

## January

Tamil Heritage Month

- 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
- Day After New Year's Day** (Que.)
- Twelfth Night - Christian  
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh
- Epiphany - Christian  
Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany) - Orthodox Christian  
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings' Day) - Christian
- Orthodox Christmas Day** - Orthodox Christian
- Feast of the Holy Family - Catholic Christian  
Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian
- Maghi - Sikh
- Orthodox New Year - Orthodox Christian
- Lunar New Year** - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist  
(Year of the Rabbit)
- World Day for African and Afro descendant Culture
- Conversion of St. Paul - Christian
- Vasant Panchami - Hindu
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia
- Mahayana New Year - Buddhist

## February

Black History Month

- Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Christian  
Imbolc\* - Wicca/Pagan  
Groundhog Day
- St. Blaze Day - Christian  
Setsubun-sai (beginning of spring) - Shinto
- Tu BiShvat\* - Jewish
- Memorial Marches for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
St. Valentine's Day - Christian
- Nirvana Day - Buddhist
- Laylat al Miraj\* - Islam (to Mar. 1)  
Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
- Meatfare Sunday - Orthodox Christian  
Transfiguration Sunday - Christian
- Family Day** (B.C., Atla., Sask., Ont., N.B.), **Louis Riel Day** (Man.), **Heritage Day** (N.S.), **Islander Day** (P.E.I.)
- Shrove Tuesday - Christian
- Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - Christian
- Yukon Heritage Day**

## March

Irish Heritage Month

- Magha Puja Day - Buddhist
- Purim\* - Jewish
- International Women's Day
- Daylight Saving Time starts
- St. Patrick's Day - Christian
- Spring Equinox  
**St. Patrick's Day** (N.L.) (observed)
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
Naw-Rúz (New Year)\* - Baha'i  
Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian  
Ostara\* - Wicca/Pagan
- Ramadan begins\*** - Islam
- Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian
- Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian
- Rama Navami - Hindu
- International Transgender Day of Visibility

## April

Sikh Heritage Month / Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month

- Palm Sunday - Christian
- Mahavir Jayanti** - Jain  
Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian
- Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu  
Passover (Pesach) (to April 13)  
Theravada New Year - Buddhist (to Apr.8)  
Maundy Thursday - Christian
- Good Friday** (except Que.: Easter Monday as alternate)  
**Good Friday** - Christian
- Lazarus Saturday - Orthodox Christian
- Easter Sunday** - Christian  
Orthodox Palm Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- Easter Monday** - (B.C., Y.T., N.T., N.B., P.E.I.)  
(Que.: Good Friday as alternate)  
**Easter Monday** - Christian
- International Day of Pink
- Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) - Sikh  
Orthodox Good Friday - Orthodox Christian
- Pascha (Easter)** - Orthodox Christian
- Laylat al Qadr\* - Islam
- Yom HaShoah\* - Holocaust Remembrance Day - Jewish

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- First Day of Ridván\* - Baha'i (Ninth Day: Apr. 29, Last Day: May 2)  
**Eid al Fitr\*** (Ramadan Ends) - Islam  
Earth Day
- St. George's Day - Christian
- St. George's Day** - (N.L.) (observed)
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut\* - Jewish
- National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed on the Job
- St. James the Great Day - Orthodox Christian

## May

Asian Heritage Month / Jewish Heritage Month

- International Workers' Day - May Day  
**Beltane\*** - Wicca
- Buddha Day - Visakha Puja** - Buddhist
- Lag B'Omer\* - Jewish
- Mother's Day
- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- Victoria Day** (except Que., N.S., P.E.I.), **National Patriots' Day** (Que.)
- Guru Arjan Martyrdom - Sikh
- Declaration of the Bab\* - Baha'i
- Shavuot\* - Jewish (to May 27)
- Pentecost - Christian
- Ascension of Baha'u'llah\* - Baha'i

## June

National Indigenous History Month / Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirited Pride Month / Filipino Heritage Month / Italian Heritage Month / Portuguese Heritage Month

