**St. Francis**



* Born in Assisi in Italy in 1181 as son of a wealthy cloth merchant
* is a Christian Saint
* In his early life, he served in the military and was captured and imprisoned for a year.
* During this time, it was reported he had a message from Christ calling him to leave his worldly life.
* So he gave up all his worldly goods, dressed in rough clothes and asked and begged for food to keep him alive
* His family disapproved and his father disinherited him
* He visited hospitals and cared for the sick
* He was the founder of the Franciscan order based on the simple statement by Jesus: “Leave all and follow me.”