

2020 HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day**
Gantan-sai (New Year's Day) - Shinto
Feast Day of St. Basil - Orth. Christian
Mary, Mother of God - Cath. Christian
- 2 Day After New Year's Day (QC)**
- 5 Twelfth Night - Christian**
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh
- 6 Epiphany - Christian**
Feast of the Epiphany - Orth. Christian
Three Kings' Day - Christian
Nativity of Christ - Armenian Orth.
- 7 Orthodox Christmas Day - Orth. Christian**
- 8 Feast of the Holy Family - Cath. Christian**
- 10 Mahayana New Year - Buddhist (to Jan. 12)**
- 12 Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian**
- 13 Maghi - Sikh**
- 14 Orthodox New Year**
- 17 Blessing of the Animals - Hisp. Cath. Christian**
- 19 World Religion Day - Baha'i**
- 25 Chinese New Year - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist (Year of the Rat)**
Conversion of St. Paul - Christian

FEBRUARY

- BLACK HISTORY MONTH**
- 2 Candlemas - Christian**
Imbolc* - Wicca/Pagan
Four Chaplains Sunday - Interfaith
- 3 St. Blaise Day - Christian**
Setsubun-sai (beginning of spring) - Shinto
- 10 Tu BiShvat* - Jewish**
- 14 Saint Valentine's Day - Christian**
Memorial Marches for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and girls
- 15 Nirvana Day - Buddhist**
- 17 Family Day (AB, BC, ON)**
- 23 Meatfare Sunday - Orth. Christian**
Transfiguration Sunday - Christian
- 25 Shrove Tuesday - Christian**
- 26 Intercalary Days begin - Baha'i (to March 1)**
Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - Christian

MARCH

- 2 Nineteen-Day Fast* - Baha'i (to March 20)**
- 8 International Women's Day**
Orthodox Sunday - Orth. Christian
- 9 Magha Puja Day - Buddhist**
- 10 Purim* - Jewish**
Holi* - Hindu
Hola Mohalla - Sikh
- 17 St. Patrick's Day - Christian**
- 19 Spring Equinox* - Wicca/Pagan**
- 21 Naw-Rúz (New Year)* - Baha'i**
Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 Laylat al Miraj* - Islam**
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian**
Ramayana - Hindu (to April 2)
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian**
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility**

APRIL

- 2 Rama Navami - Hindu**
- 3 Mahavir Jayanti - Jain**
Palm Sunday - Christian
- 9 Passover (Pesach)* - Jewish (to April 16)**
Theravada New Year - Buddhist (to April 11)
Maundy Thursday - Christian
- 10 Good Friday (except QC) - Christian**
- 11 Lazarus Saturday - Orth. Christian**
- 12 Easter - Christian**
Palm Sunday - Orth. Christian
- 13 Easter Monday (QC only) - Christian**
Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) - Sikh
- 14 Lailat al Bara'ah* - Islam**
- 15 USW's 3rd National Gathering of Indigenous Steelworkers (to Apr. 16)**
- 17 Holy Friday - Orth. Christian**
- 19 Pascha (Easter) - Orth. Christian**
- 21 Yom HaShoah* - Holocaust Remembrance Day - Jewish**
First Day of Ridván* - Baha'i (Ninth Day: April 29, Last Day: May 2)
- 23 St. George's Day - Christian**
- 24 Ramadan begins* - Islam**
- 28 National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed on the Job**
- 29 Yom Ha'Atzmaut* - Jewish**
- 30 St. James the Great Day - Orth. Christian**

MAY

- ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH**
- JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH**
- 1 International Workers' Day - May Day**
Beltane* - Wicca
- 7 Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Buddhist**
- 10 Mother's Day**
- 12 Lag B'Omer* - Jewish**
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia**
- 18 Victoria Day (except QC)**
National Patriots' Day (QC)
- 19 Laylat al Kadr* - Islam**
- 21 Ascension of Jesus - Christian**
- 23 Declaration of the Bab* - Baha'i**
- 24 Eid al Fitr* (Ramadan Ends) - Islam**
- 28 Ascension of Baha'u'llah* - Baha'i**
- 29 Shavuot* - Jewish (to May 30)**
- 31 Pentecost - Christian**

