

Memorial MARCH 15

Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer, Priest

CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER WAS BORN IN TASSWITZ IN MORAVIA (Czech Republic) on December 26, 1751. In his early youth, after the death of his father, he worked as an apprentice baker. Then, having become a servant in the Premonstratensian Abbey at Klosterbruck (Znaim), he was able to follow the call to the priesthood, first by completing his secondary schooling, and then his catechetical, philosophical and theological studies in Vienna. During this time, he made yearly pilgrimages to Rome, where he encountered the Redemptorists.

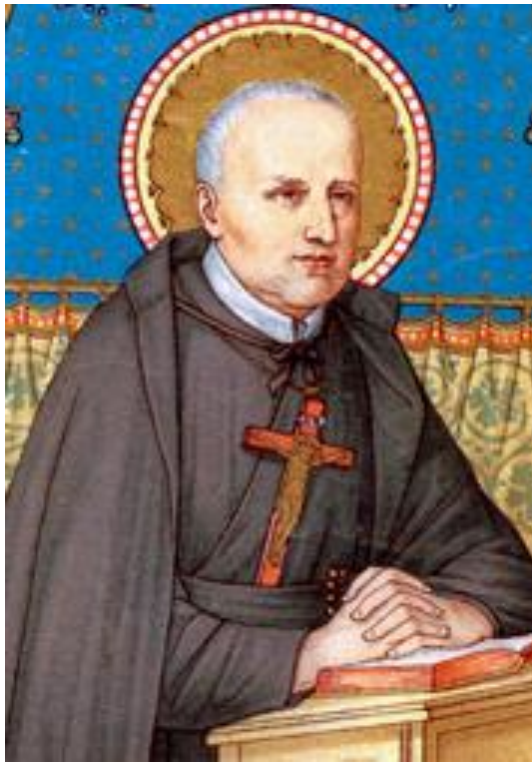
On October 24, 1784, with his friend Thaddeus Hubl, he was received by the Redemptorists. Both were professed on March 19, 1785, and ordained priests shortly after at Alatri on March 29. After a few months of study in the house of Frosinone, he returned beyond the Alps, where in his role as vicar general of the Congregation, he founded the first house of the Redemptorists in

Warsaw. Other houses followed in Poland, Prussia, Germany, Switzerland and Romania. In Warsaw, where he lived from 1787 to 1808, with the collaboration of young men of various nationalities, a very fruitful apostolate was developed, promoting good works and strengthening the piety of the faithful.

With the dissolution of the Redemptorists in Warsaw, after the takeover of Poland by Napoleon, he was forced to leave Warsaw and found his way to Vienna where he ministered until his death. In 1813, he was appointed rector of the church of the Ursulines and also their confessor. Through the charism of spiritual direction, preaching, confession and works of charity, he converted and helped people of every social class. Through his activity, he had an influence on the Congress of Vienna, on the culture at the time, and notably on the romantic movement.

He died at Vienna on March 15, 1821. On April 19, the Emperor admitted the Congregation into the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Thanks to Father Joseph Passerat, one of Clement's first companions, the

Congregation spread from Vienna throughout Northern Europe. Clement was canonized by Saint Pius X on May 20, 1909. He is co-patron of Vienna and Warsaw.



Entrance Antiphon Rom 1:16-17
I am not ashamed of the gospel. For in it the
righteousness of God is revealed through faith
for faith; as it is written, "The just one who is
righteous will live by faith."

COLLECT

O gracious God,
Out of concern for your people
you blessed Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer
with outstanding zeal for the salvation of
souls,
and through him proclaimed the kingdom of
your grace.
Grant that, through his intercession,
we may persevere in faith and follow the path
marked out for us
by the example of his life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen..

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 3:6-11

We are God's servants working together; you are God's field, God's building.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God made things grow. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters: only God, who makes things grow. It is all one who does the planting and who does the watering, and each will be duly paid according to his or her share in the work. We are fellow workers with God; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples. **R.**

For great is his steadfast love towards us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 4:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

(In Lent) Praise to you, Lord, King of eternal
glory!

Speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into him who is
the head, into Christ..

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-9

Your peace will rest on that person.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, “The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a person of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on that person; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, ‘The kingdom of God is very near to you.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider :

St. Clement Hofbauer lived a simple and prayerful life of service to God and people. May we imitate his example and be a light for others. Let us present our petitions before God..

Response : *Lord, we beseech you, hear us.*

1. For the Redemptorists, that following the example of St. Clement they will be inspired to preach the Gospel anew. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
2. For leaders of the world, that they may always see authority as service and promote peace and freedom of faith. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
3. For all Christians, that inspired by St. Clement, they may always persevere through the difficulties of life and find hope in their faith. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
4. For those who are lost and searching, that they may find Christ in the people they meet and discover God's will in their lives. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

5. For those who suffer persecution especially because of their faith, that the Lord will strengthen them through their trials. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Presider :

Father, you guided St. Clement through a life of service. May we also be your instruments to bring Christ to others in all that we do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

God, our Father, accept our lives along with these gifts, and through the mystery which we celebrate, strengthen us as you strengthened Saint Clement Hofbauer. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

Priest : The Lord be with you.

People : And with your spirit.

Priest : Lift up your hearts.

People : We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest : Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

People : It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For, as on this festival of St. Clement Hofbauer you bid your Church rejoice, so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life, teach her by his words of preaching, and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

Communion Antiphon Phil 1:3, 6
I thank my God, confident that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you have nourished us in this Eucharistic banquet which, in marvellous ways, unites the faithful of all times. Grant, we pray, that we may receive strength from this heavenly bread so that we may be enabled to attain to the everlasting banquet in the company of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.