**Religious Observances 2020-2021**

The calendar below is a month-by-month listing of religious observances in Fall of 2020 and all of 2021. 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/2020.htm> and <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2021.htm>

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*Major Religious Holidays August 2020 – December 2020*

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| Lughnasadh-Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan | Aug. 1 | Sat |
| Paryushana Parva | Jain | Aug 15 | Sat |
| First of Muharram | Islamic | Aug. 19-21\* | Wed-Fri |
| Ganesh Chaturthi | Hindu | Aug 21-22 | Fri-Sat |
| Ashura | Islamic | Aug 28-29\*# | Fri-Sat |
| Rosh Hashanah [New Year] | Jewish | Sept. 18-20\* | Fri-Sun |
| Mabon-Ostara | Wicca/Pagan | Sept. 22 | Tues |
| Yom Kippur [Day of Atonement] | Jewish | Sept. 27-28\* | Sun-Mon |
| Sukkot [Feast of Tabernacles-7 days] | Jewish | Oct. 2-9\* | Fri-Fri |
| Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah | Jewish | Oct. 10-12\* | Sat-Mon |
| Navratri | Hindu | Oct. 17-26 | Sat-Mon |
| Birth of the Bab | Bahai’i | Oct. 18-19\* | Sat-Sun |
| Dasara | Hindu | Oct. 25 | Sun |
| Samhain | Wicca/Pagan | Oct 31-Nov. 1\* | Sat-Sun |
| All Saints Day/Day of the Dead | Christian/Latinx | Nov. 1 | Sun |
| Diwali | Jain/Sikh/Hindu | Nov. 14 | Sat |
| Advent | Christian | Nov. 29-Dec. 24 | Sun-Thurs |
| Guru Nanak Gurpurab | Sikh | Nov. 30 | Mon |
| Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Christian | Dec. 8 | Tues |
| Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) | Buddhist | Dec. 8 | Tues |
| Chanukah [8 days] | Jewish | Dec. 10-Dec. 18\* | Thurs-Fri |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe | Christian | Dec. 12 | Sat |
| Yule/Solstice | Wicca/Pagan | Dec. 21 | Tues |
| Christmas | Christian | Dec. 25 | Friday |
| Kwanzaa | African-American | Dec. 26-Jan. 1 | Sat-Fri |
| Feast of the Holy Family | Christian | Dec. 27 | Sun |

*Major Religious Holidays January 2021 – December 2021*

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| Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christian | Jan. 1 | Fri |
| Feast of the Epiphany | Christian | Jan. 6 | Wed |
| Christmas/Feast of the Nativity | Orthodox Christian | Jan 7 | Thurs |
| Imbolc | Wicca/Pagan | Feb 2 | Tues |
| Asian Lunar New Year | Confucian/Taoist /Buddhist | Feb. 12 | Fri |
| Ash Wednesday (Protestant and Roman Catholic Lenten season Feb 17-Mar 29) | Christian | Feb 17 | Wed |
| Purim | Jewish | Feb 25-26\* | Thurs-Fri |
| Nineteen Day Fast | Bahai’i | Mar 2-20\*# | Tues-Sat |
| Laylat al Miraj | Islam | Mar 11\*# | Thurs |
| Orthodox Great Lent | Eastern Orthodox | Mar 15-May 1 | Mon-Sat |
| Ostara | Wicca/Pagan | Mar 21 | Sun |
| Norooz (New Year) | Persian/Zoroastrian | Mar 21-22 | Sun-Mon |
| Passover [Pesach-8 days] | Jewish | Mar 27-Apr 4\* | Sat-Sun |
| Palm Sunday | Christian | Mar 28 | Sun |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar 28-29 | Sun-Mon |
| Maundy Thursday | Christian | April 1 | Thurs |
| Good Friday | Christian | April 2 | Fri |
| Easter | Christian | April 4 | Sun |
| Buddah’s Birthday | Buddhist | April 8 | Thurs |
| Ramadan (29-30 days) | Islamic | April 12-May 11\*# | Mon-Tues |
| Vaisakhi | Hindu/Sikh/Buddhist | April 14 | Wed |
| Ridvan | Baha’i | April 20 | Tues |
| Mahavir Jayanti | Jain | April 25 | Sun |
| Beltane | Wicca/Pagan | May 1 | Sat |
| Pascha/Easter | Orthodox Christian | May 2 | Sun |
| Eid al Fitr | Islamic | May 12-13\*# | Wed-Thurs |
| Shavuot | Jewish | May 16-18 | Sun-Wed |
| Declaration of the Báb | Bahá'i | May 23\* | Sun |
| Feast of Pentecost | Christian | May 23 | Sun |
| Vesak (Buddha Day) | Buddhist | May 26 | Wed |
| Ascension of Baha’ullah | Bahá'i | May 28 | Fri |
| Litha-Yule (Solstice) | Wicca/Pagan | June 21 | Mon |
| Eid al Adha | Islamic | July 19-23\*# | Thurs-Mon |

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