

*Religious/Spiritual Observances 2023*

*(Includes some non-religious holidays)*

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day (state holiday)
- 1 Solemnity of Mary (Roman Catholic)
- 1 Shogatsu/Gantan-sai (Shinto)
- 5 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
- 6 Epiphany/Twelfth Night/Dia de los Reyes (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 7 Christmas (Orthodox Christian)
- 13 Maghi (Sikh)
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (state holiday)
- 19 Feast of the Epiphany (Orthodox Christian)
- 22 Lunar New Year (Confucian/Taoist/Buddhist)

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Imbolc (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 2 Candlemas (Christian)
- 3 Setsubun (Shinto)
- 5-6 Tu BiShvat/15<sup>th</sup> of Shevat (Jewish)\*
- 14 St. Valentine's Day (Roman Catholic/Interfaith)
- 15 Parinirvana (Buddhist)
- 17-18 Lailat al Miraj (Islam)\*
- 18 Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
- 20 Washington's Birthday (non-religious)
- 21 Losar/Tibetan New Year (Buddhist)
- 21 Shrove Tuesday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 22 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 25-28+ Ayyám-i-Há/Intercalary Days continue to March 1 (Bahá'í)\*
- 27 Clean Monday/Lent begins (Orthodox Christian)

## MARCH

- 2-20 19 Day Fast sunrise-sunset (Bahá'í)
- 6 Māgha Pūjā Day (Buddhist)
- 6-7 Holi (Hindu)\*
- 6-7 Purim (Jewish)\*
- 7 Holika Dahan (Hindu)
- 7-8 Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)\*
- 8-10 Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day (Roman Catholic)
- 20 Ostara/Spring Equinox (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 20-21 Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í)\*
- 22-31+ Ramadan continues to April 20 (Islam)\*

## APRIL

- 2 Palm Sunday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 5-13 Passover (Jewish)\*
- 6 Maundy Thursday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 7 Good Friday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 9 Easter (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 9 Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)
- 14 Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (Sikh)
- 14 Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)
- 16 Pascha/Easter (Orthodox Christian)
- 16-17 Lailat al-Qadr (Islam)\*
- 17-18 Yom HaShoah (Jewish)\*
- 20-30+ Rīdván continues to May 2 (Bahá'í)\*
- 21-22 Eid al-Fitr (Islam)\*
- 25-26 Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish)\*

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### MAY

- 1 Beltane/May Day (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 5 Vesak/Buddha's Birthday (Buddhist)
- 18 Ascension Day (Protestant Christian/  
Roman Catholic)
- 23-24 Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)\*
- 25 Ascension Day (Orthodox Christian)
- 25-27 Shavuot (Jewish)\*
- 28 Pentecost (Protestant Christian/  
Roman Catholic)
- 28-29 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)\*
- 29 Memorial Day (state holiday)

### JUNE

- 4 Pentecost (Orthodox Christian)
- 4 Trinity Sunday (Protestant/Catholic)
- 8 Corpus Christi (Roman Catholic)
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)
- 19 Juneteenth Day (non-religious)
- 21 Litha/Summer Solstice (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 28-29 Eid al-Adha (Islam)\*

### JULY

- 3 Asalha Puja (Buddhist)
- 4 Independence Day (state holiday)
- 9-10 Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)\*
- 18-19 Muharram begins (Islam)\*
- 24 Pioneer Day (Mormon/LDS)
- 26-27 Tisha B'Av (Jewish)\*
- 27-28 Ashura (Islam)\*

### AUGUST

- 1 Lammass/Lughnasadh (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Roman Catholic)
- 15 Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox  
Christian)
- 30 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day (state holiday)
- 6-7 Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)
- 15-17 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)\*

- 23 Mabon/Equinox (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 24-25 Yom Kippur (Jewish)\*
- 26-27 Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)\*
- 29-30+ Sukkot continues to Oct. 6 (Jewish)\*

### OCTOBER

- 6-8 Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)\*
- 7-8 Simchat Torah (Jewish)\*
- 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus  
Day (non-religious)
- 15 -17 Birth of the Báb (Baha'i)\*
- 15-17 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)\*
- 15-24 Navratri/Navaratri (Hindu)
- 20 Birth of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh)
- 31 All Hallows' Eve/Samhain (Interfaith)

### NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day (Protestant  
Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 2 All Souls' Day (Roman Catholic)
- 11 Veterans Day (non-religious)
- 12 Diwali/Deepavali (Hindu/Sikh)
- 15-30+ Nativity Fast continues to Dec. 24  
(Orthodox Christian)
- 23 Thanksgiving Day (state holiday)
- 25-26 Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)\*
- 27-28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Baha'i)\*

### DECEMBER

- 3-24 Advent (Protestant Christian/Roman  
Catholic)
- 8 Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception (Roman Catholic)
- 7-15 Hanukkah/Chanukah (Jewish)\*
- 21 Yule/Winter Solstice (Wiccan/Pagan)
- 24-25 Christmas Eve/Day (state holidays/  
Orthodox Christian/ Protestant  
Christian/Roman Catholic)
- 26-31+ Kwanzaa continues to Jan. 1  
(non-religious)
- 31 New Year's Eve (state holiday)

**NOTE:** \* Begins sundown the first evening.