



Lowell's 2026 Franco-American Festival Week begins Sunday, June 21!

- **Sunday, June 21: 12:00 pm Mass in French honoring St. Jean Baptiste.** (*French/English worship aid provided.*) **At Immaculate Conception Church, 144 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA. Refreshments and naming of the Greater-Lowell Franco-American of the Year will follow** in downstairs church hall. (*Stair-free access on Fayette St. for upper-church handicap drop-off. Downstairs lift accessible from the church parking lot, using door closest to E. Merrimack St.*)
- **Sunday, June 21: 4:00 pm “Celebrating Our French Heritage” with Soloist Marie-Line Morin at St. Joseph’s Shrine, 37 Lee St., Lowell, MA.** A weaving of narrative and song in honor of the OMI fathers who staff the Shrine. *On-street parking free on Sundays; free off-street lot nearby. For more information, contact: sjwssec@stjosephshrine.org*
- **Monday, June 22: 5:30-9:30 pm “Across the Years: Three Franco Poets from Lowell” at Coburn Hall, UMass Lowell South Campus.** Beginning with Dr. Joseph H. Roy, Lowell has nurtured Franco poets including Loom Press publisher Paul Marion and Franco Committee member Suzanne Beebe. Join them for a reading and discussion of Dr. Roy’s and their own poems from a Lowell Franco perspective. *Refreshments will be served.*
- **Wednesday, June 24: 10:00 am Lowell City Hall Flag Raising** followed by coffee and donuts. (Outdoors if weather is favorable; in City Hall if rainy.)
- **Wednesday, June 24: 6:30 pm Vesper Service honoring St. Jean Baptiste** at the Lourdes Grotto, 357 Pawtucket St., Lowell, behind the Franco Residences. (*Bring your own chair!*) **Wine and Cheese Social** to follow in the Community Room of the Franco Residences.
- **Thursday, June 25: 6:30-8:30 pm Family Bingo in French and English, at St. Michael’s Church Hall, 12 Sixth St, Lowell, MA.** Bingo cards \$2 each or three for \$5. *Cash prizes for each game! Free snacks and water!*
- **Saturday, June 27, 6:00-9:30 pm French Quadrilles and Contra Dances at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Club, 141 Staples St., Lowell, MA.** *Free admission!* Acadian and Québécois fiddling from rising star Gus LaCasse of Maine. Dances called in French and English by Lowell’s Jeannine Ameduri. *Franco foods, snacks, and water free of charge. (Cash bar!)*
- **Sunday, June 28: 1:30-4:00 pm Magic and Other Fun at St. Rita’s Church Hall, 158 Mammoth Rd, Lowell, MA.** Magic show at 2:15 from Mr. Henri Marchand. *Free face-painting, games, and snacks before and after!*

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