

# Mary Garden Plant List for the St. Clare Garden

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This diverse collection of plants has traditional names linking them to the Virgin Mary, Jesus, and the saints. Most of the plants are in the shady part of the garden (section 5 of the diagram) but others are in the sunny areas of the garden mixed in with kitchen and medicinal plants.

All but the lilies and the daisies were common in Southern and Western Europe in the 13th century. I substituted East Asian varieties of lilies for the traditional Madonna Lily (*Lilium candidum*) because the Asian lilies are vigorous and less prone to disease. I substituted the shrubby Marguerite *frutescens* from the Canary Islands for the weedy annual ox-eye daisy of Europe (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) because Marguerites are reliable perennial bloomers in Northern California, blooming every month of the year.

## TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES

<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Boxwood, Candlemas Greens, Purification Plant
<i>Clematis viticella</i> 'Blue Belle'	Blue Clematis, Virgin's Bower
<i>Clematis viticella</i> 'Alba Luxuriana'	White Clematis, Virgin's Bower
<i>Daphne mezereum</i>	Daphne, Lady Laurel
<i>Lavandula</i> 'Goodwin Creek Gray'	'Goodwin Creek' Lavender, Mary's Drying Plant
<i>Lav.angustifolia</i> 'Martha Roderick'	English Lavender, Mary's Drying Plant
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> 'Hazel'	Spanish Lavender, Mary's Drying Plant
<i>Lavandula x intermedia</i> 'Grosso'	Lavandin, Fat Spike Lavender, Mary's Drying Plant
<i>Lavatera thuringiaca</i>	Tree Mallow
<i>Rosa</i> 'Climbing Don Juan'	'Don Juan' Rose, Mary's Sorrows
<i>Rosa</i> 'Climbing Iceberg'	'Iceburg' Rose, Mary's Joy
<i>Rosa gallica</i> var. <i>officinalis</i>	Apothecary's Rose, Mystic Rose

## GROUNDCOVERS, HERBS, AND PERENNIALS

<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Carpet Bugle, St. Lawrence's Plant
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle, Mary's Mantle
<i>Aquilegia hybrid</i>	Columbine, Our Lady's Shoes
<i>Armeria Maritima</i>	Thrift, Sea Pink, Our Lady's Cushion
<i>Artemesia</i> 'Powis Castle'	Wormwood, Our Lady's Needle
<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	Chamomile, Mary's Plant
<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i>	Daisy, Mary's Star
<i>Digitalis hybrid</i>	Foxglove, Our Lady's Thimble
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel, Our Lady's Fennel
<i>Fragaria hybrid</i>	Strawberry, Fruitful Virgin
<i>Geranium hybrid</i>	Cranesbill Geranium, Madonna's Pins

<i>Gladiolus communis</i> var. <i>Byzantinus</i>	Byzantine Gladiolus, Ladder to Heaven
<i>Iris x germanica</i> var. <i>Florentina</i>	Iris, Orris, Madonna Iris, Mary's Sword
<i>Iris pallida</i> 'variegata'	Pallid Iris, Mary's Sword of Sorrow
<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i> 'Blue Wonder'	Catmint, Mary's Nettle
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary, Mary's Tree
<i>Ruta graveolens</i> 'Jackman's Blue'	Rue, Herb of Grace
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Icterina'	Sage, Mary's Shawl
<i>Stachys</i> 'Silver Carpet'	Lambs' Ears, Betony, Our Lady's Fingers
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> 'crispum'	Tansy, Our Lady's Plant
<i>Teucrium cussoni</i> (=T. <i>majoricum</i> )	Germander, Mary's Plant
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i> 'argenteus'	Thyme, The Virgin's Humility
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Mullein, Lady's Flannel, Our Lady's Candle
<i>Vinca minor</i> 'Bowles Blue'	Periwinkle, The Virgin's Flower
<i>Viola corsica</i>	Corsican Violet, Lady's Delight

### ANNUALS

<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Chive, Our Lady's Garleek
<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Marigold, Mary's Gold
<i>Lobularia maritime</i>	Sweet Alyssum, Blessed by Mary
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Parsley, Our Lady's Lace

### BULBS

<i>Galanthus elwesii</i>	Snowdrop, Candlemas Bells
<i>Lilium</i> hyb.	Lily, Easter Lily
<i>Lilium formosanum</i>	Formosa Lily, Easter Lily
<i>Lilium regale</i>	Regal Lily, Easter Lily
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth, Church Steeples
<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Narcissus, Mary's Star
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem, Mary's Tears