JUNE

- LGBTQ2SIA+ PRIDE MONTH**
- NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HISTORY MONTH**
- 7 Trinity Sunday - Christian**
- 8 District 6 Women of Steel Conference (to June 10)**
- 11 Corpus Christi - Cath. Christian**
- 12 World Day Against Child Labour**
- 14 All Saints - Orth. Christian**
- 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom - Sikh**
- 19 Sacred Heart of Jesus - Cath. Christian**
New Church Day - Swedenborgian Christian
- 20 Ascension of Jesus - Orth. Christian**
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day**
Father's Day
Summer Solstice* (Litha) - Wicca
- 24 Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (QC)**
- 29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian**



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JULY

- 1 **Canada Day**
- 4 Asalha Puja Day - Buddhist
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab* - Baha'i
Fast of the 17th of Tammuz* - Jewish
- 24 Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian
- 30 Tish'a B'av* - Jewish
Waqf al Arafa* - Islam
- 31 Eid al-Adha* - Islam (to August 3)

AUGUST

- 1 Lammas - Christian
Lughnassad* - Wicca
- 3 **Heritage Day** (AB)
British Columbia Day (BC)
Civic Holiday (ON)
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - Orth. Christian
- 11 Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Cath. Christian
Dormition of the Theotokos - Orth. Christian
- 16 Paryushana Parva - Jain (to Aug. 23)
- 20 Hijra - Islamic New Year* - Islam
- 29 Ashura* - Islam
Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ecclesiastical year begins - Orth. Christian
- 2 Obon (Ulambana) - Buddhist/Shinto (to Sept. 5)
- 7 **Labour Day**
- 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian
- 14 Holy Cross Day - Christian
- 15 International Day of Democracy
- 19 Rosh Hashanah* - Jewish (to Sept. 20)
- 22 Fall Equinox* - Wicca
- 28 Yom Kippur* - Jewish

OCTOBER

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH (ON)

- 3 Sukkot* - Jewish (to Oct. 9)
- 4 National Day to Commemorate Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
St. Francis Day - Cath. Christian
- 5 **USW Joint National Health, Safety, Environment and Human Rights Conference - Justice 2020** (to Oct. 8)
- 9 Hoshana Rabbah* - Jewish
- 10 Shemini Atzeret* - Jewish (to Oct. 11)
- 11 Simchat Torah* - Jewish
- 12 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 18 Birth of the Bab* - Baha'i
- 19 Birth of Baha'u'llah* - Baha'i
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
- 25 Dasara - Hindu
- 29 Mawlid an Nabi* - Prophet
- 31 Hallowe'en
Reformation Day - Protestant Christian

NOVEMBER

- 1 Samhain - Wicca
All Saints' Day - Christian
- 2 All Souls' Day - Cath. Christian
- 11 **Remembrance Day** (AB, BC)
- 14 Diwali - Sikh, Hindu, Jain
- 15 Jain New Year - Jain
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 22 Christ the King - Christian
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
Day of the Covenant* - Baha'i
- 29 Advent begins - Christian (to Dec. 24)
- 30 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib - Sikh

DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism
Immaculate Conception of Mary - Cath. Christian
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 11 Hanukkah* - Jewish (to Dec. 18)
- 12 Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Cath. Christian
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 21 Yule - Christian
Winter Solstice* - Yule - Wicca/Pagan
- 25 **Christmas Day**
Feast of the Nativity - Orth. Christian
- 26 **Boxing Day** (BC, ON)
Death of Prophet Zarathushtra - Zoroastrian
Kwanzaa - African Cult. Heritage (to Jan. 1)
- 28 Holy Innocents - Christian
- 31 New Year's Eve



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