

Upcoming Jubilee Event

Sign up for a Holy Hour at St. Clement

Adoration Newsletter

April 2025



*“And by that will we have
been sanctified through the
offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.”*

-Hebrews 10:10

Saint Clement
Eucharistic Shrine



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

ST. CLEMENT SHRINE SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 23rd

9pm - Procession arrives from
St. Mary's of the Assumption

9:15pm - Candlelit Mass with
Fr. Paul Kallal, OMV

10pm - Eucharistic Adoration
begins

Thursday, April 24th

5:45pm - Evening Prayer with the Oblates

6pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:10pm - Fr. Victor Nwabueze, OMV
Talk on the Scriptural Roots of the
Eucharist and Eucharistic Miracles

7pm-8pm - Adoration, Confession,
Relic veneration, Eucharistic Hymns

8pm - Process to the
Cathedral of the Holy Cross

Website and
Adoration Sign-Up



Reflection

Ignatius's Exercises, and his Rules for Discernment, are practical as nails in a fence. They keep the boards in line and they make the pieces into a whole; the whole protects the yard and the home of whomever has built the fence.

One of the works of the Oblates is a renewal of spirituality in the modern world — and one of their primary tools is teaching and guiding people through Ignatius's Exercises and Rules for Discernment. Because a good fence is eminently practical. Even more so if it's around your soul.

One Rule that continually keeps me safe from marauding half-truths and foolish decisions is the Fifth: "In time of desolation never to make a change; but to be firm and constant in the resolutions and determination in which one was the day preceding such desolation, or in the determination in which he was in the preceding consolation[...]"

You know that voice, "Hey, this is rough. Why do it now? You're tired. You already messed up today. Who cares if you have longstanding resolution to pray outside the Planned Parenthood? Who cares if you promised to read your Bible every night? Adoration? You won't be able to sit still... try again in a few weeks..."

If the idea was good when I felt spiritually at peace and consoled, why should it be different now that I feel spiritually dry or depressed? The act hasn't changed its goodness, just my perception of it.

Bringing one of Ignatius's Rules to Adoration to meditate on with Jesus has been an excellent practice, often a great joy, almost always rife with surprises for my prayer. If you're wondering this year what to do with a Holy Hour, perhaps consider taking a list of the Rules, picking one, and praying with it at the Shrine. Even better, nab an Oblate or a friend and ask them if you can chat about your prayer and the Rules afterwards.

-C.J. Williams

FROM THE SAINTS: St. Clare of Assisi



"In reality Clare's whole life was a Eucharist because, like Francis, from her cloister she raised up a continual 'thanksgiving' to God in her prayer, praise, supplication, intercession, weeping, offering and sacrifice. She accepted everything and offered it to the Father in union with the infinite 'thanks' of the only-begotten Son, the Child, the Crucified, the risen One, who lives at the right hand of the Father."

- Pope St. John Paul II

St. Clare was born in Assisi in 1194 to a wealthy noble family. At age 15 she refused to marry and later encountered the preaching of St. Francis, by which she was deeply moved. At 18 she ran away from home and, under the guidance of St. Francis, joined a Benedictine convent where her sister Agnes soon joined her. Eventually Clare and Agnes began to live separately from the Benedictine nuns according to a Rule which St. Francis gave them as a Second Order of Franciscans. Other women soon joined them as Brides of Christ, living a life of great poverty, seclusion, and prayer.

In 1224, an army of soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. St. Clare went to the city walls where she placed the Blessed Sacrament before the oncoming army and prayed to God for the safety of the village and her sisters. The army suddenly became terrified and fled in fear.

Prayer

I believe in your almighty word, hence I bear witness.

Hear the silence of my heart, Lord Jesus, and the great clamor of my voice crying perpetually for you, who came to share our body and our image, who came also as a high priest not under the Law, but throwing off the yoke of the Law.

Instead of animal sacrifice, you offered your blessed body, perpetually sacrificed without dying and without diminishing the pardon you grant, not just for those of few sins, but also for those whose expectation of life is cut off.

With these bodies so inclined to sin, how could we reach salvation, even if we tried for ten thousand years?

But you God of all, for this reason, willingly made yourself the sacrifice, and suffering death are shared in communion for our pardon.

Not that you, O fountain of purity, are forced to be sacrificed daily; rather you chose it through the Holy Spirit and with the approval of the Father for our reconciliation.

**- St. Gregory of Narek
From "Prayer 53"**