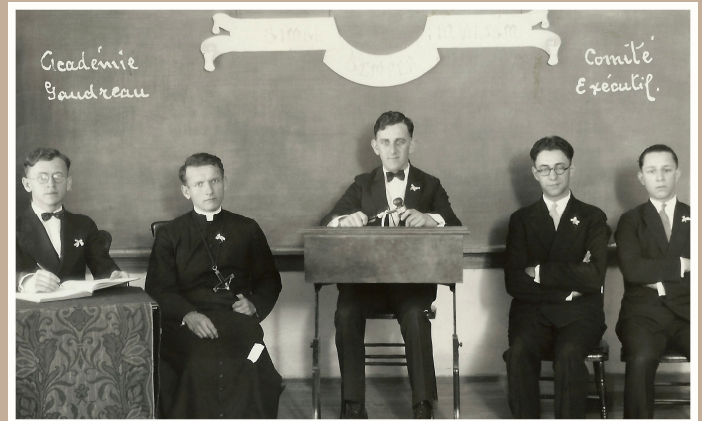
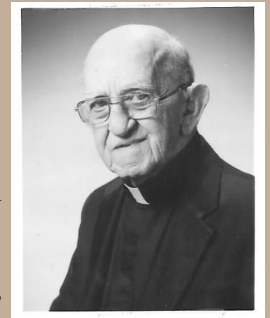
Dramatic and thought-provoking, these intensely personal stories address virtually every controversial issue surrounding life, including in vitro fertilization, abortion, contraception, and more.

Surprised By Life By: Patrick Madrid



LOWELL OBLATE VOCATION PROFILE

Oblate Father Victor Alexander was born in Lowell in 1902. As a young high school student in Colebrook, NH (see picture below) he was Chair of the St. Joseph H.S. Seminary debate team moderated by Lowell native Fr. Donat Morissette, OMI (left). After ordination in Lowell in 1933 he returned to the H.S. Seminary as a Teacher. In 1951 Fr. Victor became Pastor of St. Marie's Church (now Holy Family Parish) in South Lowell where he remained for two consecutive six-year terms. Fr. Victor emulated St. Eugene de Mazenod's words: "**Remember that God is love . . . Be sufficiently grateful for God's kindness**" both in preaching to his parishioners and encouraging them to always be grateful for God's many gifts. Fr. Alexander went to his eternal reward in 1991.



St. Joseph,
Hope of the sick ~ Pray for
us.
~ Litany of St. Joseph



In order to be "all for God," the Saviour invited you and your companions to bind yourselves to Him through religious life, living the vows in apostolic community. - St. Eugene, guide us to the Savior in our time of need. - Litany of St. Eugene de Mazenod



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Prayed Monday through Saturday at the Shrine at 3 pm, the hour of mercy.

Memorial of St. Augustine - August 28



St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!" He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His feast day is August 28th.

From: catholic.org



Knights of Columbus

At this time the Lowell Knights of Columbus are actively recruiting new members.

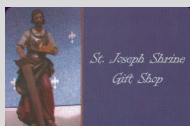
For more information please contact:

Michael Birlin

978-770-9911 or mberlin@outlook.com

Gift Cards

Gift cards are available in the Shrine Gift Shop. This is a wonderful way to share the faith with family, friends, and loved ones!



RING the SHRINE BELLS for Your LOVED ONE
Arrange in the Gift Shop at the Mass Counter.



"We-Share" on-line donations



St. Joseph the Worker Shrine depends on your support. As you vacation this summer, please remember to be generous either before or after your travels. If you would like to learn more about on-line giving using "We-Share", an easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Valerie Gaudet in the Business Office or check out our website at stjosephshrine.org and click on the "Donate" link today! With great success, we have been using we-share for over a year now, and those who donate to the shrine in this manner have great things to say about we-share! The amount and frequency of your donation is always your choice. This is a great way to support the shrine while you are away on vacation!

"We-Share"

On-line weekly

Total: \$33.72

All night Eucharistic Vigil will be held in Chelmsford



St. Mary's Church, 25 North Rd. Chelmsford, MA
beginning on September 7&8, 2018
(First Friday) and ending on Saturday morning.

The vigil will begin with Mass of the Sacred Heart at 9:00pm with Rev. Laurence "Ren" Tocci, Administrator, St. Michael's Church, Hudson, MA and end at 5:00am with the Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Fr. Raju Muringayil, Hospital Chaplin. The intentions of the vigil are for Pope Francis, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, all priest and religious of the Archdiocese of Boston.

The theme of this vigil is for an increase of devotion in Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Devotion, for the sanctification of the Holy Priesthood, and increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The visiting statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at this vigil. A discourse of this Apostolate will be presented by Francine, Vice President of the Legion of Mary from St. Joseph's in Medford. St. Pio was inspired by the Pilgrim Virgin statue during the tour in Italy. Booklets and third class relics of St. Pio will also be available. Refreshments will be served throughout the night.

For more information call 978-453-7446 or helentherese@comcast.net

Our future is in your hands. Please remember St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in your will. We appreciate your consideration.