

Saint Clare of Assisi

August 11

CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.

SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18 AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD. *God calls us to love poverty.* *Hm... I could be poor like Jesus!*

ONE NIGHT SHE WENT TO ST. FRANCIS WHO CUT HER HAIR AND GAVE HER A ROUGH TUNIC.

Did Father let you come?!
HER FATHER TRIED TO FORCE HER TO COME BACK, BUT SOON HER SISTER JOINED HER!

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY. *We will not own even our home.*

WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!

CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253. *It is so much easier to love God when one owns nothing!*

ST. CLARE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.



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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



took Peter, James and John up a



Suddenly His



became dazzling white, like the



began to speak with Moses and Elijah,

who appeared beside Him.



were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we

build



: one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a



came over them, and a

voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only



was there with them.

Coming down the



, He told



not to tell

anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

*Use the pictures to help read the story
from today's Gospel reading!*

Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus took three of His Apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun, and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let His friends see Him in His glory to help them understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or a picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you - how much He suffered for you, and the perfect happiness He has waiting for you in Heaven! Try to think of how you can love Him better each day!



Answer to the Transfiguration puzzle:
Top: 6, 1. Middle: 2, 4. Bottom 3, 5.

The Transfiguration

*Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them.
How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.*

