



# Celebrating Faith in the Garden

Honoring the intersection of agrarian and liturgical life.

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## Winter

**Advent** – The four Sundays before Christmas. Consider using natural elements for your Advent wreaths and using beeswax sheets to make your candles.

**Feast of Saint Brigid, February 1 - Eve of February 2,** - patron saint of cattle, dairymaids, and chicken farmers. A common tradition is to make crosses out of reeds or straw.

**Candlemas,** February 2, -the halfway point between the winter solstice (Yule) and the spring equinox (Ostara) (also known as Imbolic.) Candlemas is traditionally a time to have candles blessed that you then use in your home for holy days and feasts. Common foods are crepes (a French tradition) or tamales (a Mexican tradition.)

**Saint Abigail,** February 11 – patron saint of honeybees and beekeepers.

## Spring

**Saint Gertrude of Nivelles,** March 17- patron saint of cats (including barn and garden cats!)

**Easter** – Always a wonderful time to celebrate new life, in the garden and in the barnyards.

**Rogation Days,** three days before Ascension Day  
These are the major liturgical days that honor agrarian life.

**Saint Isidore,** May 15, – patron saint of farmers.

**Saint Honoré** May 16 – patron saint of bakers.

## Summer

**Corpus Christ,** June 8 - the day we honor the bread and the wine, the body and the blood. A good day for bread baking and wine making.

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary,** August 15 – A wonderful day to hold a Blessing of the Herbs (a tradition harking back to medieval times.)

## Autumn

**Creationtide or the Season of Creation,** September 1 – October 4 – Learn more at:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources/>

**Saint Fiacre,** September 1, – patron saint of gardeners.

**Hildegard of Bingen,** September 17 – Considered by scholars to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

**Michaelmas, the Feast of Michael and the Archangels,** September 29 – Often tied to autumn rogation days. Michaelmas is often honored with large harvest-themed celebrations, and apple dishes.

**Feast of Saint Francis,** October 6 – A time to host the Blessing of the Animals.

**Saint Martin's Day,** November 11 – A day associated with the harvesting of the hogs in Iberia, and drinking the first of the new wine all over Europe. (It is also a holiday festival in Germany with a lot of fun traditions.)