



## **Bl. Maria Cristina di Savoia**

**Born:** 14 November 1812 in Cagliari, Italy as Maria Cristina Carlotta Giuseppina Gaetana Elisa

**Died:** 31 January 1836 in Naples, Italy of complications from childbirth

**Beatified:** 25 January 2014 by Pope Francis, recognition celebrated at the Basilica of Santa Chiara, Naples, Italy, presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato

**Venerated:** in Catholic Church

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**Feast:** 31 January

**Patronage:** Italy

Born a princess, the youngest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel I of Sardinia and Archduchess Maria Teresa of Austria-Este; grand-daughter of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria-Este and Maria Beatrice Ricciarda d'Este. Married to Ferdinand II of the Two Sicilies on 21 November 1832; it was not a happy marriage as she was very shy and uncomfortable at the royal court, and Ferdinand had no patience for it. Queen of the Two Sicilies. Mother of Francesco d'Assisi Maria Leopoldo who grew up to be the last king of the Two Sicilies.