- Trinity Sunday - Christian
- Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian
- World Day Against Child Labour
- Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
- Father's Day
- National Indigenous Peoples Day** (N.W.T., Y.T.)  
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Summer Solstice\* (Litha) - Wicca
- Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day** (Que.)
- June Day** (N.L.)
- Waqf al Arafa\* - Islam
- Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian  
**Eid al-Adha\*** - Islam (to July 2)

## July

- Canada Day, Memorial Day** (N.L.)
- Asalha Puja Day** - Buddhist
- Fast of the 17th of Tammuz\* - Jewish
- Nunavut Day
- Nunavut Day** (observed)  
**Orangemen's Day** (N.L.) (observed)  
Martyrdom of the Bab\* - Baha'i
- Orangemen's Day (N.L.)
- Hijra - New Year\* - Islam
- Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian
- St. James the Great - Christian
- Tish'a B'av\* - Jewish
- Ashura\* - Islam  
National Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval

## August

- Emancipation Day  
Lammas - Christian  
Lughnassad - Wicca/Pagan
- Regatta Day** (N.L.)
- Transfiguration of the Lord - Orthodox Christian
- 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.)
- Obon (Ullambana)** - Buddhist/Shinto (to Aug. 15)
- National Acadian Day  
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian

- Dormition of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian
- Gold Cup Parade** (P.E.I.)
- Discovery Day** (Y.T.)
- Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian
- Raksha Bandhan - Hindu

## September

- Ecclesiastical year begins** - Orthodox Christian
- Labour Day**
- Krishna Janmashtami** - Hindu
- Nativity of Virgin Mar - Christian
- Paryushana Parva** - Jain
- Holy Cross Day - Christian
- International Day of Democracy
- Rosh Hashanah\*** - Jewish (to Sept. 17)
- Fall Equinox  
Mabon\* - Wicca/Pagan
- Yom Kippur\*** - Jewish
- Mawlid an Nabi\* - Prophet Muhammad's birthday - Islam  
Meskel - Ethiopian Eritrean Orthodox Christian
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**  
Sukkot\* - Jewish (to Oct. 6)

## October

Islamic History Month / Women's History Month / LGBTQ2SIA+ History Month / German Heritage Month / Latin American Heritage Month

- National Seniors Day
- National Day to Commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
St. Francis Day - Catholic Christian
- Hoshana Rabbah\* - Jewish
- Shemini Atzeret\* - Jewish (to Oct. 8)
- Simchat Torah\* - Jewish
- Thanksgiving**
- International Day of the Girl  
National Coming Out Day
- Navaratri - Hindu (to Oct. 24)
- Birth of the Báb\* - Baha'i
- Persons Day
- Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
- Dasara - Hindu**
- Birth of Baha'u'llah\* - Baha'i
- Samhain** - Wicca/Pagan  
Hallowe'en  
Reformation Day - Protestant Christian

## November

- All Saints' Day - Christian
- All Souls' Day - Catholic Christian
- Daylight Saving Time ends  
Veterans' Week (until Nov. 11)
- Remembrance Day** (except Man., Ont., Que., N.S.)
- Diwali (Deepavali)** - Sikh - Hindu - Jain
- Transgender Day of Remembrance  
National Child Day
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women  
16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (to Dec. 10)  
Holodomor Memorial Day
- Day of the Covenant\* - Baha'i  
Christ the King - Christian
- Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá - Baha'i
- St. Andrew's Day - Christian

## December

- World AIDS Day
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
Advent Begins - Christian (to Dec. 24)
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women
- Hannukah\*** - Jewish (to Dec. 15)  
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhist  
Immaculate Conception of Mary - Catholic Christian
- Human Rights Day
- Feast Day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian
- International Migrants Day
- Winter Solstice\* - Yule - Wicca/Pagan  
Yule - Christian
- Christmas Day**  
**Christmas Day** - Christian  
**Feast of the Nativity** - Orthodox Christian
- 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)
- Holy Innocents - Christian
- New Year's Eve

## Legend:

\* 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.

Statutory holiday

Important holiday for that faith

Adapted from [interfaith-calendar.org](http://interfaith-calendar.org) and [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com).