

INTERFAITH CALENDAR
Primary sacred times for world religions
2009

JANUARY

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| 1 | Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
Feast of St Basil - Orthodox Christian
Gantan-sai (New Years) - Shinto |
| 3 | Vasant Panchami - Hindu |
| 5 | Twelfth Night - Christian
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh |
| 6 | Epiphany - Christian
Feast of the Theophany - Orthodox Christian
Dia de los Reyes - Christian |
| 7 | Nativity of Christ - Orthodox Christian
Ashura - Islam |
| 11 | Mahayana New Year (3 days) - Buddhist
Baptism of Lord Jesus - Christian |
| 13 | Maghi - Sikh |
| 17 | Blessing of the Animals - Hispanic Christian |
| 18 | World Religion Day - Baha'i
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins - Christian |
| 25 | Conversion of St. Paul - Christian |
| 26 | Chinese New Year - Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist |

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Four Chaplains Sunday - Interfaith USA |
| 2 | Candlemas - Christian
Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Anglican Christian
Imbolc - Wicca Northern hemisphere
Lughnassad - Wicca Southern hemisphere |
| 8 | Triodion begins - Orthodox Christian |

- 9 Tu B'shvat - Jewish
- 14 Saint Valentine's Day - Christian
- 15 Nirvana Day - Buddhism
- 21 Saturday of Souls #1 - Orthodox Christian
- 22 Transfiguration Sunday - Christian
Meatfare Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 23 Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
- 24 Saint Matthew's Day - Christian
Shrove Tuesday - Christian
- 25 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - Christian
- 26 Intercalary Days begin - Baha'i

MARCH

- 1 Intercalary Days conclude - Baha'i
Cheesefare Sunday - Orthodox Christian
Four Chaplains Sunday - Christian/Jewish Interfaith
Saint David of Wales - Christian
- 2 Lent begins - Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian
- 8 Orthodox Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 9 Mawlid an Nabi - Islam
Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian
- 10 Purim - Jewish
- 11 Holi - Hindu
Hola Mohala - Sikh
- 13 L. Ron Hubbard birthday - Scientology
- 17 St Patrick's Day - Christian
- 21 Vernal Equinox
Ostara - Wicca - Northern Hemisphere
Mabon - Wicca - Southern Hemisphere

- Norouz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian
 Naw Ruz (New Year) - Baha'i
- 25 Annunciation of Virgin Mary - Christian
- 26 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhushtra) - Zoroastrian
- 27 New Year - Hindu
- 29 Passion Sunday - Christian

APRIL

- 3 Ramanavami - Hindu
- 5 Palm Sunday - Christian
- 7 Mahavir Jayanti - Jain
- 9-10 (9-16 in full)
 Pesach (Passover) first two days - Jewish
- 9-12 Theravadin New Year - Buddhist
- 9 Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian
 Maundy Thursday - Christian
 Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu
- 10 Good Friday - Christian
- 12 Easter - Christian
 Palm Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 13 Easter Monday Christian
- 14 Baisakhi - Sikh
- 15-16 Pesach (Passover) final two days - Jewish
- 17 Holy Friday - Orthodox Christian
- 18 Lazarus Saturday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 19 Easter/Pascha - Orthodox Christian
- 21 Yom HaSho'ah - Jewish

- First Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 23 Saint George's Day - Christian
- 29 Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Jewish
Ninth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 30 St. James the Great Day - Orthodox Christian

MAY

- 1 Beltane - Wicca Northern hemisphere
Samhain - Wicca Southern hemisphere
- 2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 9 Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Vesak - Buddhist
- 12 Lag B'Omer - Jewish
- 21 Ascension of Jesus - Christian
- 23 Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
- 28 Ascension of Jesus - Orthodox Christian
- 29-30 Shavuot - Jewish
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
- 31 Pentecost - Christian
Lag B'Omer - Jewish

