

# January

Tamil Heritage Month

- 1 **New Year's Day**  
Gantan-sai (New Year's Day) - Shinto  
Feast Day of St. Basil - Orthodox Christian  
Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus - Orthodox Christian  
Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
- 2 **Day After New Year's Day** (Que.)
- 4 National Ribbon Skirt Day
- 5 Twelfth Night - Christian  
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh
- 6 Epiphany - Christian  
Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany) - Orthodox Christian  
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings' Day) - Christian
- 7 **Orthodox Christmas Day** - Orthodox Christian  
Christmas Day - Rastafarian  
Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian
- 8 Feast of the Holy Family - Catholic Christian
- 11 Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu
- 14 Orthodox New Year - Orthodox Christian
- 15 Maghi - Sikh
- 17 Blessing of the Animals - Hispanic Catholic Christian
- 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul - Christian  
Mahayana New Year - Buddhist  
Tu B'Shvat\* - Jewish
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia

# February

Black History Month

- 2 Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Christian  
Imbolc\* - Wicca/Pagan  
Groundhog Day
- 3 St. Blaze Day - Christian  
Setsubun-sai (beginning of spring) - Shinto
- 8 Laylat al Miraj\* - Islam
- 10 **Lunar New Year** - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist  
(Year of the Dragon)
- 11 Transfiguration Sunday - Christian
- 13 Shrove Tuesday - Christian
- 14 Memorial Marches for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
St. Valentine's Day - Christian  
Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - Christian  
Vasant Panchami - Hindu
- 15 Nirvana Day - Buddhist
- 19 **Family Day** (B.C., Alta., Sask., Ont., N.B.), **Louis Riel Day** (Man.) **Heritage Day** (N.S.) **Islander Day** (P.E.I.)
- 23 **Yukon Heritage Day**

# March

Irish Heritage Month

- 8 International Women's Day  
Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
- 10 Meatfare Sunday - Orthodox Christian  
Daylight Saving Time starts
- 11 **Ramadan begins\*** - Islam
- 17 St. Patrick's Day - Christian
- 18 **St. Patrick's Day** (N.L.) (observed)
- 19 Spring Equinox  
Ostara-Mabon\* - Wicca/Pagan
- 20 Naw-Rúz (New Year)\* - Baha'i
- 21 **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian
- 24 Magha Puja Day - Buddhist  
Palm Sunday - Christian  
Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian  
Purim\* - Jewish
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian
- 26 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian
- 28 Maundy Thursday - Christian
- 29 **Good Friday** (except Que.: Easter Monday as alternate)  
**Good Friday** - Christian
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility  
**Easter Sunday** - Christian

# April

Sikh Heritage Month / Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month

- 1 **Easter Monday** (B.C., N.T., Nunavut, N.B., P.E.I.)  
(Que.: Good Friday as alternate)
- 6 Laylat al Qadr\* - Islam
- 10 **Eid al Fitr\*** (Ramadan ends) - Islam  
International Day of Pink
- 13 Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) - Sikh
- 17 Rama Navami - Hindu
- 20 First Day of Ridván\* - Baha'i (Ninth Day: Apr. 28, Last Day: May 1)
- 21 **Mahavir Jayanti** - Jain  
Earth Day
- 22 **St. George's Day** - (N.L.)  
Passover\* (Pesach)

# 2024 Religious & Special Days Calendar



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- 23 St. George's Day - Christian  
Lazarus Saturday - Orthodox Christian  
Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu
- 24 Theravada New Year - Buddhist
- 28 National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed on the Job
- 31 **Orthodox Palm Sunday** - Orthodox Christian

# May

Asian Heritage Month / Jewish Heritage Month

- 1 International Workers' Day - May Day  
Beltane\* - Wicca
- 3 Orthodox Good Friday - Orthodox Christian
- 5 **Pascha (Easter)** - Orthodox Christian
- 6 Yom HaShoah\* - Holocaust Remembrance Day - Jewish  
Orthodox Easter Monday - Orthodox Christian
- 9 Ascension of Jesus - Christian
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Yom Ha'Atzmaut\* - Jewish
- 15 **Buddha Day - Visakha Puja** - Buddhist
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- 19 Pentecost - Christian
- 20 **Victoria Day** (except Que., N.S., P.E.I.)  
**National Patriots' Day** (Que.)
- 24 Declaration of the Bab\* - Baha'i
- 26 Trinity Sunday - Christian  
Lag B'Omer\* - Jewish
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah\* - Baha'i
- 30 Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian

# June

National Indigenous History Month / 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month / Filipino Heritage Month / Italian Heritage Month / Portuguese Heritage Month

