

2021 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
Dia de los Reyes - Christian

7 Orthodox Christmas Day - Orth. Christian

10 Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian

13 Maghi - Sikh

14 Orthodox New Year

17 Blessing of the Animals - Hisp. Cath. Christian

25 Conversion of St. Paul - Christian

28 Tu B'Shvat* - Jewish

Mahayana New Year - Buddhist

FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2 Candlemas - Christian

Imbolc* - Wicca/Pagan

3 St. Blaze Day - Christian

Setsubun-sai (beginning of spring) - Shinto

5 Four Chaplains Sunday - Interfaith

12 Chinese New Year - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
(Year of the Ox)

14 Saint Valentine's Day - Christian

Transfiguration Sunday - Christian

Memorial Marches for Missing and Murdered

Indigenous Women and girls

15 Family Day (AB, BC, ON)

Nirvana Day - Buddhist

16 Shrove Tuesday - Christian

Vasant Panchami - Hindu

17 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - Christian

25 Intercalary Days begin - Baha'i (to Feb. 28)

26 Purim* - Jewish

MARCH

1 Nineteen-Day Fast* - Baha'i (to March 19)

7 Meatfare Sunday - Orth. Christian

8 International Women's Day

11 Laylat al Miraj* - Islam

12 Maha Shivarati - Hindu

14 Daylight Savings Time starts

17 St. Patrick's Day - Christian

20 Spring Equinox

21 Naw-Rúz (New Year)* - Baha'i

Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian

Ostara-Mabon - Wicca/Pagan

International Day for the Elimination of Racial
Discrimination

Orthodox Sunday - Orth. Christian

25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian

26 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) -
Zoroastrian

28 Passover (Pesach)* - Jewish (to April 4)

Magha Puja Day - Buddhist

Palm Sunday - Christian

Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian

31 International Transgender Day of Visibility

APRIL

1 Maundy Thursday - Christian

2 Good Friday (except QC) - Christian

4 Easter - Christian

5 Easter Monday (QC) - Christian

9 Yom HaShoah* - Holocaust Remembrance Day -
Jewish

13 Ramadan Begins* - Islam

Ramayana - Hindu (to April 21)

14 Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) - Sikh

15 Yom Ha'Atzmaut* - Jewish

20 First Day of Ridván* - Baha'i (Ninth Day: April 28,
Last Day: May 1)

21 Rama Navami - Hindu

22 Earth Day

23 St. George's Day - Christian

24 Lazarus Saturday - Orth. Christian

25 Mahavir Jayanti - Jain

Palm Sunday - Orth. Christian

27 Theravada New Year - Buddhist (to April 29)

Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu

28 National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or
Killed on the Job

30 Holy Friday - Orth. Christian

Lag B'Omer* - Jewish

St. James the Great Day - Orth. Christian

MAY

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

1 International Workers' Day - May Day
Beltane* - Wicca

2 Pascha (Easter) - Orth. Christian

8 Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Buddhist

9 Mother's Day

Laylat al Qadr* - Islam

13 Eid al Fitr* (Ramadan Ends) - Islam

Ascension of Jesus - Christian

17 International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia

Shavuot* - Jewish (to May 18)

23 Pentecost - Christian

Declaration of the Bab* - Baha'i

24 Victoria Day (except QC)

National Patriots' Day (QC)

29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah* - Baha'i

30 Trinity Sunday - Christian

JUNE

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HISTORY MONTH

3 Corpus Christi - Cath. Christian

11 Sacred Heart of Jesus - Cath. Christian

12 World Day Against Child Labour

16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom - Sikh

20 Father's Day

21 National Indigenous Peoples 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

TIBETAN HERITAGE MONTH (ON)

- 1 Canada Day**
- 9** Martyrdom of the Bab* - Baha'i
- 18** Tish'a B'av* - Jewish
- 19** Day of Arafat* - Islam
- 20** Eid al-Adha* - Islam (to July 23)
- 24** Asalha Puja Day - Buddhist
Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian
- 27** Fast of the 17th of Tammuz* - Jewish

AUGUST

- 1** Lammas - Christian
Lughnassad* - Wicca/Pagan
- 2** **Heritage Day (AB)**
British Columbia Day (BC)
Civic Day (ON)
- 6** Transfiguration of the Lord - Orth. Christian
- 10** Hijra - New Year* - Islam
- 13** Obon (Ullambana) - Buddhist/Shinto (to Aug. 15)
- 15** Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Cath. Christian
Dormition of the Theotokos - Orth. Christian
- 19** Ashura* - Islam
- 22** Raksha Bandhan - Hindu
- 29** Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian
- 30** Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Ecclesiastical year begins - Orth. Christian
- 5** Paryushana Parva - Jain (to Sept. 11)
- 6** **Labour Day**
- 7** Rosh Hashanah* - Jewish (to Sept. 8)
- 8** Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian
- 14** Holy Cross Day - Christian
- 15** International Day of Democracy*
- 16** Yom Kippur* - Jewish
- 21** Sukkot* - Jewish (to Sept. 27)
- 22** Fall Equinox* - Wicca
- 27** Hoshana Rabbah* - Jewish
Meskel - Ethiopian Eritrean Orth. Christian
- 28** Shemini Atzeret* - Ethiopian Eritrean Orth. Christian
- 29** Simchat Torah* - Jewish

OCTOBER

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH (ON)

- 4** National Day to Commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
St. Francis Day - Cath. Christian
- 7** Navaratri - Hindu (to Oct. 25)
- 11** **Thanksgiving Day**
- 15** Dasara - Hindu
- 19** Mawlid an Nabi* - Prophet Muhammad's birthday - Islam
- 20** Birth of the Báb* - Baha'i
Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
- 31** Hallowe'en
Reformation Day - Protestant Christian

NOVEMBER

- 1** Samhain - Wicca
All Saints' Day - Christian
- 2** All Souls' Day - Cath. Christian
- 4** Diwali (Deepavali) - Sikh - Hindu - Jain
- 11** **Remembrance Day (AB, BC)**
- 12** Birth of Baha'u'llah* - Baha'i
- 13** Jain New Year - Jain
- 20** Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 21** Christ the King - Christian
- 25** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 26** Day of the Covenant* - Baha'i
- 28** Advent begins - Christian (to Dec. 24)
- 29** Hanukkah* - Jewish (to Dec. 6)
- 30** St. Andrew's Day - Christian

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
- 12** Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Cath. Christian
- 18** International Migrants Day
- 22** Yule - Christian
Winter Solstice* - Yule - Wicca/Pagan
- 25** **Christmas Day**
Feast of the Nativity - Orth. Christian
- 26** **Boxing Day (BC, ON)**
Zarathrost Diso (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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* Asterisk indicates holy days that usually begin at sundown the day before the date listed.

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