

Saint of the Day, Nov. 6

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Today is the feast of **Blessed Margaret of Lorraine**.

Margaret was born to [Frederick II of Vaudémont](#) [1] and his cousin, [Yolande d'Anjou](#), [2] in 1463, at their castle in Lorraine.

She married [René, Duke of Alençon](#) [3] in 1488. When he died four years later, Margaret was already the mother of three children. "The first thing she did was to secure her right to the guardianship of her children. . . . Having done this, she settled down in her castle at Mauves, where she brought them up. . . . she showed herself to be a most capable administrator. . . ."

--[Butler's Lives of the Saints](#) [4]

When her son reached his majority, and Margaret was no longer needed as administrator of the duchy, she retired to a convent in Mortagne in Brittany. Later, with some of the nuns, she founded at Argentan in Brittany a new monastery of Poor Clares. She made vows in 1520 and died in 1521. In 1793, her burial place was desecrated and her body thrown into a common grave.

Margaret of Lorraine -- daughter, wife, duchess, mother, grandmother, foundress -- was beatified in 1921.

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