- 7 Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
- 12 Shavuot\* - Jewish (to June 13)  
World Day Against Child Labour
- 15 Waqf al Arafa\* - Islam
- 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom - Sikh  
Father's Day
- 17 **Eid al-Adha\*** - Islam
- 20 Summer Solstice\* (Litha) - Wicca
- 21 **National Indigenous Peoples Day** (N.W.T., Y.T.)
- 24 **Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day** (Que.)  
**June Day** (N.L.)
- 29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian

# July

- 1 **Canada Day, Memorial Day** (N.L.)
- 7 Hijra - New Year\* - Islam
- 9 **Nunavut Day**  
Martyrdom of the Bab\* - Baha'i
- 15 **Orangemen's Day** (N.L.) (observed)
- 17 Ashura\* - Islam
- 21 **Asalha Puja Day** - Buddhist
- 23 Fast of the 17th of Tammuz\* - Jewish
- 24 Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian
- 25 St. James the Great Day - Orthodox Christian
- 28 National Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval

# August

- 1 Emancipation Day  
Lammas - Christian  
Lughnassad\* - Wicca/Pagan
- 5 **British Columbia Day** (B.C.), **Civic Day** (N.W.T., Nunavut, Ont., P.E.I.), **Heritage Day** (Alta.), **Saskatchewan Day** (Sask.), **Terry Fox Day** (Man.), **New Brunswick Day** (N.B.), **Natal Day** (N.S.)

- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - Orthodox Christian
- 7 **Regatta Day** (N.L.)
- 13 Tish'a B'av\* - Jewish  
**Obon (Ullambana)** - Buddhist/Shinto (to Aug. 15)
- 15 National Acadian Day  
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian  
Dormition of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian
- 16 Gold Cup Parade (P.E.I.)
- 19 **Discovery Day** (Y.T.)  
Raksha Bandhan - Hindu
- 26 **Krishna Janmashtami** - Hindu
- 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian
- 30 **Paryushana Parva** - Jain

# September

- 2 **Labour Day**
- 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian
- 14 Holy Cross Day - Christian
- 15 International Day of Democracy
- 16 Mawlid an Nabi\* - Prophet Muhammad's birthday - Islam
- 22 Fall Equinox\* - Wicca
- 27 Meskel - Ethiopian Eritrean Orthodox Christian
- 30 **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

# October

Islamic History Month / 2SLGBTQIA+ History Month / Women's History Month / German Heritage Month / Latin American Heritage Month

- 1 National Seniors Day
- 3 **Rosh Hashanah\*** - Jewish (to Oct. 4)  
Navaratri - Hindu (to Oct. 12)
- 4 National Day to Commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
St. Francis Day - Catholic Christian
- 11 International Day of the Girl  
**Yom Kippur\*** - Jewish
- 12 **Dasara** - Hindu
- 14 **Thanksgiving**
- 16 Sukkot\* - Jewish (to Oct. 23)
- 18 Persons Day
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
- 23 Hoshana Rabbah\* - Jewish
- 24 Shemini Atzeret\* (to Oct. 25)
- 25 Simchat Torah\* - Jewish
- 31 **Diwali (Deepavali)** - Sikh - Hindu - Jain  
Hallowe'en  
Reformation Day - Protestant Christian

# November

- 1 **Samhain** - Wicca- Pagan  
All Saints' Day - Christian
- 2 All Souls' Day - Catholic Christian  
Birth of Bab\* - Baha'i  
Jain New Year
- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends  
Birth of Baha'u'llah\* - Baha'i
- 5 Veterans' Week (until Nov. 11)
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 13 Transgender Awareness Week (until Nov. 19)
- 11 **Remembrance Day** (except Man., Ont., Que., N.S.)
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance  
National Child Day
- 23 Holodomor Memorial Day
- 24 Christ the King - Christian
- 25 Day of the Covenant\* - Baha'i  
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - Christian

# December

- 1 World AIDS Day  
Advent Begins - Christian (to Dec. 24)
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women
- 8 **Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)** - Buddhist  
Immaculate Conception of Mary - Catholic Christian
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 12 Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 21 Winter Solstice\* - Yule - Wicca/Pagan  
Yule - Christian
- 25 **Christmas Day**  
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- 26 **Boxing Day** (Y.T., Sask., Man., Ont., N.S., N.B., P.E.I., N.L.)  
Death of Prophet Zarathushtra - Zoroastrian  
Kwanzaa - African Cultural Heritage (to Jan. 1)  
**Hanukkah\*** - Jewish (to Jan. 2)
- 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. The dates cited above represent statutory and public holidays or the holiest days for that particular faith. All efforts should be made not to schedule union events on days of religious significance.

Recognition month | Statutory holiday | Important holiday