

MARCH 15

# *Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer, Priest*

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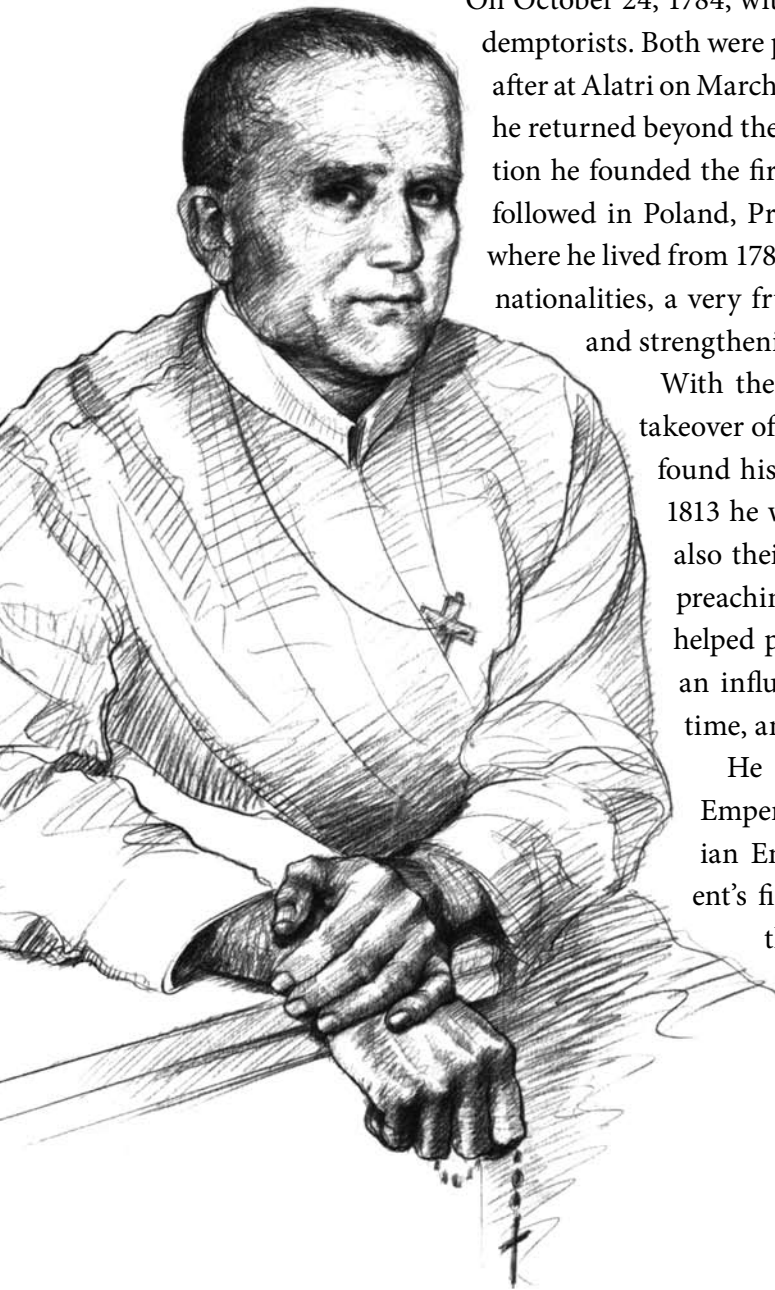
**Feast**

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 Hübl, 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 of the time, and notably on the romantic movement.

He died at Vienna on March 15, 1820. 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** 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” (Rom 1: 16-17).

*The Gloria is sung.*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

O gracious God,  
Out of concern for your people  
you blessed Saint Clement Mary  
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

Brothers and sisters, I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 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.

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

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-9

*Your peace will rest on that person.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From among the disciples, the Lord appointed seventy and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

## **PREFACE**

**Priest: The Lord be with you.**

People: And also with you.

**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 to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.**

**You are glorified in your saints  
for their glory is the crowning of your gifts.**

**In the life of Saint Clement Mary,  
you give us an example.  
In our communion with him,  
you give us his friendship.  
In his prayer for the church,  
you give us strength and protection.  
His witness spurs us on to victory  
to share the prize of everlasting glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**With the angels and archangels  
and the whole company of the saints  
we sing our unending hymn of praise:**

**Communion Antiphon** 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 (Phil 1: 3. 6).

## **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.**