



Our Lady of Aparecida - Brazil

Our Lady of Aparecida is the patroness of Brazil. In 1717, the Governor of the Province of Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais was passing through the small city of Guaratingueta. The townspeople decided to hold a feast in his honor. Three fishermen, Domingos Garcia, Joao Alves and Filipe Pedroso, went fishing to prepare for the celebration. They prayed to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for a good catch. In their first net, they caught this statue of Mary. In their second net, they caught many large fish that they were able to use for the celebration. Our Lady of Aparecida reminds us that our daily work is holy and important to God.