JUNE

- 7 Trinity - Christian
Pentecost - Orthodox Christian
- 11 Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian
- 9 Saint Columba of Iona - Celtic Christian
- 14 All Saints - Orthodox Christian
- 16 Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom - Sikh

- 19 Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
New Church Day - Swedenborgian Christian
- 21 Summer Solstice
Litha - Wicca Northern Hemisphere
Yule - Wicca Southern Hemisphere
First Nations Day - Canadian Native People
- 24 Saint John the Baptist Birth - Christian
- 28 Saints Peter and Paul - Christian

JULY

- 7 Asalha Puja Day - Buddhist
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i
- 11 St Benedict Day - Catholic Christian
- 13 Ulambana (Obon) Buddhist
- 15 Saint Vladimir's Day - Christian
- 19 Lailat al Miraj - Islam
- 23 Haile Selassi I birthday - Rastafari
- 24 Pioneer Day- Mormon Christian
- 25 St. James the Great Day - Christian
- 30 Tisha B'Av - Jewish

AUGUST

- 1 Lammas - Christian
Fast Day in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus - Orthodox Christian
- 2 Lughnassad - Wicca Northern hemisphere
Imbolc - Wicca Southern hemisphere
Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus - Orthodox Christian
- 5 Raksha Bandhan - Hindu
Lailat al Bara'ah - Islam

- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord - Orthodox Christian
- 14 Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian
Dormition of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian
- 17 Paryushana - Jain
- 22 Ramadan begins - Islam
- 23 Ganesha Chaturthi - Hindu
- 25 Assumption of Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist - Christian

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ecclesiastical Year begins - Orthodox Christian
- 8 Nativity of Mary - Christian
- 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross - Christian
- 16 Lailat al Kadr - Islam
- 19-20 Rosh Hashanah - Jewish
- 19-27 Navaratri - Hindu
- 20 Eid al Fitr - Ramadan ends - Islam
- 22 Autumnal Equinox
Mabon - Wicca Northern Hemisphere
Ostara - Wicca Southern Hemisphere
- 28 Yom Kippur - Jewish
Dasera - Hindu
- 29 Michael and All Angels - Christian

OCTOBER

- 3-9 (3-4 Primary Obligation Days)
Sukkot - Jewish

- 4 St Francis Day - Catholic Christian
- 10 Shemini Atzeret - Jewish
- 11 Simchat Torah - Jewish
- 12 Thanksgiving - Interfaith - Canada
- 17 Diwali (Deepavali) - Hindu, Jain
- 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
Birth of the Bab - Baha'i
- 25 Reformation Day - Protestant Christian
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day - Christian
- 31 All Hallows Eve - Christian

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day - Christian
Samhain - Wicca Northern hemisphere
Beltane - Wicca Southern hemisphere
- 2 All Souls' Day - Catholic Christian
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday - Sikh
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
- 15 Nativity Fast begins (through Dec 24) - Orthodox Christian
- 22 Christ the King - Christian
- 24 Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - Sikh
- 25-28 Hajj - Islam
- 26 Thanksgiving - Interfaith - USA
Day of Covenant - Baha'i
Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day - Islam
- 27 Eid al Adha - Islam
- 28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i

29 First Sunday of Advent - Christian

30 Saint Andrew's Day - Christian

DECEMBER

6 Saint Nicholas Day - Christian

8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism
Immaculate Conception - Catholic Christian

12 Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian
Advent Fast begins - Orthodox Christian

12-19 Hanukkah - Jewish

16-Dec 25 Posadas Navidenas - Christian

18 Hijra - New Year - Islam

21 Winter Solstice
Yule - Christian
Yule - Wicca northern hemisphere
Litha - Wicca southern hemisphere

25 Christmas - Christian

26 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra - Zoroastrian

27 Feast of the Holy Family - Catholic Christian

Ashura - Islam

28 Holy Innocents - Christian

31 Watch Night - Christian