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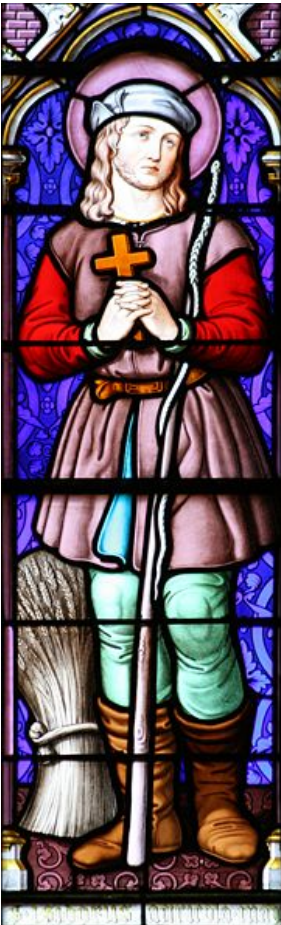
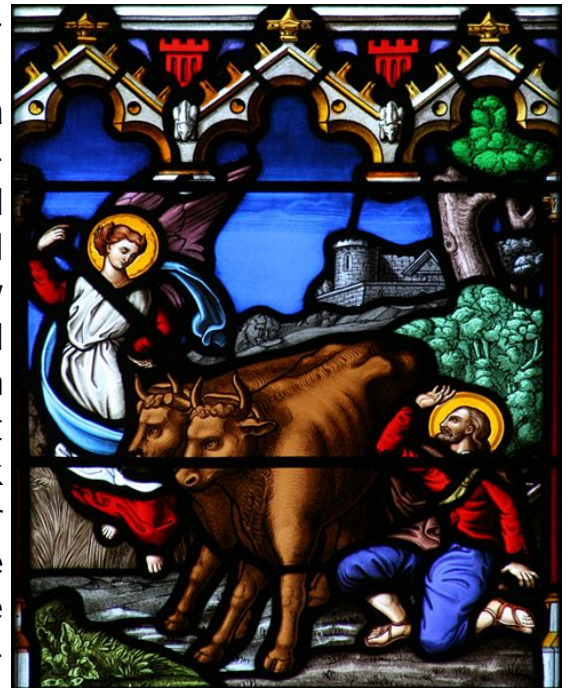
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Saint Isidore the Farmer

Saint Isidore the Farmer: May 15

Saint Isidore (his name is Ysidro in Spanish) lived near Madrid, Spain. He was born in the year 1070, and he was poor and uneducated. He had a great love and respect for the land, and worked most of his life for John de Vergas, a wealthy Spanish landowner. Isidore married Maria Torribia, who is also a Saint. They had one son, who died very young. Isidore and Maria were farmers and

showed great care for animals. They loved God and loved people and loved the Church. Isidore was often in church praying when he wasn't working. He was known to work miracles in providing food for other very poor people. Saint Isidore the Farmer died on May 15, 1130. He was canonized a Saint in 1622. Isidore is the patron saint of Madrid, Spain. Isidore and Maria are also the patron saints of farmers and farm communities. We celebrate the feast of Saint Isidore the Farmer on May 15.



To help us remember Saint Isidore and celebrate his Feast Day, we can bless gardens and fields and even packets of seeds! We ask God to bless our plants and crops. The Latin word "rogare" means "to ask", so when we ask God's blessing on our plants and crops we are celebrating a "Rogation Day."

