**Religious Observances 2019-2020**

The calendar below is a month-by-month listing of religious observances in Fall of 2019 and all of 2020. This list includes the dates for some of the most important religious celebrations of the major religions. Some of these holy days include fasting or abstaining from specific food or drink for specified periods ranging from a month to more than a day (25 hours) to daylight hours (sunrise to sundown). Absence from work or classes is also common observance for some major holy days.

This list is by no means meant to be comprehensive. For additional holy day listings and descriptions, please consult the following links <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2019.htm> and <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm>

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*Major Religious Holidays August 2019 – December 2020*

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| Lughnassad-Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan | Aug. 1 | Thursday |
| Eid al Adha | Islamic | Aug. 11-Aug 12\*# | Sun-Mon |
| Paryushana Parva | Jain | Aug 27 | Tuesday |
| First of Muharram | Islamic | Aug. 31-Sept 1\* | Sat-Sun |
| Ganesh Chaturthi | Hindu | Sept 2 | Mon |
| Ashura | Islamic | Sept. 9-10\*# | Mon-Tues |
| Mabon | Wicca/Pagan | Sept. 23 | Mon |
| Navratri | Hindu | Sept 28-Oct 7 | Sat-Mon |
| Rosh Hashanah [New Year] | Jewish | Sept. 29-Oct 1\* | Sun-Tues |
| Yom Kippur [Day of Atonement] | Jewish | Oct 8-9\* | Tues-Wed |
| Sukkot [Feast of Tabernacles-7 days] | Jewish | Oct 13-20\* | Sun-Sun |
| Birth of the Bab | Bahai’i | Oct. 20\* | Sunday |
| Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah | Jewish | Oct. 20-22\* | Sun-Tues |
| Diwali | Jain/Sikh/Hindu | Oct. 27 | Sunday |
| Samhain | Wicca/Pagan | Oct 31-Nov. 1\* | Thurs-Fri |
| All Saints Day/Day of the Dead | Christian/Latinx | Nov. 1 | Friday |
| Guru Nanak Gurpurab | Sikh | Nov. 12 | Tuesday |
| Advent | Christian | Dec. 1-24 | Sun-Tues |
| Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Christian | Dec. 8 | Sunday |
| Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) | Buddhist | Dec. 8 | Sunday |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe | Christian | Dec. 12 | Thursday |
| Chanukah [8-days] | Jewish | Dec. 22-Dec 30\* | Sun-Mon |
| Christmas | Christian | Dec. 25 | Wed |
| Kwanzaa | African-American | Dec. 26–Jan. 1 | Thurs-Wed |
| Feast of the Holy Family | Christian | Dec. 29 | Sunday |

*Major Religious Holidays January 2020 – December 2020*

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| Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christian | Jan. 1 | Wed |
| Christmas (Feast of the Epiphany) | Eastern Orthodox | Jan. 6 | Monday |
| Feast of the Nativity | Orthodox Christian | Jan 7 | Tuesday |
| Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan | Feb 2 | Sunday |
| Asian Lunar New Year | Confucian/Taoist /Buddhist | Feb. 5 | Wed |
| Ash Wednesday (Protestant and Roman Catholic Lenten season Feb 26-- Apr 11) | Christian | Feb 26 | Wed |
| Orthodox Great Lent | Eastern Orthodox | Mar 2-Apr 19 | Mon-Sun |
| Nineteen Day Fast | Bahai’i | Mar 2-20\*# | Mon-Fri |
| Holi | Hindu | March 9-10 | Mon-Tues |
| Purim | Jewish | March 9-10\* | Mon-Tues |
| Ostara | Wicca/Pagan | March 20 | Fri |
| Norooz (New Year) | Persian/Zoroastrian | March 21-22 | Sat-Sun |
| Laylat al Miraj | Islam | March 21-22\*# | Sat-Sun |
| Palm Sunday | Christian | April 5 | Sunday |
| Mahavir Jayanti | Jain | April 6 | Monday |
| Passover (Pesach – 8 days) | Jewish | Apr 8-16\* | Wed-Thurs |
| Maundy Thursday | Christian | April 9 | Thursday |
| Good Friday | Christian | April 10 | Friday |
| Easter | Christian | April 12 | Sunday |
| Vaisakhi | Hindu/Sikh/Buddhist | April 14 | Tues |
| Pascha | Orthodox Easter | April 19 | Sunday |
| Ridvan | Baha’i | April 20 | Monday |
| Ramadan (30 days) | Islamic | April 23-May 23\*# | Thurs-Sat |
| Buddah’s Birthday | Buddhist | April 30 | Thursday |
| Beltane | Wicca/Pagan | May 1 | Fri |
| Vesak (Buddha Day) | Buddhist | May 7 | Thurs |
| Declaration of the Báb | Bahá'i | May 23\* | Saturday |
| Eid al Fitr | Islamic | May 24-25\*# | Sun-Mon |
| Shavuot | Jewish | May 28-30 | Thurs-Sat |
| Ascension of Baha’ullah | Bahá'i | May 29 | Fri |
| Feast of Pentecost | Christian | May 31 | Sun |
| Litha-Yule (Solstice) | Wicca/Pagan | June 21 | Sunday |
| Eid al Adha | Islamic | July 30-31\*# | Thurs-Fri |
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