

August 11th: St. Clare of Assisi. virgin

Gospel text (*Jn 15,4-10*): Jesus said to his disciples: «Live in me as I live in you. As long as you remain in me and I in you, you bear much fruit».



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Today is the day of St. Clare of Assisi, one of the best loved Saints, contemporary of St Francis. She renounced her noble status and wealth to live in humility and poverty, adopting the lifestyle that Francis of Assisi recommended. Clare, with a daring act inspired by her deep desire to follow Christ and her admiration for Francis, at the age of 18 left her family home and made her way in secret to the Friars Minor at the little Church of the Portiuncula.

—From that moment she had become the virgin bride of Christ, humble and poor, and she consecrated herself totally to him.