

St. Fiacre

St. Fiacre was born in Ireland in the 7th century and was recognized as patron saint of gardeners, among other things. Fiacre was raised in a monastery and monasteries were considered a depository of knowledge and learning. St. Fiacre became a skillful user of plants and herbs and people sought him out to learn about herbs. He moved to France and opened a hermitage in a wooded area near the Marne River where he built an oratory in honor of the Virgin Mary and a hospice where he received people.

As the word spread about him, people flocked to him to learn about food, healing and wisdom. After his death in 670 A.D. people who visited his monastery claimed that it had healing powers. His shrine at Breuil is still a pilgrimage destination.

St. Fiacre's statue is in the herb garden at the library, you are invited to stop by to see it.

